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FROM DATA TO IMPACT

**TURNING REAL-WORLD DATA INTO REAL-WORLD
EVIDENCE**



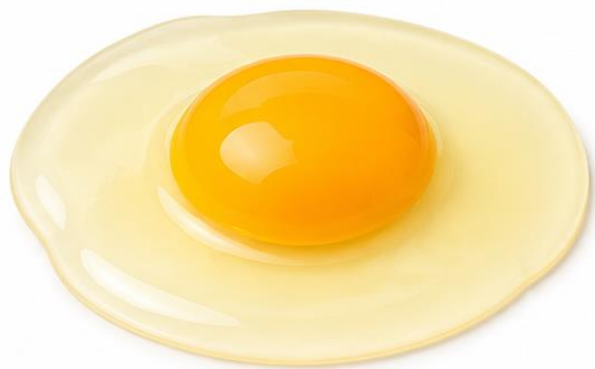


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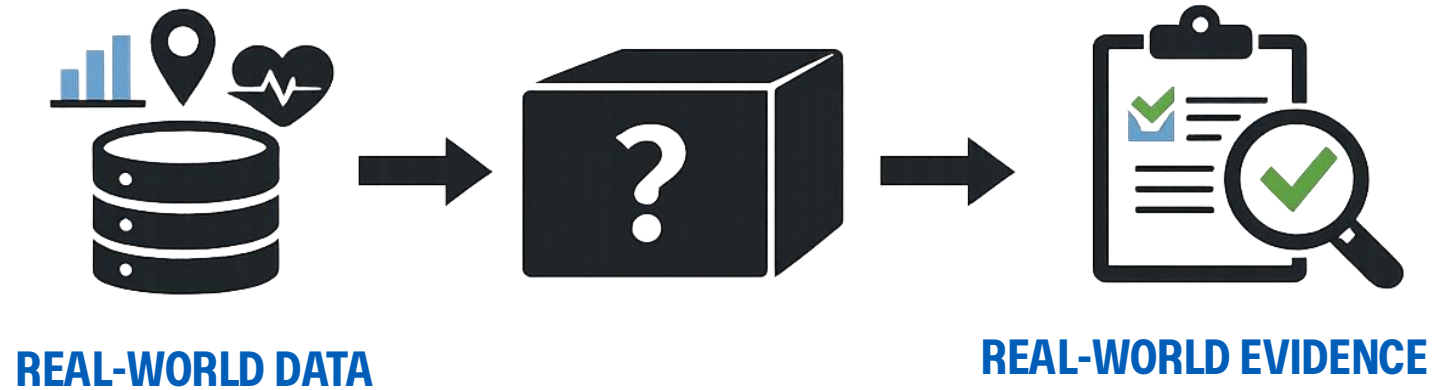
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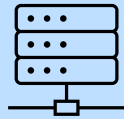
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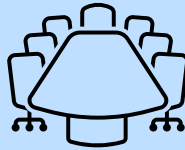
HOW CAN WE TURN REAL-WORLD DATA INTO REAL-WORLD EVIDENCE?

REAL-WORLD DATA IS EVERYWHERE

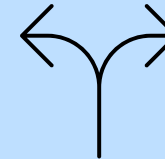
Rapid growth of real-world data sources across industry



