

Network Analysis of Information Needs to Identify Safe and Effective prescriptions for an Individual.

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The Problem (s)

- **53% of adults have MM2+**
- **33% of adults have MM3+**
- **If you are treating someone with diabetes, depression, and arthritis it is hard to follow the EB guidelines**
- **13% of patients have “high risk” prescriptions even with “good” electronic medical records**
- **10% if taking 2-4 drugs**
- **80% if taking > 14 drugs**
- **Adverse Drug Events**
- **Within 4 weeks of receiving a primary care prescription, 25% of patients experience an adverse drug event**
- **Up to 70% of ADRs leading to ED visits are preventable**

Aim: Using Network Analysis explore the potential interactions for a hypothetical patient

- Hypothetical comorbid MM5 patient
 - Osteoarthritis (12 drug options)
 - Depression (12 drug options)
 - Hypertension (34 drug options)
 - Diabetes (18 drug options)
 - Hyperlipidemia (4 drug options)

Total of 80 drugs used commonly in primary care available for this patient – no combinations included

- Liver & Renal
- Total of 82 nodes of a network
- That is 3,321 combinations to check for interactions ($N*(N-1)/2$)

Identify actual potential drug-drug, drug-liver, drug-renal interactions

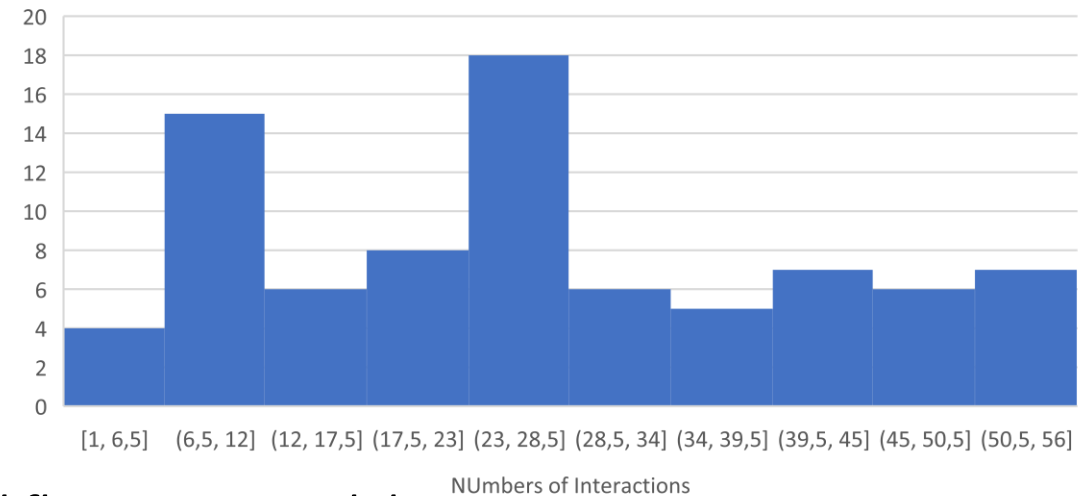
- Drug Drug Interactions identified using a drug-drug interaction database (Lexicomp)
- Renal interactions identified using a renal drug interaction database and North American product monographs
- Liver Function interactions checked using North American product monographs
- **Results: 1,113 described potential interactions**

Results:

Types of Interaction

- Interactions were identified as
 - No Action Needed (n=189),
 - Monitor Therapy (n=777),
 - Consider therapy modification (n=144),
 - Avoid combination (n=3).
 - *No Action Needed example: Benazepril and Canagliflozin -SGLT2 inhibitor*
 - *Canagliflozin may enhance the hyperkalemic effect of Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers. Canagliflozin may enhance the hypotensive effect of Angiotensin II Receptor*
- The mean number of drug-drug, drug-liver, and drug-renal interactions was **27.1** (Range 1 to 56).
- The frequency of interactions was not normally distributed
- Renal dosing information was identified for 50 drugs,
- Liver dosing information was identified for 46 of the drugs.

