

# Optimising intervention design to create sustainable interventions

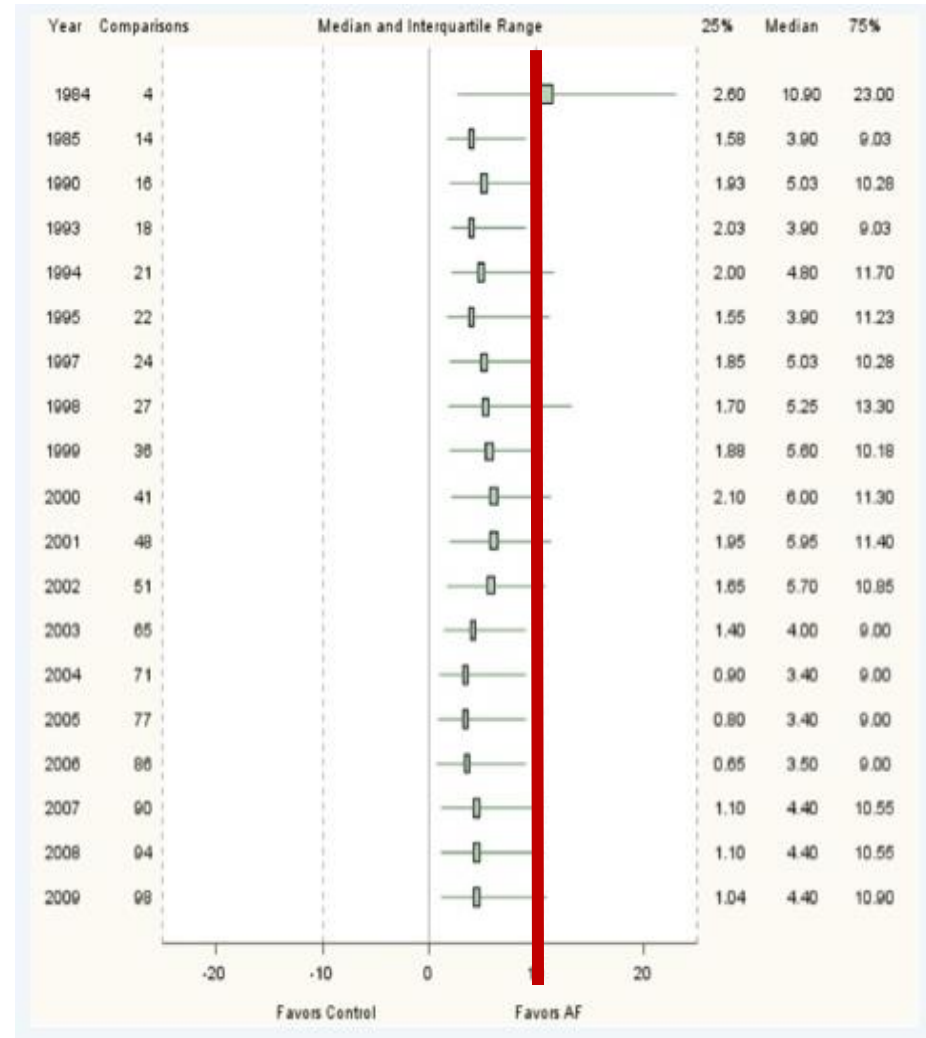


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# Background

- Interventions to support implementation have important but variable effects:
  - audit (6-16%)
  - education (6%)
  - computerised prompts (3-14%)
- Scope to increase adoption/adherence



Ivers et al. Growing literature, stagnant science? Systematic review, meta-regression and cumulative analysis of audit and feedback interventions in health care. (2014) J Gen Intern Med

# Background (2)

- Typically interventions are adapted because of prior experience without a full understanding of how and why they work.
- Psychological theory offers a structured approach to identify why translation fails and evidence-based techniques to change behaviour:

**Capability**  
Do they know how to?

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**Opportunity**  
Do they have the opportunity to?

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**Motivation**  
Do they want to, plan to, believe they can or are they in the habit of doing?

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Theoretical domains framework

Developed: BCT Taxonomy v1

BCTs Taxonomy

By category

Filter items...

