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# Learning outcomes

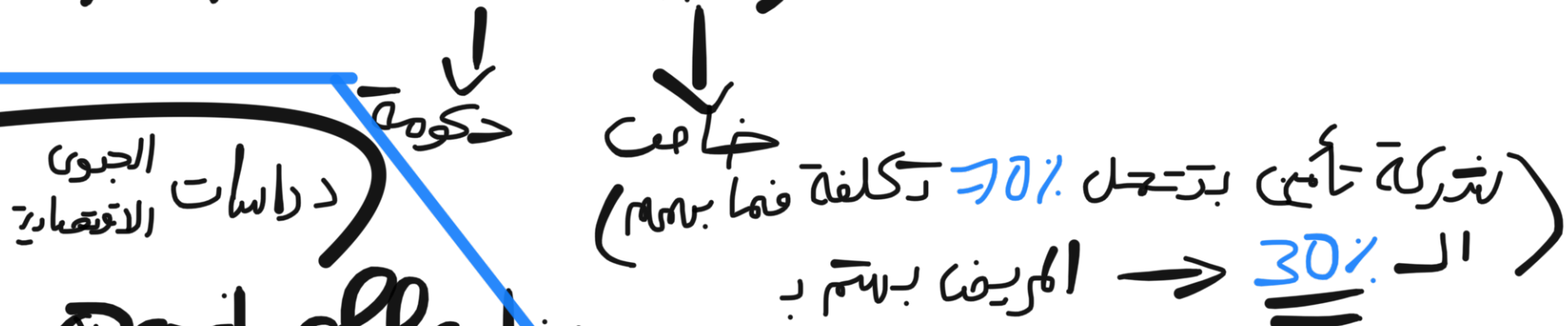
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THANKS FOR LAITH MANSOUR & „I think she is „RANEEM MOHAMMAD YOUNIS IN THE 1ST LEC & FOR OMAR MOHAMMAD JA'FAR IN THE 2ND LEC FOR COLLABORATION IN THE VIDEO WITH THE DOCTOR 🙏

😊😊 By the end of this lecture, you would be able to:

- Understand ways and techniques to handle the results of economic evaluations
  - Understand what is sensitivity analysis
  - Understand the Cost-effectiveness thresholds threshold
  - Identify the power of economic evaluations to enable decision making
- زادوا. → فماني  
عدد الرضى جديد  
(اختيار شريفة)  
\* Semi Fixed (مقيمين)  
\* Fixed لا يتغير عدد  
Computer بتغير الـ ريف (مبنى / MRI)  
\* Variable (تغير بالـ ريف)  
بدفع فواتر زيادة لأثره  
الرشف عالجني مثلاً كهر باد / syringes  
سواء كان تأمين أو شخصي  
related to health care (الرشف لبناء مشفى)  
direct Med / Non Med :  
cost  
\* مواصفات  
\* حضارة لأطفال أكم بالمشفى  
(الرشف لبناء مشفى)

# \* Perspective (مين بتحل التكلفة)



## \* Cost effective

↓ تكلفة عالية

↓ وكفاءة عالية

look - quantity of life

- Both collected once we allocate big resources

(eg: cancer search 1B, so

how can I economize:

\* مقارنة بالـ Interventions

\* بشوف دراسات Both

## \* Cost Benefit - quality & quantity

↓ (درجة آى)

من الـ Cost effective

\* To allocate resource from begining

\* Convert every thing/cancer إلى money

— even the outcome



# Decision and sensitivity Analysis

to do we must compare old vs New

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Do you remember the cost effectiveness plane?

