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# VISUALIZING RISK

### Risk Graphics' Impact on Patient Understanding and Choices in Preference Studies

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## BACKGROUND



Complex, confusing &





#### **Probabilities**

#%



Uninformed choices, fatigue, disengagement, heuristics [3,4]

Decreased data quality

**Risk** [6]

(%)

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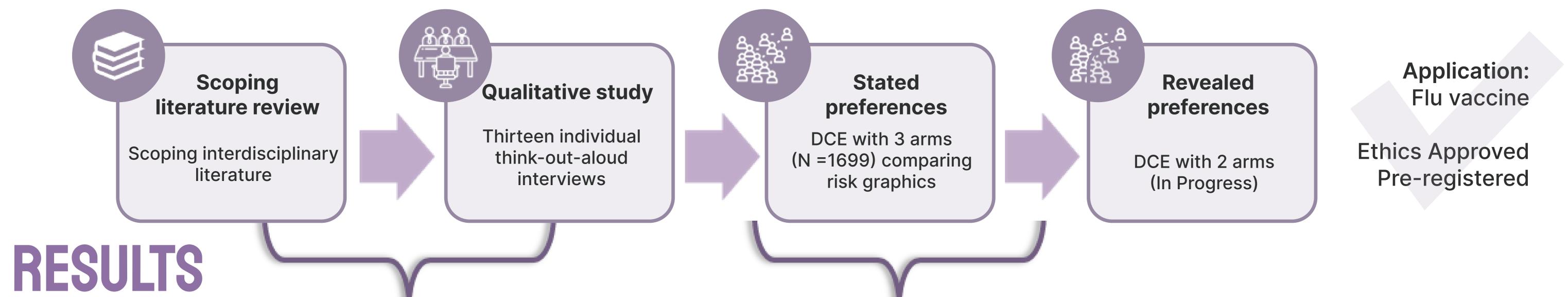
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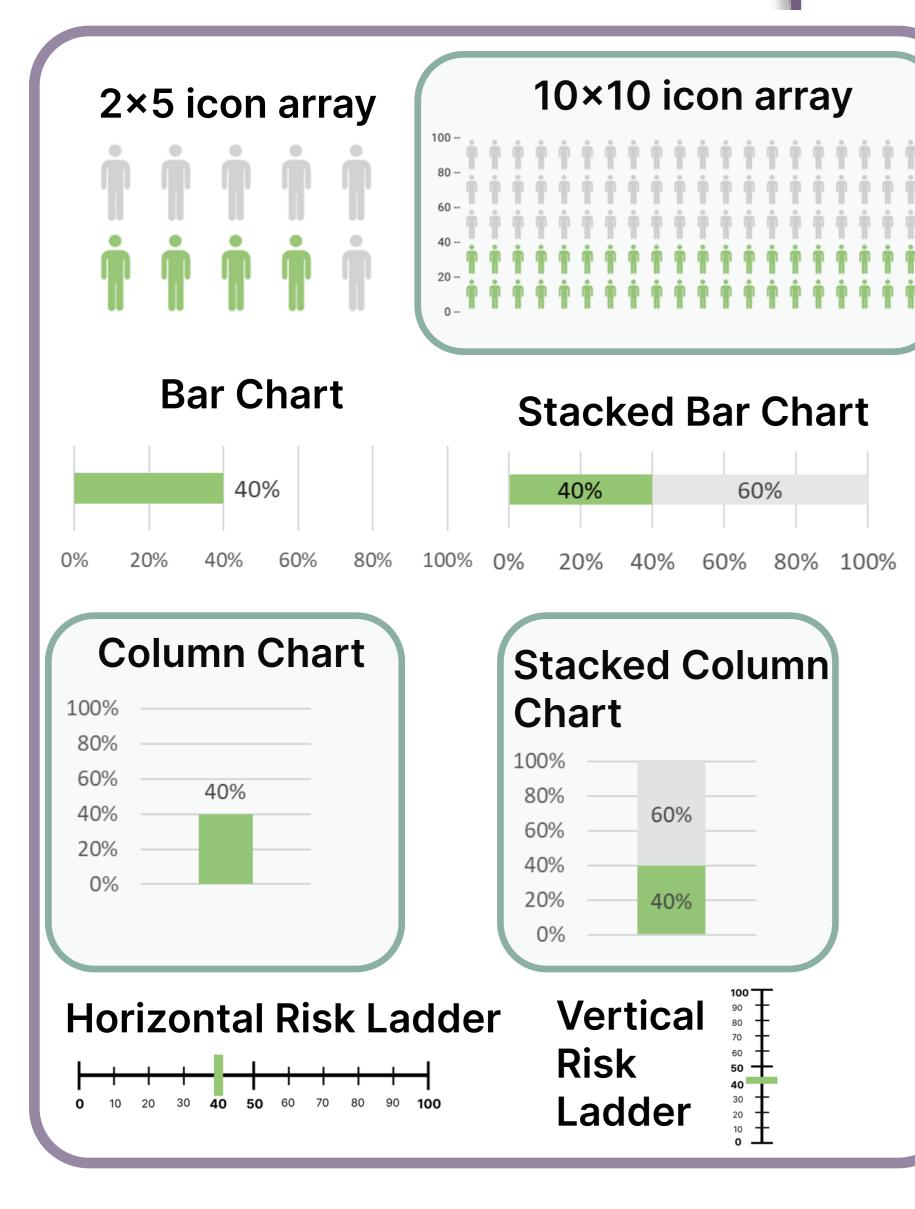
of risk communication literature [5]