1. Goals and planning
2. Feedback and monitoring
3. Social support
4. Shaping knowledge
5. Natural consequences
6. Comparison of behaviour
7. Associations
8. Repetition and substitution
9. Comparison of outcomes
10. Reward and threat

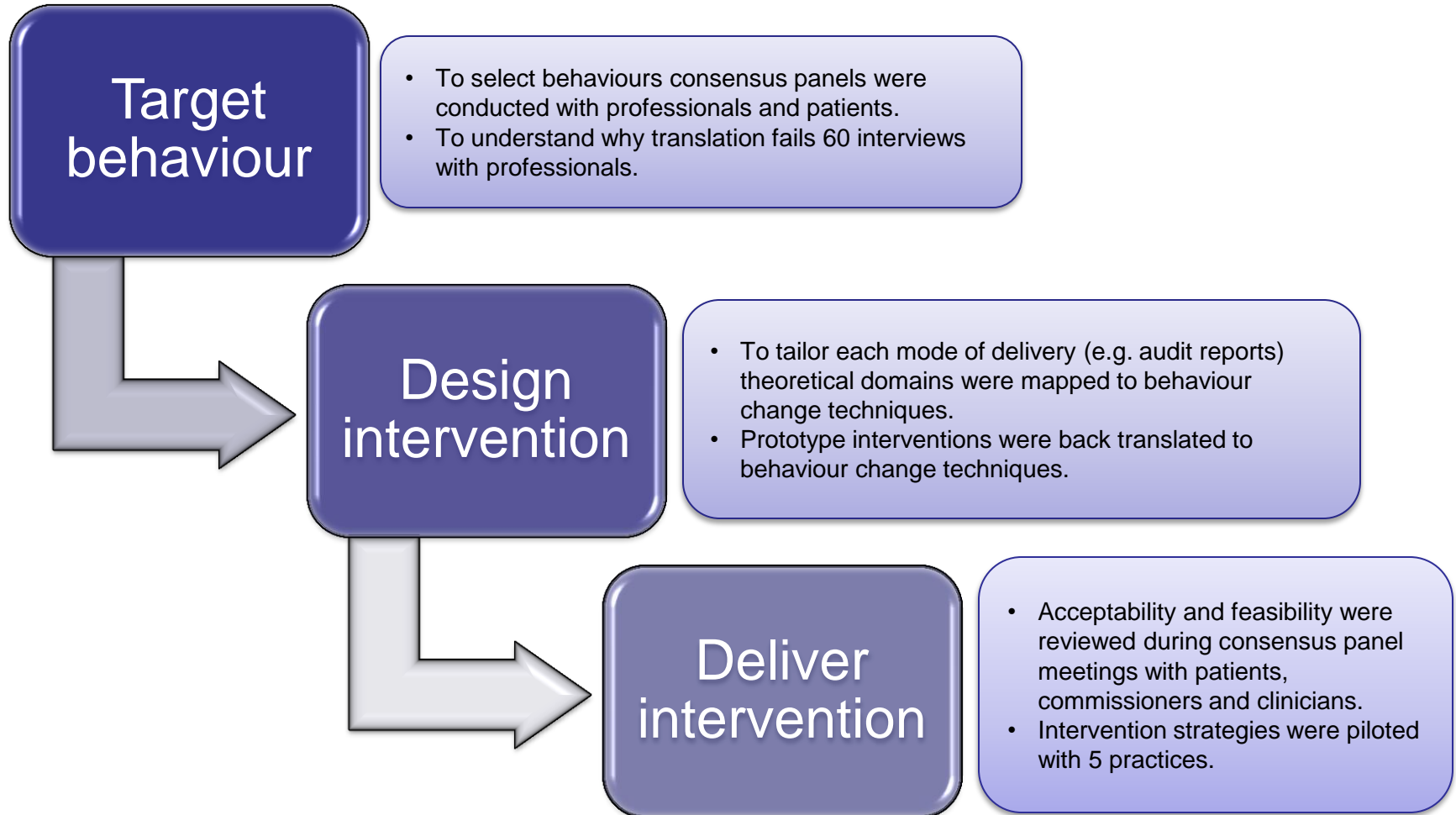
Grouped All About Help Contact

## **To develop cost-effective and sustainable intervention strategies to implement evidence-based recommendations with potential high impact for UK primary care**

1. managing diabetes outcomes (20.8-66.2% mean 42.7%)
2. managing blood pressure (54.7-89.5% mean 71.6%)
3. avoiding risky non-steroidal prescribing (3.8-34.7% mean 11.1%)
4. prescribing anticoagulants for atrial fibrillation (0-100% mean 60%)

## **Why selected**

- Burden of illness
- Potential for significant patient benefit
- Scope for improvement upon current levels of adherence
- Likelihood of cost savings without patient harm
- Feasibility of measuring using routinely collected data
- Extent of control of individual teams or professionals.