Frequency distribution of Interactions for 80 drugs & Renal and Liver



Basic Network with node size adjusted according to number of interactions

4 / 0	Irbesartan	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers may enhance the adverse/toxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Specifically, 1
471	Labetalol	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents may diminish the antihypertensive effect of Beta-Blockers. Severity Moderate Reliability Rating Fair
472	Lisinopril	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors may enhance the adverse/toxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Sp
473	Losartan	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers may enhance the adverse/toxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Specifically, 1
474	Metolazone	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Thiazide and Thiazide-Like Diuretics may enhance the nephrotoxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Nonsteroidal Anti-Infla
475	Metoprolol	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents may diminish the antihypertensive effect of Beta-Blockers. Severity Moderate Reliability Rating Fair
476	Nadolol	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents may diminish the antihypertensive effect of Beta-Blockers. Severity Moderate Reliability Rating Fair
477	Olmесartan	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers may enhance the adverse/toxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Specifically, 1
478	Perindopril	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors may enhance the adverse/toxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Sp
479	Pindolol	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents may diminish the antihypertensive effect of Beta-Blockers. Severity Moderate Reliability Rating Fair
480	Quinapril	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors may enhance the adverse/toxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Sp
481	Ramipril	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors may enhance the adverse/toxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Sp
482	Telmisartan	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers may enhance the adverse/toxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Specifically, 1
483	Timolol	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents may diminish the antihypertensive effect of Beta-Blockers. Severity Moderate Reliability Rating Fair