Increasing expectations for real-world evidence



Used for decision-making: regulatory, scientific, business



Risk: confusing *data availability* with *evidence generation*



TRANSFORMING REAL-WORLD DATA INTO REAL-WORLD EVIDENCE TO MAKE IMPACT



Data Quality



Appropriate statistical methods



Stakeholder alignment and engagement



Clear narrative around the research questions

DATA QUALITY

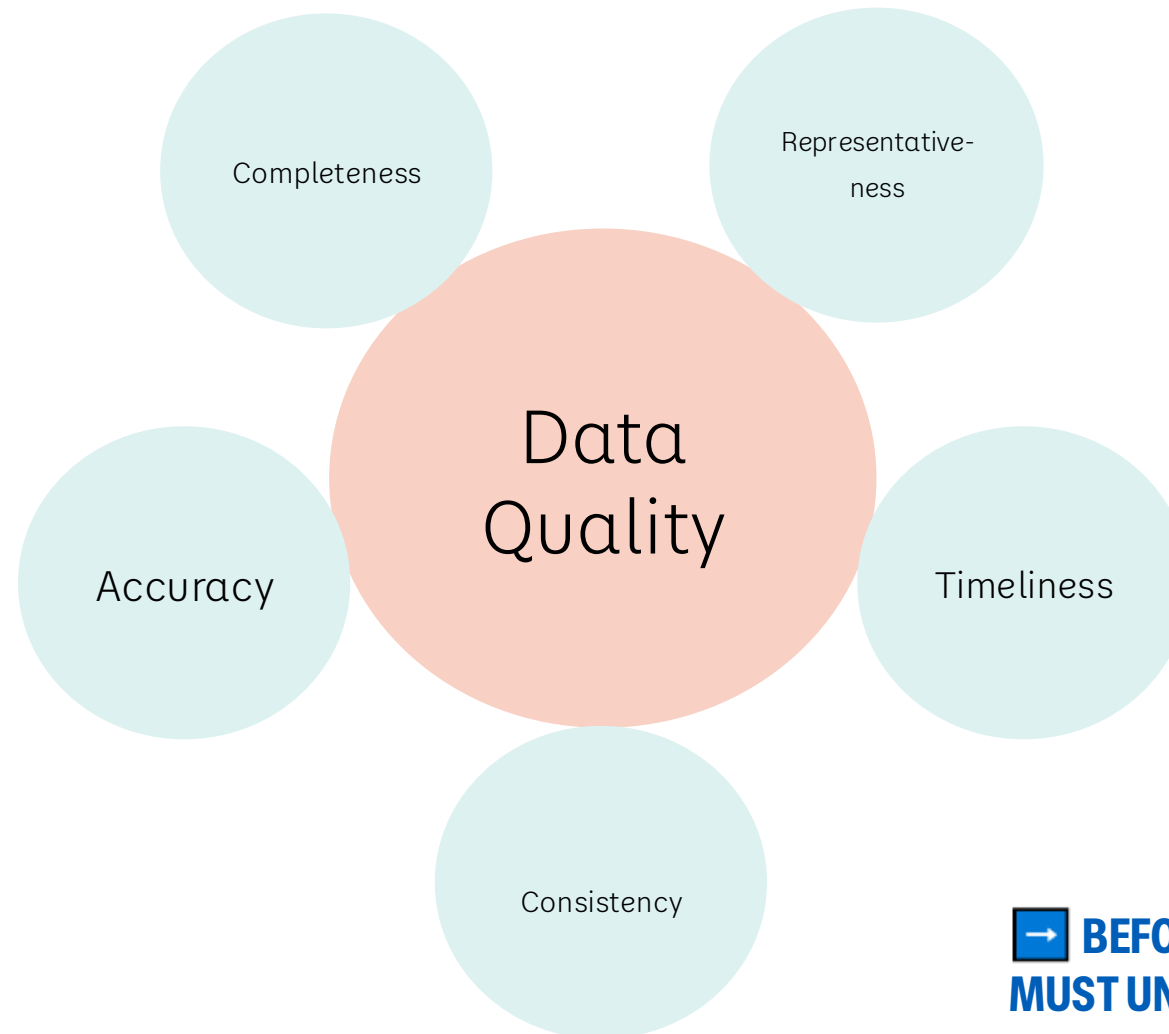
CLINICAL TRIAL DATA

- ✓ Standardized protocols
- ✓ Scheduled measurements
- ✓ Controlled collection
- ✓ High completeness