# Results: Menu of interventions

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## QUARTERLY AUDIT AND FEEDBACK



Can your practice make NSAID prescribing safer?

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Dear #PracticeManager and colleagues

Prescribing safety is a high priority for patients, practices, their CCGs, the CQC and NHS England. Local general practitioners, practice nurses and practice managers have selected improving the safety of NSAID prescribing as a priority.

Please distribute this report to your practice team. We will be in touch to arrange a convenient time to discuss how we can support you to protect your patients at a practice meeting.

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Medicines Safety Lead, Leeds CCG

While all prescribing carries some unavoidable risk, we invite you to review your practice's prescribing of NSAIDs and to consider whether you can do more to protect your patients. We will offer your practice support to help make prescribing safer.

We will send each team copies of this report for your team. If you require more please contact Dr Tom Willis on [aspire@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:aspire@leeds.ac.uk) or 0113 343 6731.



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## EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

Which areas would you like to change and how much would you like to improve practice by?	What needs to be done? For example: • Conduct systematic record review • Contact patient by phone or face-to-face • Follow changes by letter	Who will coordinate and champion the work?	Who will do this work? (e.g. administrator, practice nurse, named GP, prescribing GP, practice manager)	When can this happen? (e.g. 1, 2 or 3 months)	How will improvements be monitored and discussed by the practice team? (e.g. 100% 2 monthly feedback • Practice audit • Practice meeting date)
Last recorded HbA1c below or equal to 59 recorded					
Last recorded blood pressure below 140/90 (or 130/80 if there is kidney, eye or cardiovascular damage)					
Last recorded cholesterol level below or equal to 5.0 mmol/L					
Recording all nine recommended processes of care in previous 15 months BP, HbA1c (in previous 6 months), total cholesterol, urine ACE or FCS or proteinuria coded, cGFR or serum creatinine testing, foot care review					

## SIGNIFICANT EVENT AUDIT



Significant Event Audit template for risky NSAID prescribing

**STEP 1 Identify a patient safety incident**  
(Remember this can be an error that was prevented from causing harm e.g. near misses or great saves)

The patient is at risk of harm from their NSAID because...  
Tick the incident to be reviewed:

No PPI & history of peptic ulceration  
 No PPI co-prescribed aspirin and over 65  
 No PPI co-prescribed aspirin and over 75 years  
 Co-prescribed a diuretic and an ACE-inhibitor

Had Heart Failure  
 No PPI co-prescribed aspirin and/or clopidogrel and over 65  
 CKD (3,4,5)  
 No PPI co-prescribed warfarin, aspirin and/or clopidogrel

**STEP 2 Information gathering**  
Review the patient's notes to describe the background information

Briefly describe the background, the circumstances surrounding the incident:

**STEP 3 Hold your team meeting to analyse the incident**

Date the incident was identified: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of the SEA meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Who was at the meeting? Practice team   Please tick or specify below:

Consider if these factors contributed: (Other factors may also apply)

- Complex patient
- Knowledge
- Team, teamwork or staffing
- Supervision or lack of responsibility
- Action or advice from others
- Time/pressure/fatigue or other personal factor
- Communication
- Workload, time pressure or scheduling
- Software or equipment
- Policy, procedure or guidelines

Describe the most important of these contributory factors: (Other factors may also apply)

## PATIENT MEDIATED

Looking after your diabetes

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GP/ Nurse name: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a checklist and action plan for you and your doctor or nurse to complete together. This will help you to look after your diabetes. Bring this form back whenever you have a diabetes review.

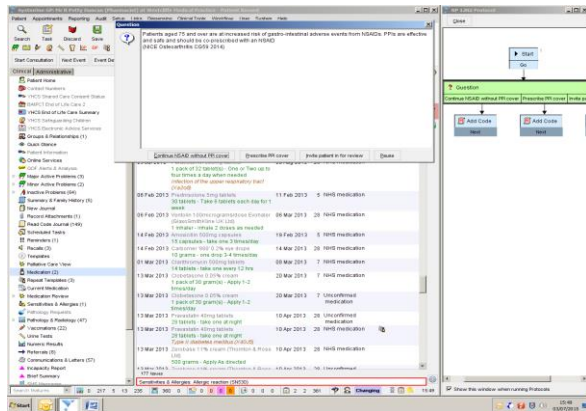
When living with diabetes, your blood pressure, levels of HbA1c and cholesterol ideally need to be under the recommended levels. This will help prevent you from developing complications such as kidney and sight problems.

Ideally, your level should be under...  
Your most recent level was...