484	Trandolapril	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitors may enhance the adverse/toxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Sp
485	Valsartan	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers may enhance the adverse/toxic effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents. Specifically, 1
486	Venlafaxine	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Agents with Antiplatelet Properties may enhance the antiplatelet effect of other Agents with Antiplatelet Properties. Severity Moderate Reli
487	Venlafaxine	Flurbiprofen	2	C: Monitor therapy	Serotonin/Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors may enhance the antiplatelet effect of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents (Nonselectiv
488	Chlorthalidone	Fluvoxamine	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors may enhance the hyponatremic effect of Thiazide and Thiazide-Like Diuretics. Severity
489	Dulaglutide	Fluvoxamine	2	C: Monitor therapy	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors may enhance the hypoglycemic effect of Blood Glucose Lowering Agents. Severity Moderate Relia
490	Hydrochlorothiazide	Fluvoxamine	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors may enhance the hyponatremic effect of Thiazide and Thiazide-Like Diuretics. Severity
491	Indapamide	Fluvoxamine	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors may enhance the hyponatremic effect of Thiazide and Thiazide-Like Diuretics. Severity
492	Metolazone	Fluvoxamine	2	C: Monitor therapy	Summary Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors may enhance the hyponatremic effect of Thiazide and Thiazide-Like Diuretics. Severity
493	Acebutolol	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Beta-Blockers may enhance the hypoglycemic effect of Sulfonylureas. Cardioselective beta-blockers (eg, acebutolol, atenolol, metoprolol,
494	Bisoprolol	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Beta-Blockers may enhance the hypoglycemic effect of Sulfonylureas. Cardioselective beta-blockers (eg, acebutolol, atenolol, metoprolol,
495	Celecoxib	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents may diminish the hypoglycemic effect of Sulfonylureas. Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents m
496	Chlorthalidone	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Hyperglycemia-Associated Agents may diminish the therapeutic effect of Antidiabetic Agents. Severity Moderate Reliability Rating Fair