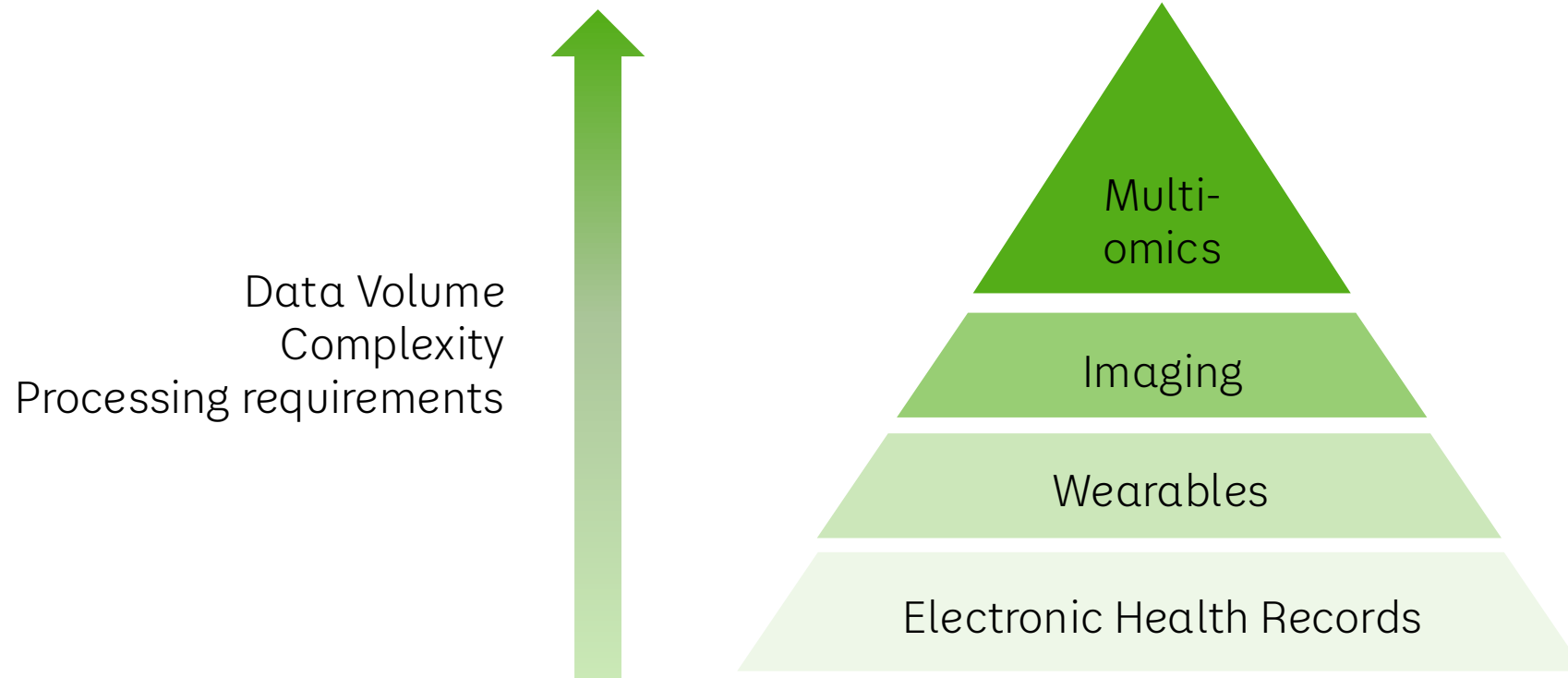
REAL-WORLD DATA

- ✓ Routine clinical practice
- ✓ Irregular measurements
- ✓ Multiple data sources
- ✓ Missingness common

ASSESSING DATA QUALITY



→ BEFORE ANALYZING OUTCOMES, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE DATA-GENERATING PROCESS.