No empirical evidence regarding which risk graphic is most suitable for DCEs [6]

Graph type can impact process, perception & judgment of risks, threatening validity

## **RESEARCH DESIGN**





#### **Internal validity indicators** IA = Icon Array; CC = Column Chart; SCC = Stacked Column Chart

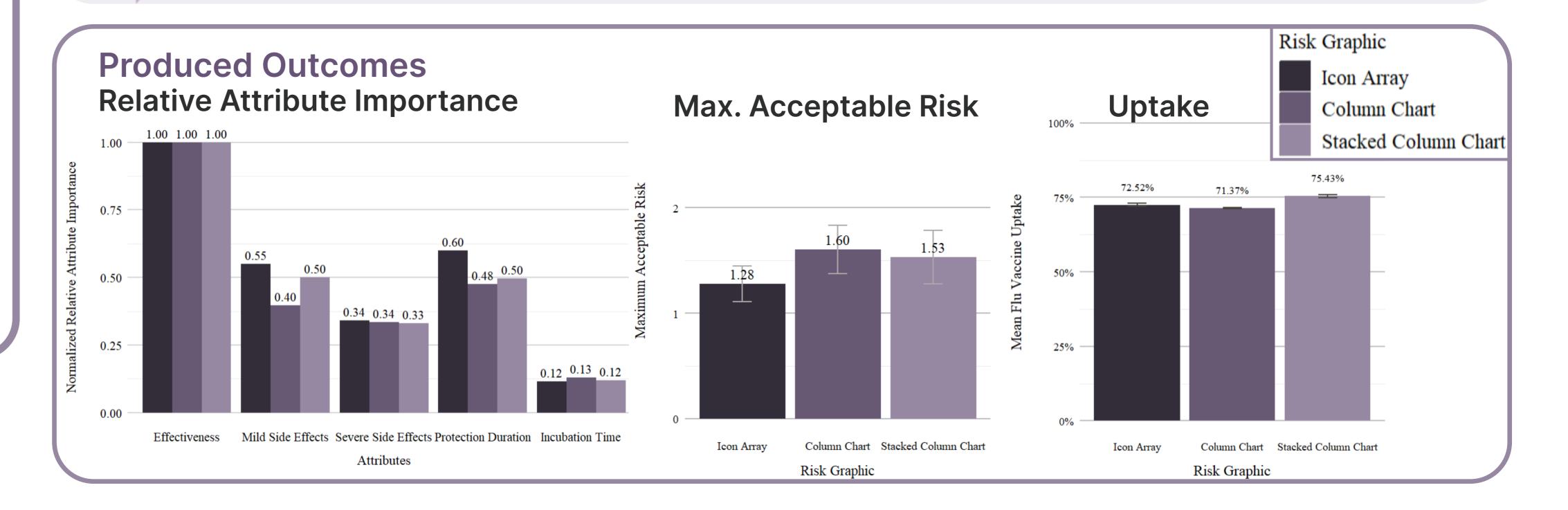
	Measures	Full Sample	L. Educated	L. Health Lit.	L. Numerate
	Gist C.	IA>CC>SCC*	SCC>IA>CC	IA>SCC>CC	IA>SCC>CC
-	Verbatim C.	SCC>IA>CC*	SCC>IA>CC*	IA>SCC>CC*	SCC>IA>CC
	Usage	SCC>IA>CC	SCC>IA>CC	SCC>IA>CC	SCC=IA>CC
	Helpfulness	SCC>CC>IA	SCC>CC>IA	SCC>CC>IA	SCC>CC>IA
	Validity	IA>CC>SCC	IA>CC>SCC	IA=CC>SCC	IA>CC>SCC**
	Reliability	CC>IA>SCC	IA=CC>SCC	IA>CC>SCC**	CC>IA>SCC

Notes: Statistical significance is indicated if Bonferroniadjusted p-values of pair-wise Chi-Square tests if **one** of the indicators was significant: \* p < 0.1; \*\* p < 0.05; p < 0.01 \*\*\*

Measures are comprised of the following indicators:

- Gist C: Effectiveness & Mild SE Gist comprehension
- Verbatim C.: Effectiveness Numerator, Effectiveness Denominator, Mild SE Numerator & Mild SE Denominator Verbatim comprehension
- Usage: Always/Sometimes used graphic
- Helpfulness: Perceived Helpfulness for understanding probabilities & for completing choice tasks
- Validity: Within-set monotonicity & Accross-set monotonicity
- Reliability: Test-re-test reliability & Choice consistency in Heteroscedastic MNL

Icon Arrays & Stacked Column Chart are associated with higher internal validity across respondent groups



### DISCUSSION

- Qualitative results suggest 10×10 icon array, column chart and stacked column chart are preferred & best understood
- Quantitative results suggest that 10×10 icon array and stacked column chart yield higher internal validity
- Slight, but non-significant differences in produced outcomes between icon array and column charts
- External validity check will guide recommendation

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