497	Chlorthalidone	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Thiazide and Thiazide-Like Diuretics may diminish the therapeutic effect of Antidiabetic Agents. Severity Moderate Reliability Rating Good
498	Citalopram	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors may enhance the hypoglycemic effect of Blood Glucose Lowering Agents. Severity Moderate Relia
499	Diclofenac	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents may diminish the hypoglycemic effect of Sulfonylureas. Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents m
500	Escitalopram	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors may enhance the hypoglycemic effect of Blood Glucose Lowering Agents. Severity Moderate Relia
501	Fluoxetine	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors may enhance the hypoglycemic effect of Blood Glucose Lowering Agents. Severity Moderate Relia
502	Flurbiprofen	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents may diminish the hypoglycemic effect of Sulfonylureas. Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents m
503	Fluvoxamine	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors may enhance the hypoglycemic effect of Blood Glucose Lowering Agents. Severity Moderate Relia
504	Hydrochlorothiazide	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Hyperglycemia-Associated Agents may diminish the therapeutic effect of Antidiabetic Agents. Severity Moderate Reliability Rating Fair
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506	Ibuprofen	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents may diminish the hypoglycemic effect of Sulfonylureas. Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents m
507	Indapamide	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Hyperglycemia-Associated Agents may diminish the therapeutic effect of Antidiabetic Agents. Severity Moderate Reliability Rating Fair
508	Indapamide	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Thiazide and Thiazide-Like Diuretics may diminish the therapeutic effect of Antidiabetic Agents. Severity Moderate Reliability Rating Good
509	Ketoprofen	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents may diminish the hypoglycemic effect of Sulfonylureas. Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents m
510	Labetalol	Gliclazide	2	C: Monitor therapy	Beta-Blockers may enhance the hypoglycemic effect of Sulfonylureas. Cardioselective beta-blockers (eg, acebutolol, atenolol, metoprolol,
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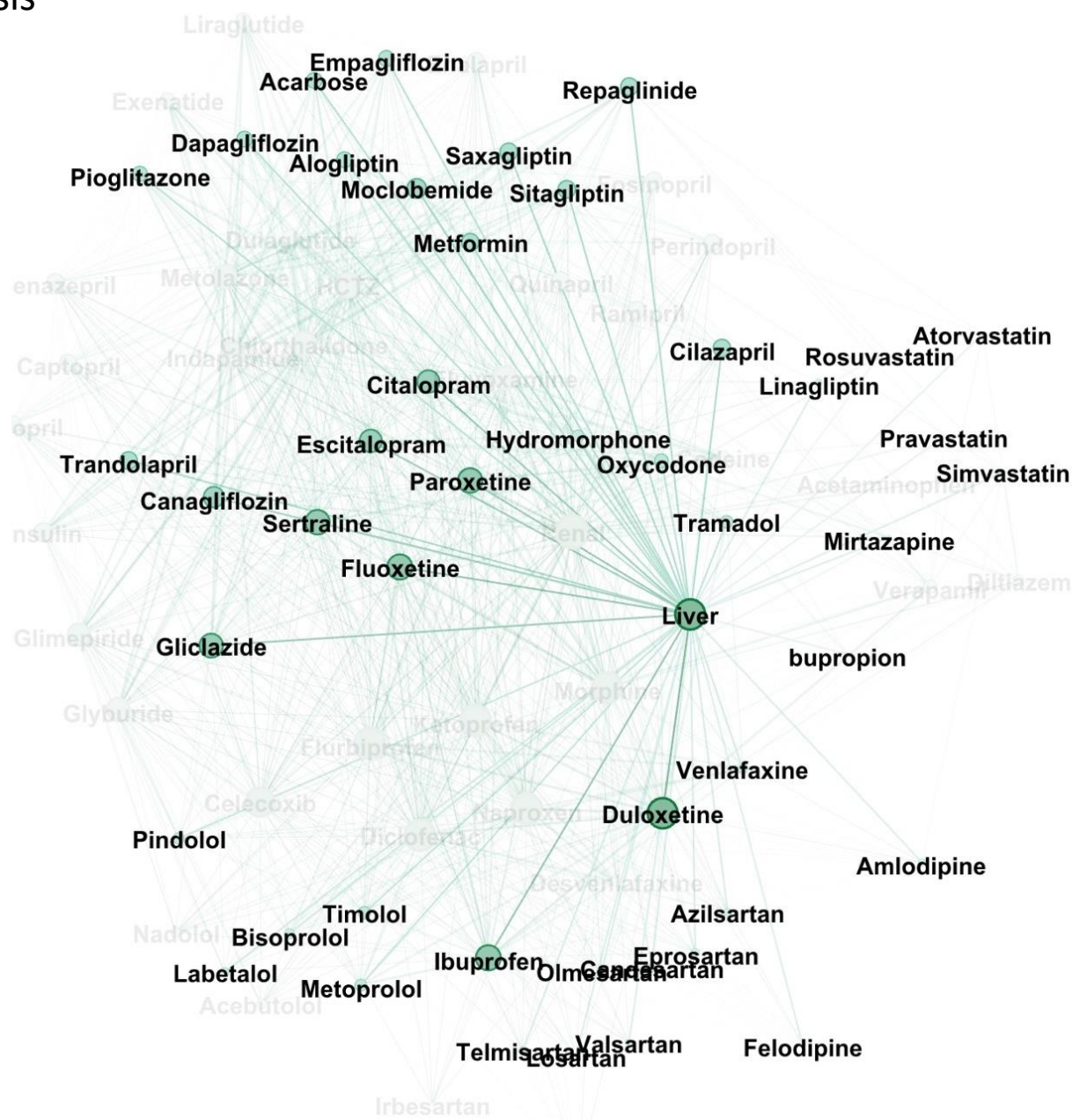
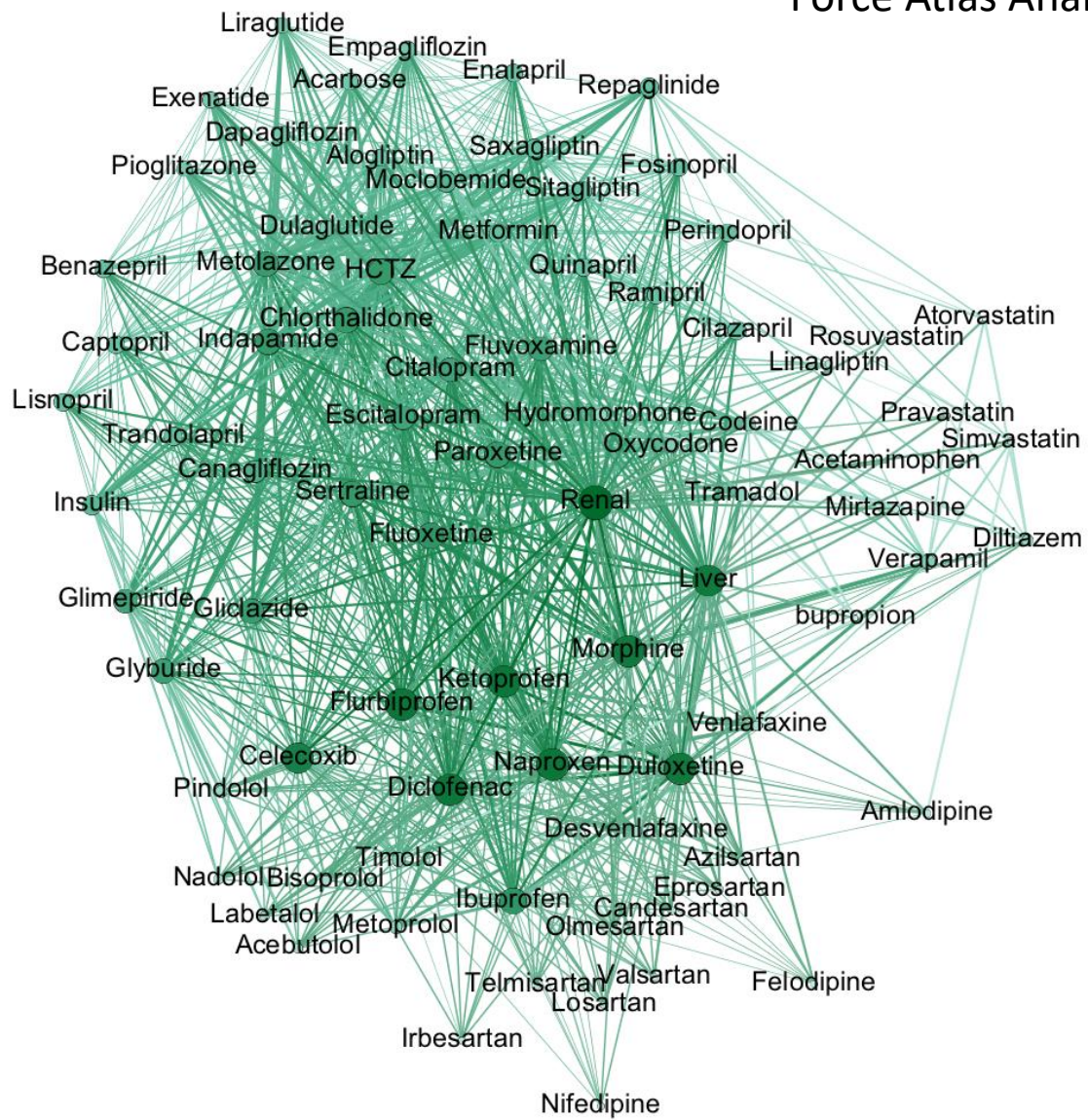
Renal