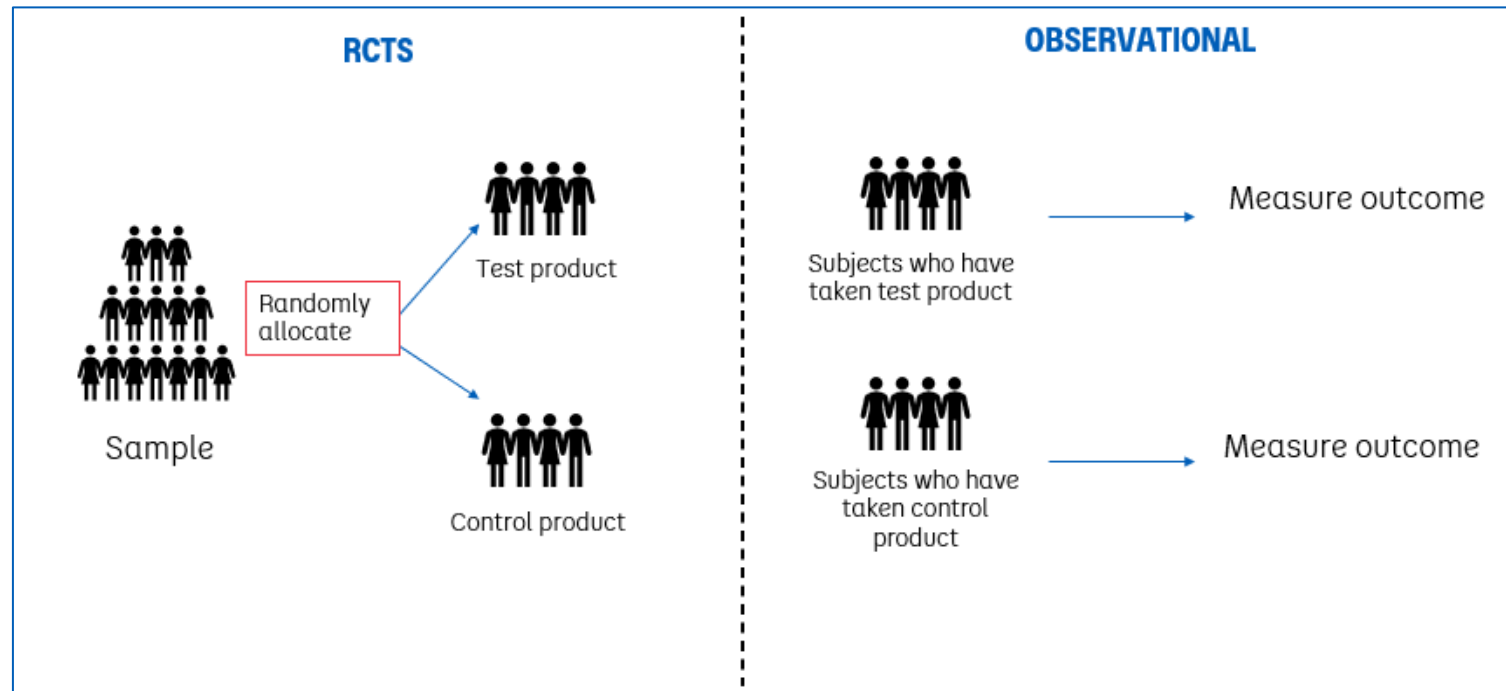


➔ **ADVANCED DATA SOURCES OFFER UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITIES, BUT ONLY IF DATA QUALITY AND PREPROCESSING ARE HANDLED RIGOROUSLY.**

APPROPRIATE STATISTICAL METHODS



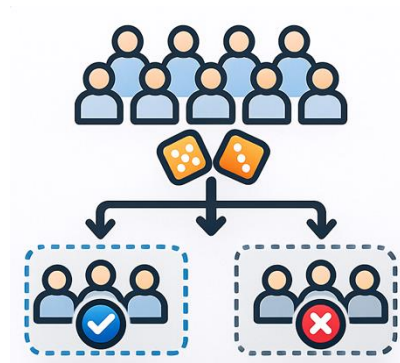
RISK OF CONFOUNDING



REAL-WORLD EVIDENCE

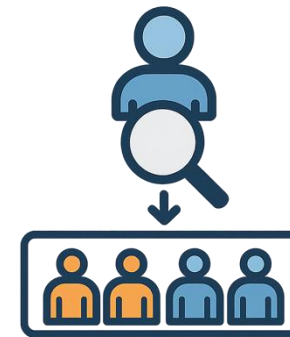
- Obtained from real-world data
- Real-World Data → Observational
- Risk of confounding bias

TARGET TRIAL EMULATION



Randomized controlled trial

Emulate



Observational study

Emulate ideal RCT with observational data

Target Trial Emulation Framework

Define the ideal RCT

Specify population, interventions, outcomes, and follow-up.

Replicate with non-randomized data

Align conditions and procedures to the target trial.

Apply causal inference methods

Estimate intervention effects and address biases.

▪ EMA flagship on target trial emulation (TTE)

- Embedded in DARWIN EU to test TTE in regulatory settings
- Moves TTE from concept → real-world regulatory use

▪ Bridges RCTs and RWE

- Applies when randomized trials are not feasible
- Positions RWE as a causal alternative

▪ Focus on regulatory use cases

- External comparator studies
- Directly relevant for approvals and lifecycle decisions

▪ Defines regulatory-grade standards

- Integrates TTE + Estimands + reporting guidance
- Builds credibility and acceptance of RWE



