Case Study

Difference between groups
“Stents and stroke”

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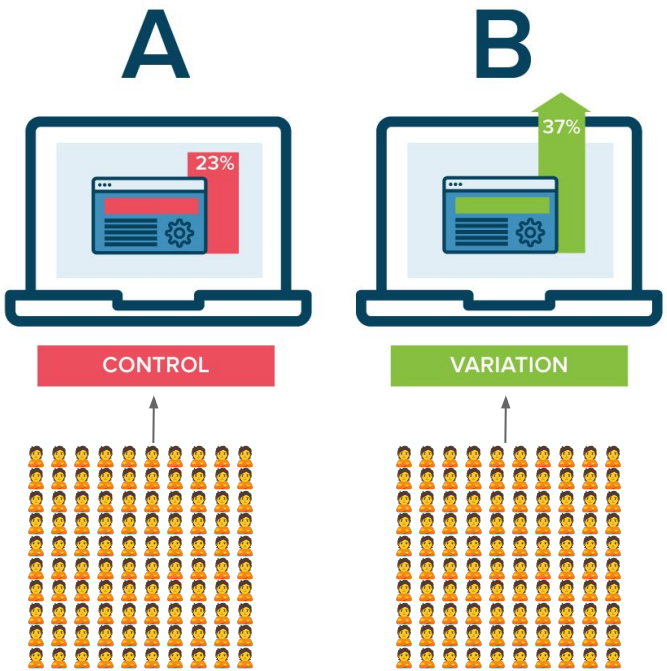

Source: Optimizely (2019) https://www.optimizely.com/optimization-glossary/ab-testing/

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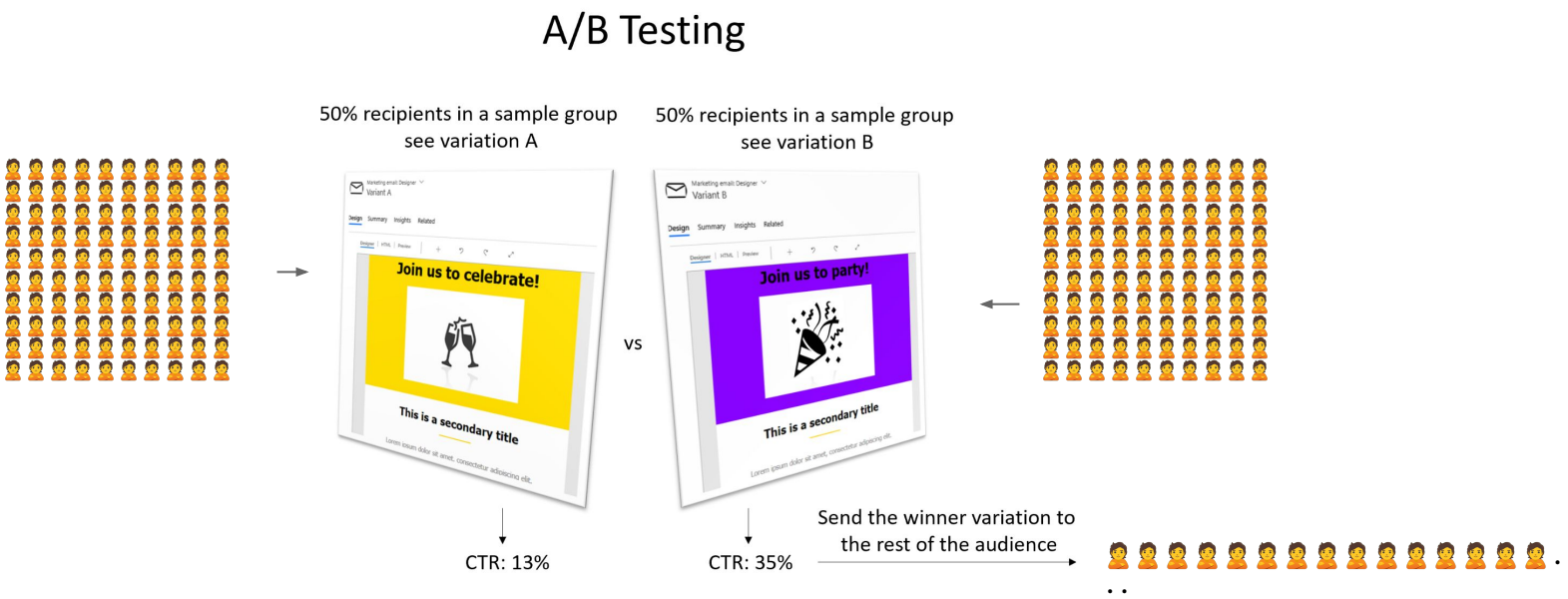
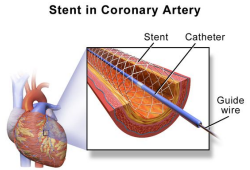


Source: Microsoft (2019) https://docs.microsoft.com/de-de/dynamics365-release-plan/2019wave2/dynamics365-marketing/email-ab-testing

Does the use of stents reduce the risk of stroke?



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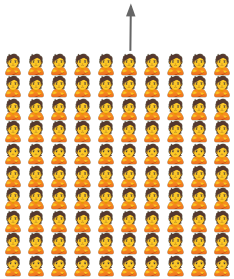
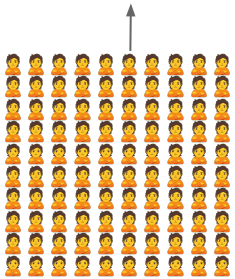


Treatment



Picture source: Wikipedia

Results for five patients from a stent study

	group	outcome	time
0	treatment	stroke	30 days
1	treatment	stroke	30 days
2	treatment	stroke	30 days
3	treatment	stroke	30 days
4	treatment	stroke	30 days

An experiment was designed to study the effectiveness of stents in treating patients at risk of stroke (Chimowitz et al. 2011).

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Lab

Google Sheets

Colab Notebook

Does the data
show a “real”
difference between
the groups?

Do not generalize the results of this study to all patients and all stents.

- The study looked at patients with very specific characteristics.
- Patients volunteered to be a part of this study and may not be representative of all stroke patients.
- There are many types of stents and this study only considered one.

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Solution

Solution [Colab Notebook]

time	30 days		365 days	
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179 + 45 = 224

$$\frac{45}{224} = 0.20 = 20\%$$

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