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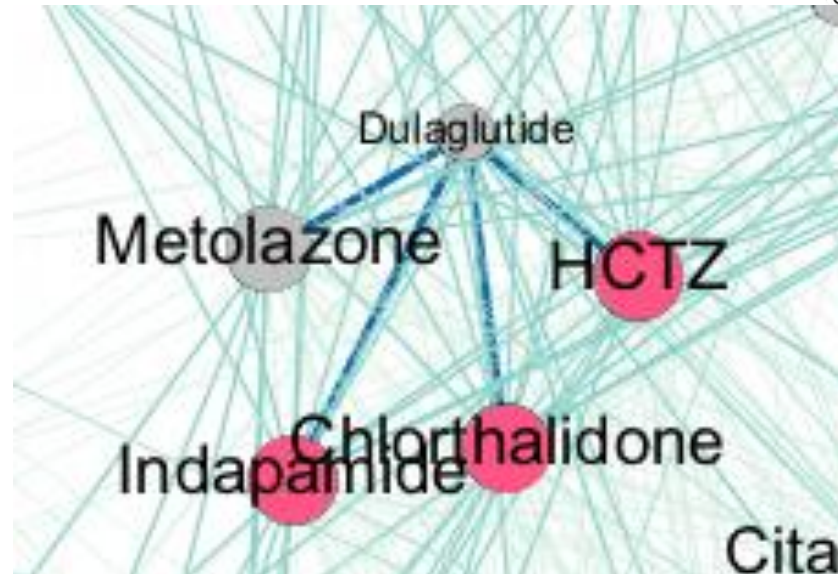
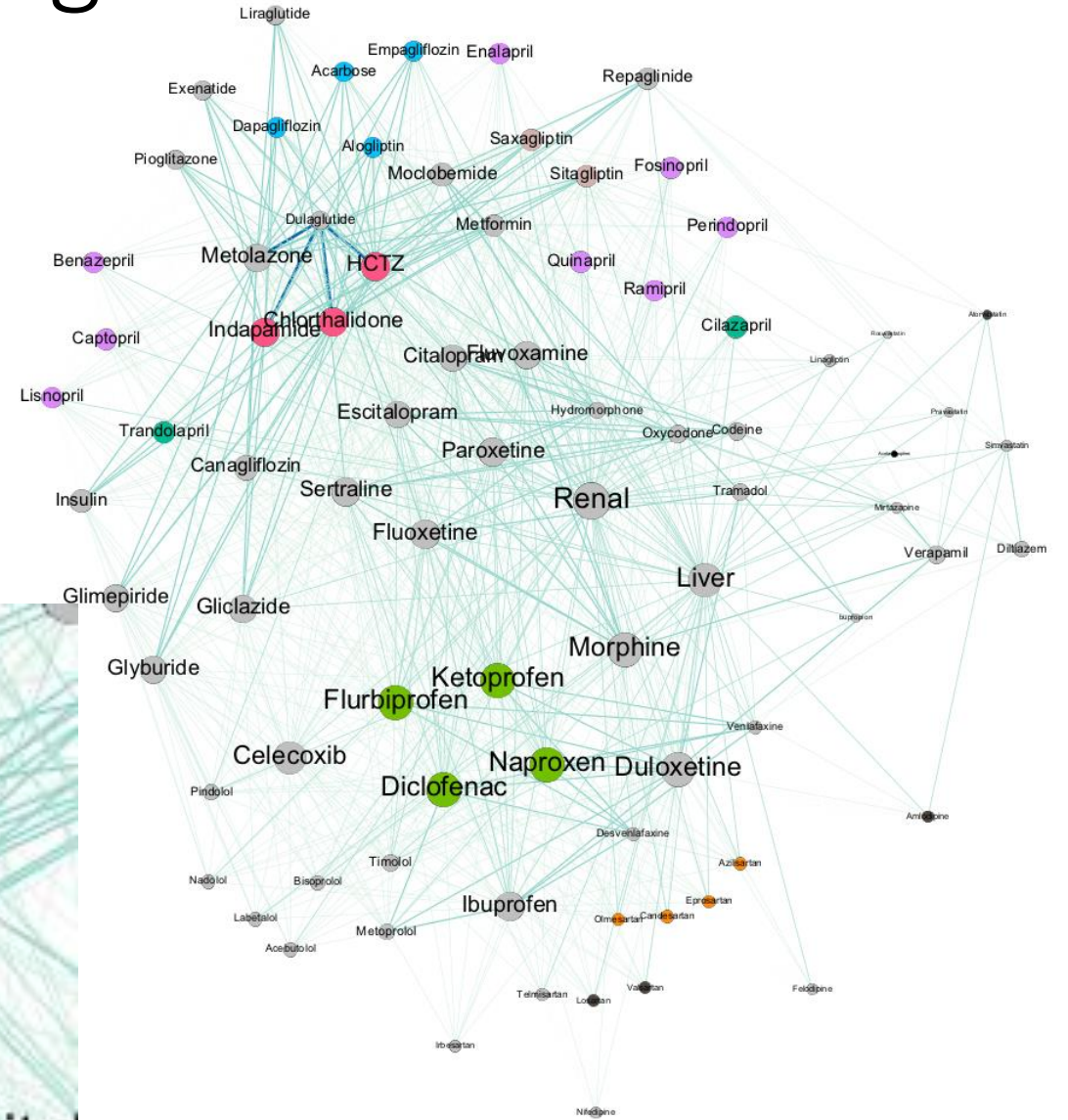
Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, diuretics, morphine and duloxetine, are the drugs with most interactions.