القديم - الجديد  
مكلفته  
وضعاية

NW

New treatment always rejected, i.e. dominated

Intervention less effective and more costly

We reject

Cost difference

+

Incremental cost  
Incremental out come

الزيادة  
نوع الإيجابية  
كل ال  
term

decision need discussion

فائدة الفعالية  
eg =  $\frac{+}{+}$  = (means cost the)  
new is  $\uparrow$   
than old

Intervention more effective and more costly

North east

لازم أقارن  
I CER threshold  
عتبة الجدوى  
الاقتصادية

(means  $\uparrow$  effective)

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Intervention less effective and less costly

SW

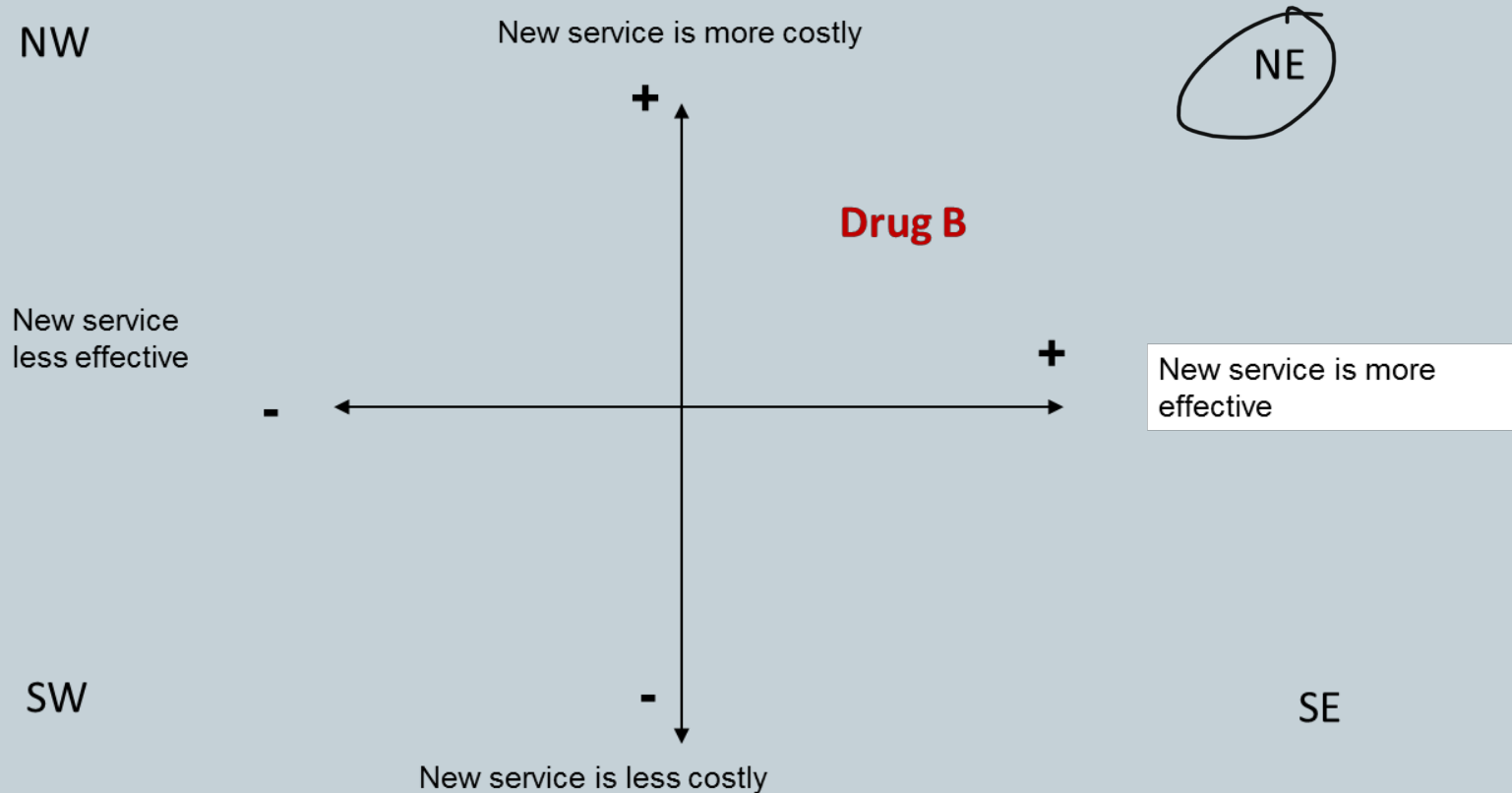
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نسبة لحياة سليمة المريض / الى سقف الدفع  
for each 2 mly = 1000 \$ / 2 mly