The table below lists things that are important in looking after your diabetes. You may deal with one or two of these at a time - depending on which is most important to you. You don't have to talk about them in the order that they are listed. Use this table to briefly record your discussions and goals. An example of how to complete the table is provided in @@@.

	Date discussed	Goals agreed	Review date	Discussed with (Initials, role)
Example: Physical activity and exercise	28/02/16	Get off bus & stop earlier	March 16	RF (GP)
Discussion of why these measurements matter				
Understanding prescribed treatment and taking it properly				
Avoidance of drugs which affect measurements, e.g. certain painkillers such as ibuprofen				
Smoking				
Alcohol intake				
Healthy eating				
Physical activity and exercise				

## COMPUTERISED DECISION SUPPORT



## REMINDERS

	Blood pressure	Management	Targets for Treatment
Moderate Stage 2	≥ 160/100 mmHg or ABPM ≥ 150/95 mmHg	Consider setting goals with patients, e.g. smoking, alcohol, physical activity, diet Offer antihypertensive drug treatment to all	Over 80 years < 150/90 mmHg
Mild Stage 1	≥ 140/90 mmHg or ABPM ≥ 135/85 mmHg	Consider setting goals with patients, e.g. smoking, alcohol, physical activity, diet Offer drug treatment if: Target organ damage, e.g. kidney, eye Established CVD e.g. IHD, stroke, PVD 10 year CVD risk >20%	Under 80 years Target organ damage, e.g. kidney, eye < 140/90 mmHg Diabetes Uncomplicated With kidney, eye or CVD damage < 140/90 mmHg < 130/80 mmHg CKD Without proteinuria < 140/90 mmHg With proteinuria < 130/90 mmHg
Low risk	< 140/90 mmHg	No treatment required	For all, ABPM targets are 5mmHg less than above targets





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As part of this initiative, supported by West Yorkshire CCGs, we plan to provide regular feedback on 'risky prescribing' involving NSAIDs and antiplatelet drugs. This is the first report for your practice. We will provide regular quarterly updates on your practice's achievement. In addition we will offer two outreach meetings, computerised searches to identify patients and additional support to review patient notes. In this meeting we will work with you to create an action plan (see attached Word template).

Please distribute this report to your practice team. We will be in touch to arrange a convenient time to discuss how we can support you to protect your patients at a practice meeting.

We know that practices are currently under a great deal of pressure and there are increasing demands within consultations. However, NSAID use is a well-recognised indicator of prescribing safety in patients at higher risk of developing serious side effects. Reducing NSAID prescribing can prevent adverse events (e.g. gastro-intestinal bleeding, worsening of chronic renal impairment and precipitating heart failure) all of which increase demand on your practice.

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We will also send ten copies of this report for your team. If you require more please contact Dr Tom Willis on [aspre@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:aspre@leeds.ac.uk) or 0113 343 6731.

Yours sincerely

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## What is your practice doing?

in participating practices across West Yorkshire 2014/15 QOF year

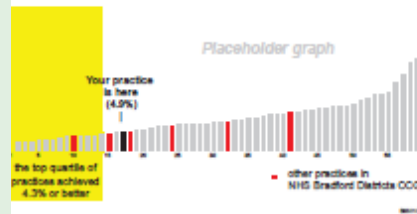
Demonstrates:

• Lack of and % achievement of these means that patients are in a risky manner (against user achievement value indicates advice.)

- Achievement throughout West Yorkshire overall (range X to XXX%)
- The top quartile of practices within West York (yellow box - achieving XXX% or below)
- Other practices within your CCG (red bars, 0%)



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## Number of risky prescribing for your practice

	Proportion of patients (%)	Number of patients	Number of patients to be reviewed	Proport patients reviewed
Oral NSAID or low dose aspirin in any of peptic ulceration WITHOUT gastro-protective drug	00	00/00	00	00
Oral NSAID in patients aged 75 or prescription of a gastro-protective drug	00	00/00	00	00
Oral NSAID and aspirin in patients WITHOUT co-prescription of a gastro-protective	00	00/00	00	00
Aspirin and aspirin in patients aged 65 or over without a gastro-protective drug	00	00/00	00	00
Aspirin and a traditional oral NSAID WITHOUT gastro-protective drug	00	00/00	00	00
Prescribing of warfarin and low-dose aspirin or clopidogrel, WITHOUT co-prescription of a gastro-protective drug	00	00/00	00	00
Prescribing an oral NSAID in patients with heart failure	00	00/00	00	00
Prescribing an oral NSAID in patients prescribed both a diuretic and an ACE-inhibitor / ARB	00	00/00	00	00
Prescribing an oral NSAID in patients with CKD	00	00/00	00	00
Combined indicators	00	00/00	00	00