Force Atlas Analysis



Weighting appears to highlight diuretics

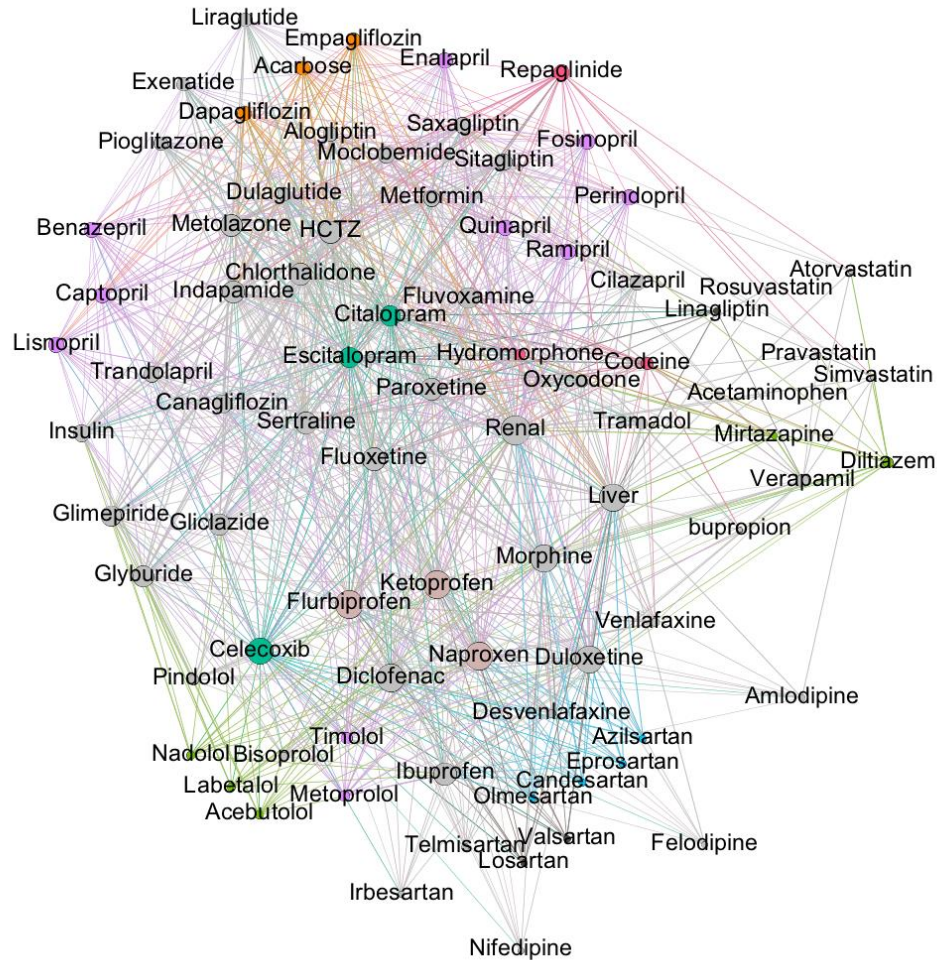
Drug Interaction	Weighting
B: No action needed	0
C: Monitor therapy	1
D: Consider therapy modification	2
X: Avoid combination	3
Liver Dosing	2
Renal Dosing	2