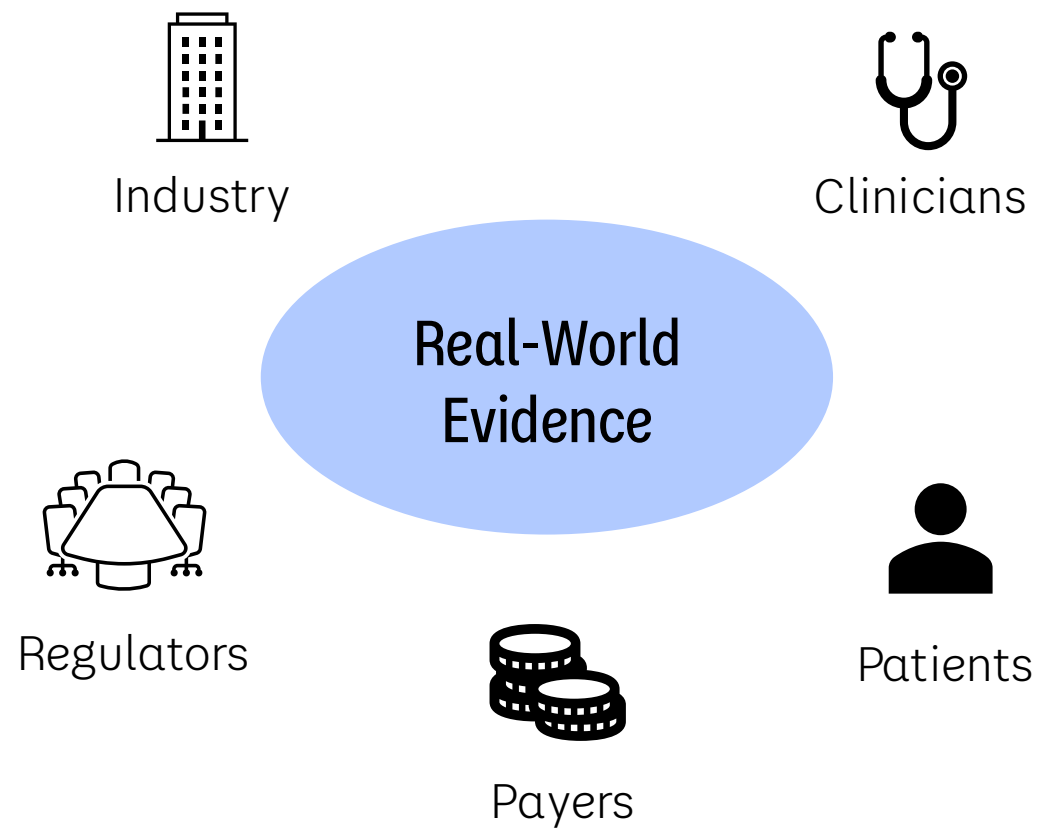
TARGET EU: Comparative effectiveness and safety studies using the target trial emulation and estimand frameworks

STAKEHOLDER ALIGNMENT & ENGAGEMENT



**IF WE WANT TO MAKE IMPACT, WE MUST DEFINE FOR WHOM AND IN WHAT
CONTEXT WE WANT TO MAKE IMPACT**

Generating evidence that stakeholders care about



 **DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS ASK DIFFERENT QUESTIONS, BUT ALL RELY ON THE SAME EVIDENCE.**

STAKEHOLDER ALIGNMENT DRIVES SCIENTIFIC AND BUSINESS VALUE

SCIENTIFIC VALUE

- ✓ More relevant research questions
- ✓ Better interpretation of results
- ✓ Greater likelihood of influencing practice

BUSINESS VALUE

- ✓ Reduces risk of generating evidence that nobody uses
- ✓ Supports market access discussions
- ✓ Accelerates evidence generation for strategic decisions



WITHOUT STAKEHOLDER ALIGNMENT, ORGANIZATIONS RISK PRODUCING HIGH-QUALITY EVIDENCE WITH LIMITED REAL-WORLD IMPACT

JUST BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF DATA TO GENERATE EVIDENCE FROM, DOESN'T MEAN WE ALWAYS SHOULD

NARRATIVE AROUND RESEARCH QUESTION



START WITH THE QUESTION, NOT THE DATA

CLINICAL TRIALS

- ✓ Research question defined first
- ✓ Data collection specifically to answer that question
- ✓ Measurements planned prospectively

REAL-WORLD DATA

- ✓ Data already available
- ✓ Multiple possible analyses
- ✓ Risk of “fishing” for interesting findings

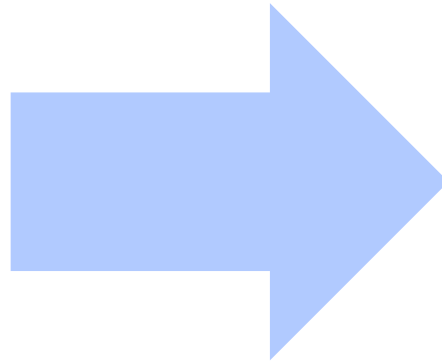
→ **CLINICAL TRIALS ARE DESIGNED AROUND A RESEARCH QUESTION. REAL-WORLD DATA ALREADY EXIST, MAKING IT TEMPTING TO START WITH THE DATA INSTEAD.**

BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

 Dataset

 Analysis

 Results



 Why does it matter?