Higher levels of these indicators generally suggest risky prescribing practice, lower levels generally suggest safer clinical practice

## About ASPIRE

We are a multi-disciplinary group involving experienced researchers from Leeds, Bradford and York, general practitioners, clinical leads from NICE, managers and patients. We also have panels of patients and international experts advising our programme. For further information see: <http://medhealth.leeds.ac.uk/aspire>

Clinical research continually produces new evidence that can benefit patients. Despite the best efforts of many professionals, this evidence does not reliably find its way into everyday patient care. Much research suggests that we can do better for our patients - everyone knows this, and knows that achieving it is often easier said than done. We also understand the many competing demands that general practices face. Our mission is to develop and test ways to support general practices in implementing evidence-based practice effectively and realistically within the constraints and challenges of real-life general practice.



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Shaping knowledge

Salience of consequences

Feedback on behaviour

Comparison of behaviour

Goal setting

Action planning

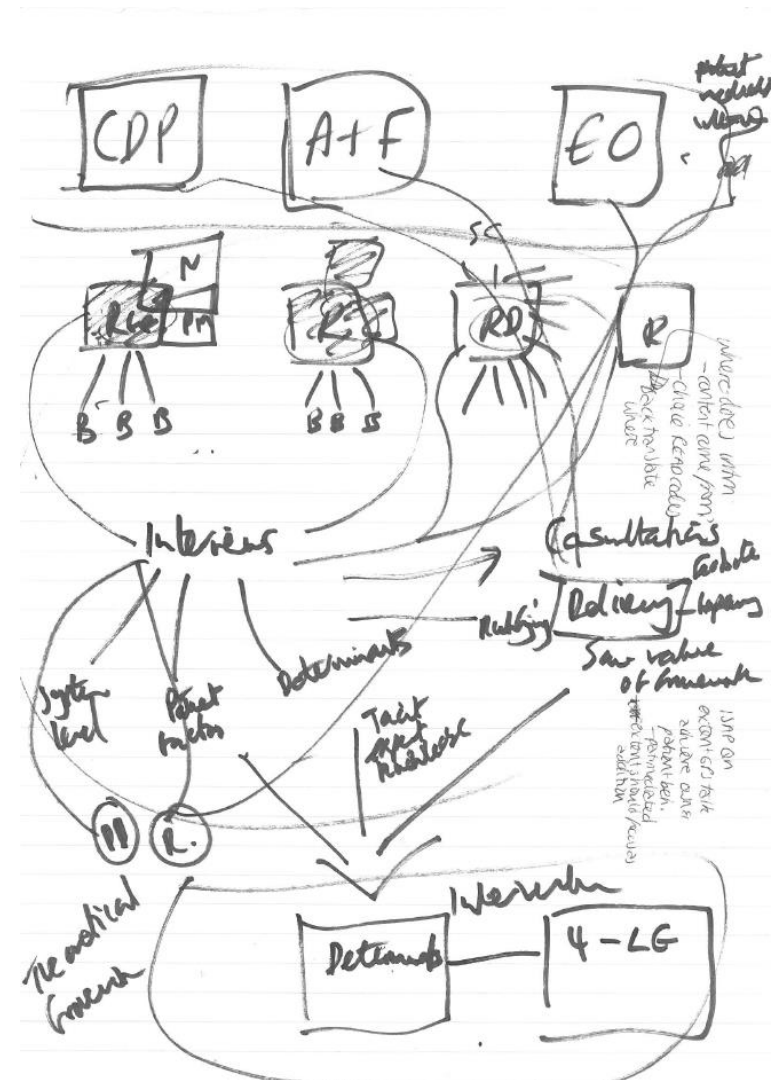


- Determinants varied by recommendation
- Consensus panel meetings to refine delivery
  - e.g. the appropriateness and timing of computerised prompts were questioned for diabetes and hypertension recommendations.

Risky non-steroidal prescribing	Anticoagulation prescribing
Protected learning time	Contact with patient
Memory (risk factors)	Secondary care knowledge
Audit time	Patient agenda
Consultation time	Tailoring care (elderly, multiple conditions)
Patient compliance	



- Cost-effectiveness is unknown (2 cRCTs and process evaluations)
- Specifying behaviours within recommendations
- Generalizability of determinants (participants/study design/context/setting)
- Trade offs generic/focussed intervention
- Complex iterative process





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