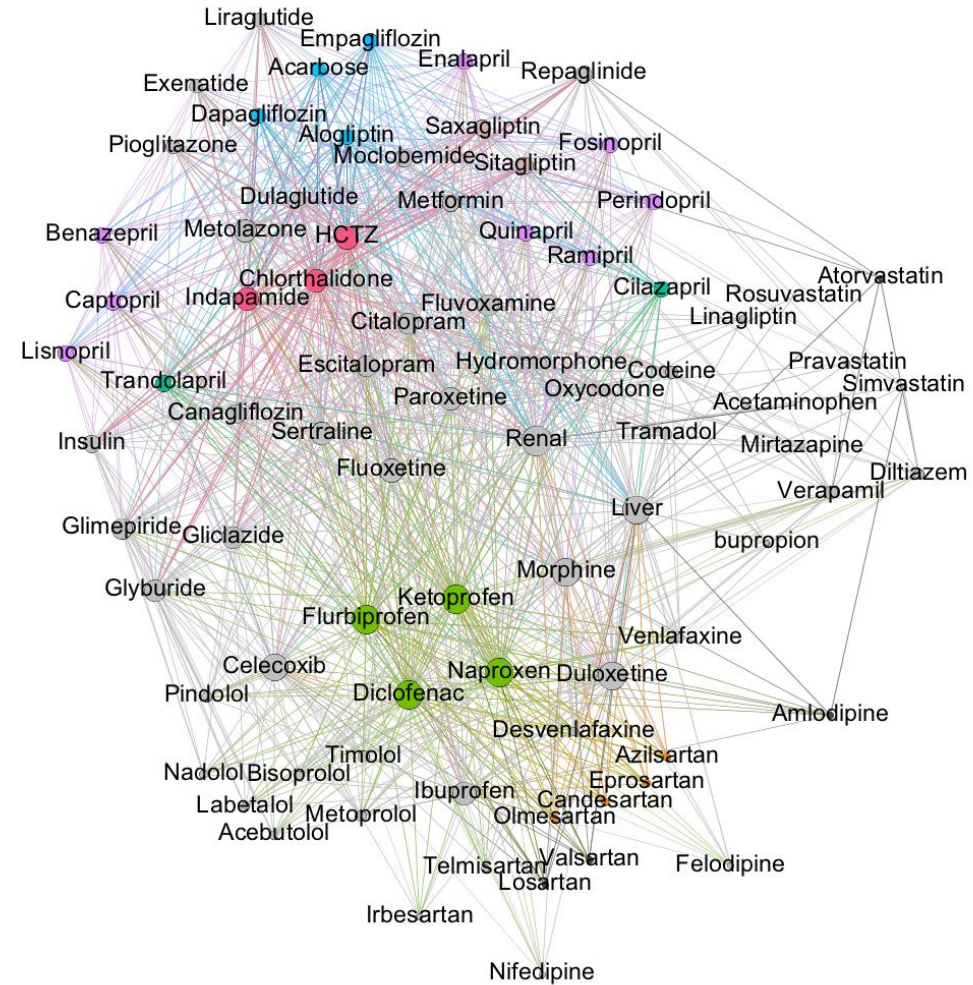
Clustering Coefficient

0.243

- Size and colors of nodes is clustering coefficient
- Clear groupings of drugs by mechanism of action, and interaction