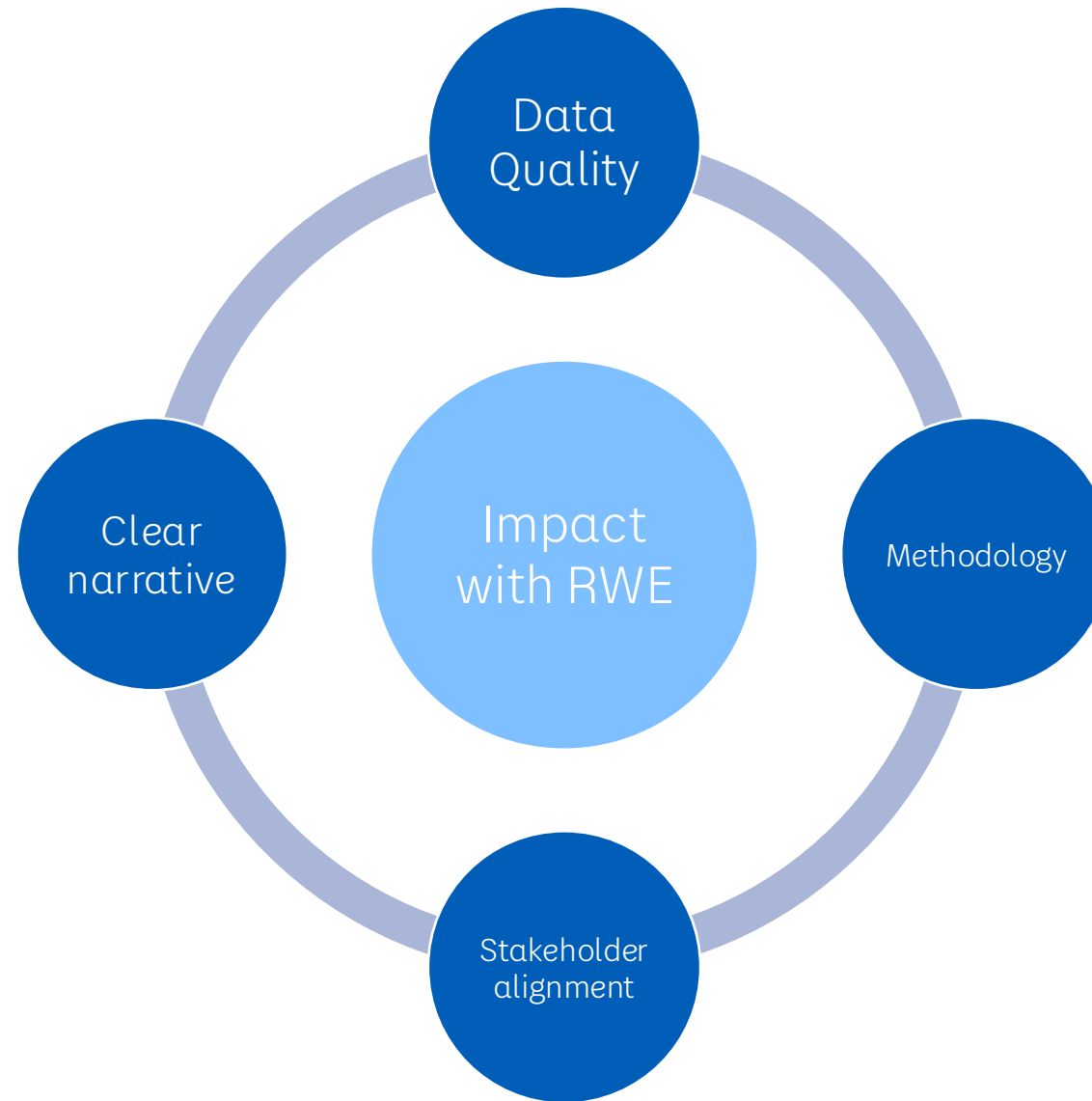
 Who does it affect?

 What decision does it inform?

 Impact

**THE GOAL OF RWE IS NOT TO TELL A STORY ABOUT THE DATA. IT IS TO USE DATA
TO TELL A STORY ABOUT THE REAL WORLD.**

IN SUMMARY



IMPACT DOES NOT COME FROM DATA

**IMPACT COMES FROM TRANSFORMING HIGH-QUALITY DATA INTO EVIDENCE THAT INFORMS
REAL-WORLD DECISIONS.**

THANK YOU