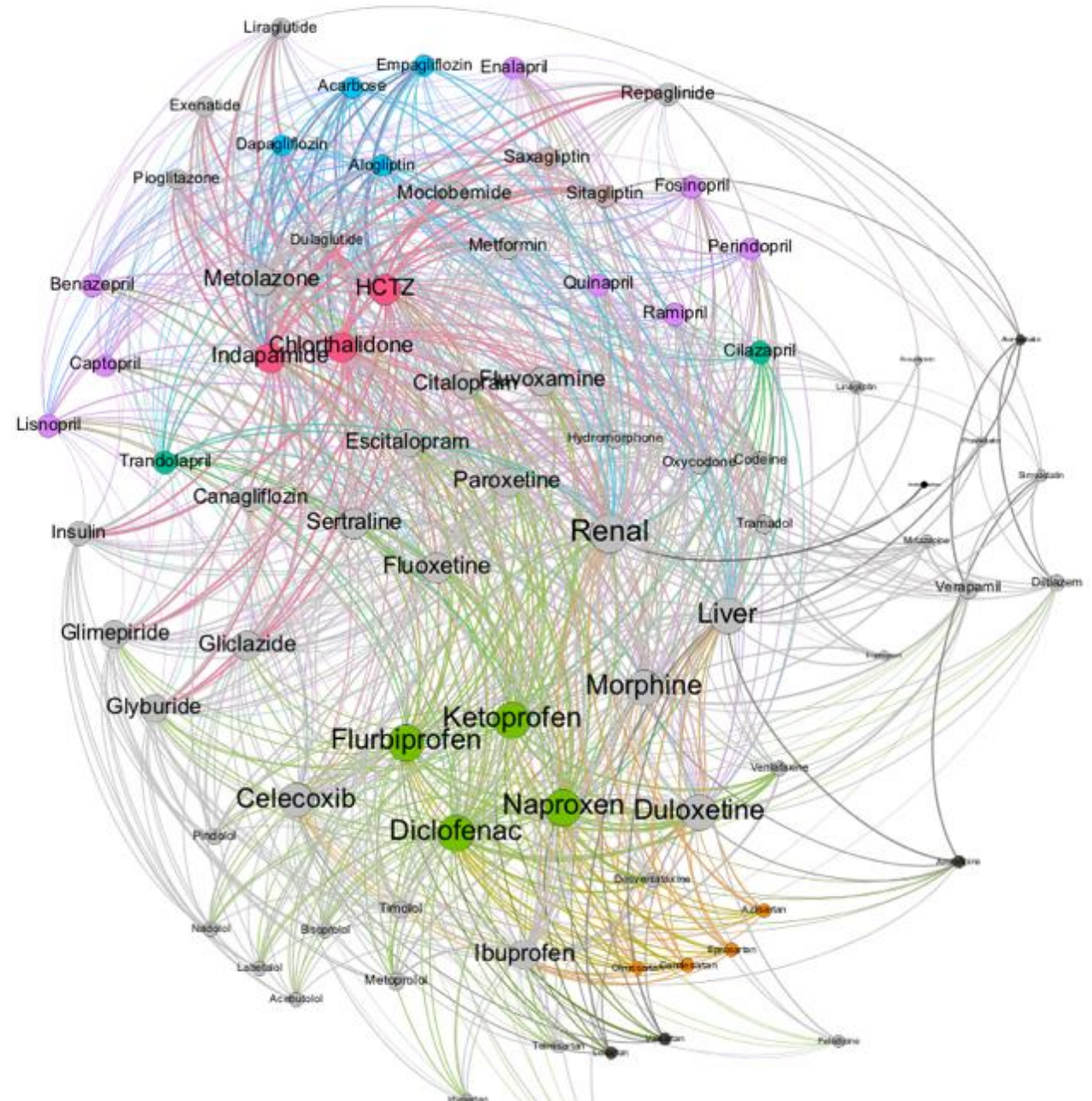
Weighted Force Atlas



Weighted Force Atlas Clustering Coefficient

Network Analysis

- Takes highly complex data sets
Combine all these features into one picture
- Clear groupings of drugs



Summary

- Findings
 - There are clearly identified groups of drugs that are potentially more harmful than others (Diuretics, NSAIDs, Hypoglycemics)
 - The size these effects and their relationships can be identified and described using network analysis
- Limitations
 - Only commonly used drugs in primary are included
 - Only Drug-Drug, Liver and Renal interactions included
 - Only Lexicomp used
 - Does not take into account what the patient may be taking already – that reduces the network
- Next Steps
 - Start adding more information from the examples above
 - Explore whether and how guidelines/protocols can manage MM2+ to MM5+
 - Can Network Analysis help clinicians manage prescribing for patients with MM

Conclusions for EBHC guidance about medications

- For a patient with multimorbidity the complexity and volume of potential interactions identified using Network Analysis approach is staggering
- Class effects are significant but not universal
- Rational Prescribing approaches such as Deprescribing systems and Choosing Wisely need to take into account MM, perhaps using Network Analysis.
- “can I just click on the disease for my patient and see the Network Analysis?”

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Medication Decision Support

Medication Options

Psychotherapy and anti-anxiety medication	
<p>⚠ Increased risk of gastrointestinal bleeding when SSRIs or SNRIs are used with NSAIDs or antiplatelets - See PREVENTION OF NSAID ASSOCIATED ULCERS for treatment options</p>	
<p>Escitalopram (Antidepressant, SSRI) Not included as an option due to CYP2C19 status Interactions: Acetylsalicylic acid</p>	
<p>Paroxetine (Antidepressant, SSRI, CYP3A4 Inhibitor)</p> <p>Initial Dose 10 mg PO once daily Titration Increase daily dose by 10 mg every 1-2 weeks as needed and tolerated Usual Dose 20-40 mg PO once daily Maximum Dose 40 mg PO per day</p> <p>Dose adjusted for renal function</p> <p>Brands Paxil, generics</p> <p>Interactions: Acetylsalicylic acid</p>	
<p>Sertraline (Antidepressant, SSRI, CYP3A4 Inhibitor)</p> <p>Initial Dose 50 mg PO once daily Titration Increase daily dose by 25 mg at 1 week intervals as needed and tolerated Usual Dose 50-150 mg PO once daily Maximum Dose 200 mg PO per day</p> <p>Brands Zoloft, generics</p> <p>Interactions: Acetylsalicylic acid Sertraline may increase the antiplatelet activities of Acetylsalicylic acid.</p>	
<p>Duloxetine is not included as an option due to contraindications, drug interactions or previous trial</p>	
<p>Venlafaxine is not included as an option due to contraindications, drug interactions or previous trial</p>	

Management of Drug-Drug Interactions

Drug-Gene Interactions

Specific Dosing
(initial, titration, maximum, target)

Dose Adjustment for Renal & Hepatic Impairment

Price Comparison

Brand Names

Drug-Drug Interactions

Excluded Medications