ICER: Incremental cost effectiveness ratio

very very  
costly  
refuse  
costly  
ratio

# Think of such case

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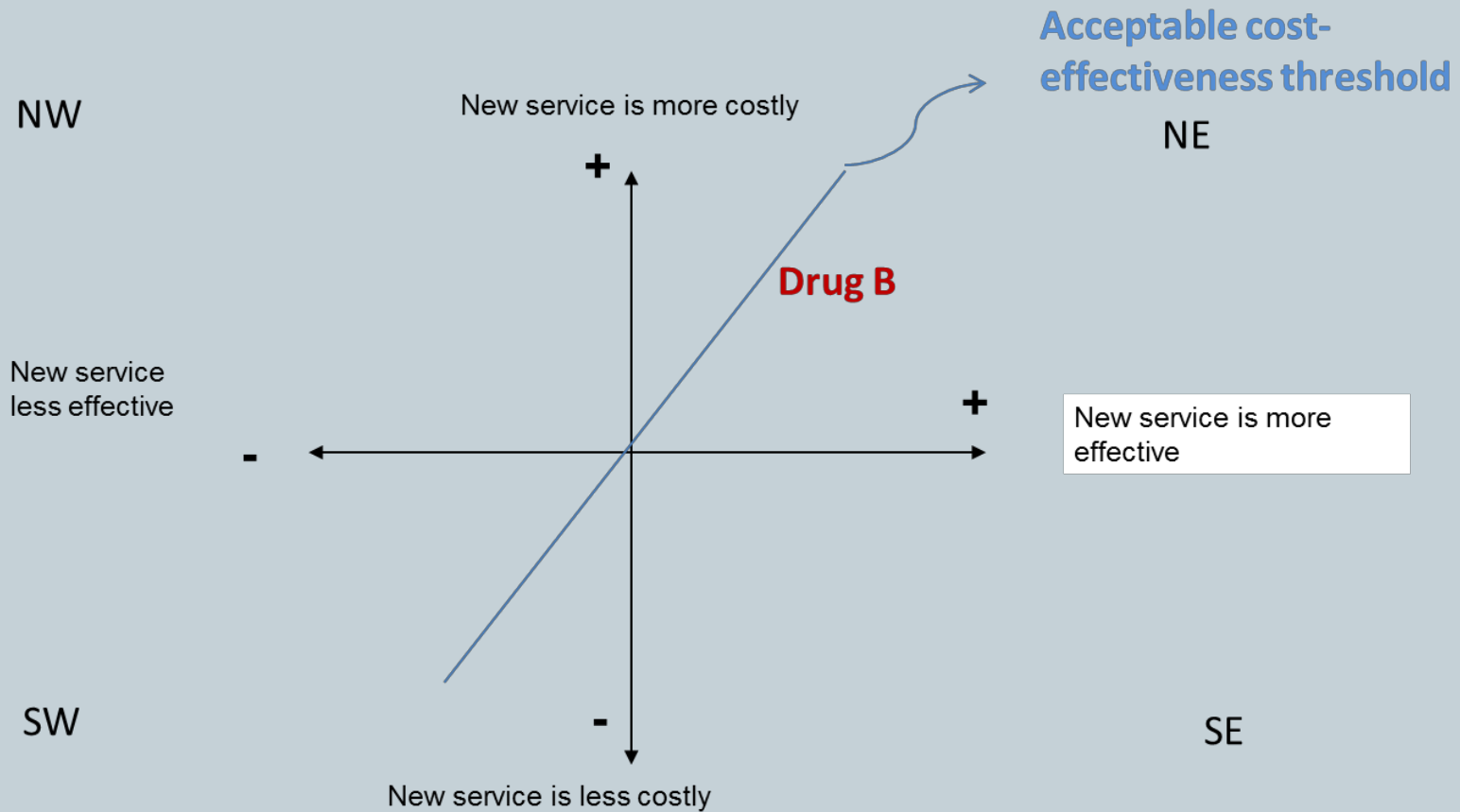
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# How do we decide on whether to accept Drug B?

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- Can we afford it?  
○ Budget!!
- Can we justified ?  
○ What are the consequences of accepting/not accepting it?
- The decision is not black and white unless we draw a line of acceptance

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بہذا ادواء علی حساب ادواء ثانی



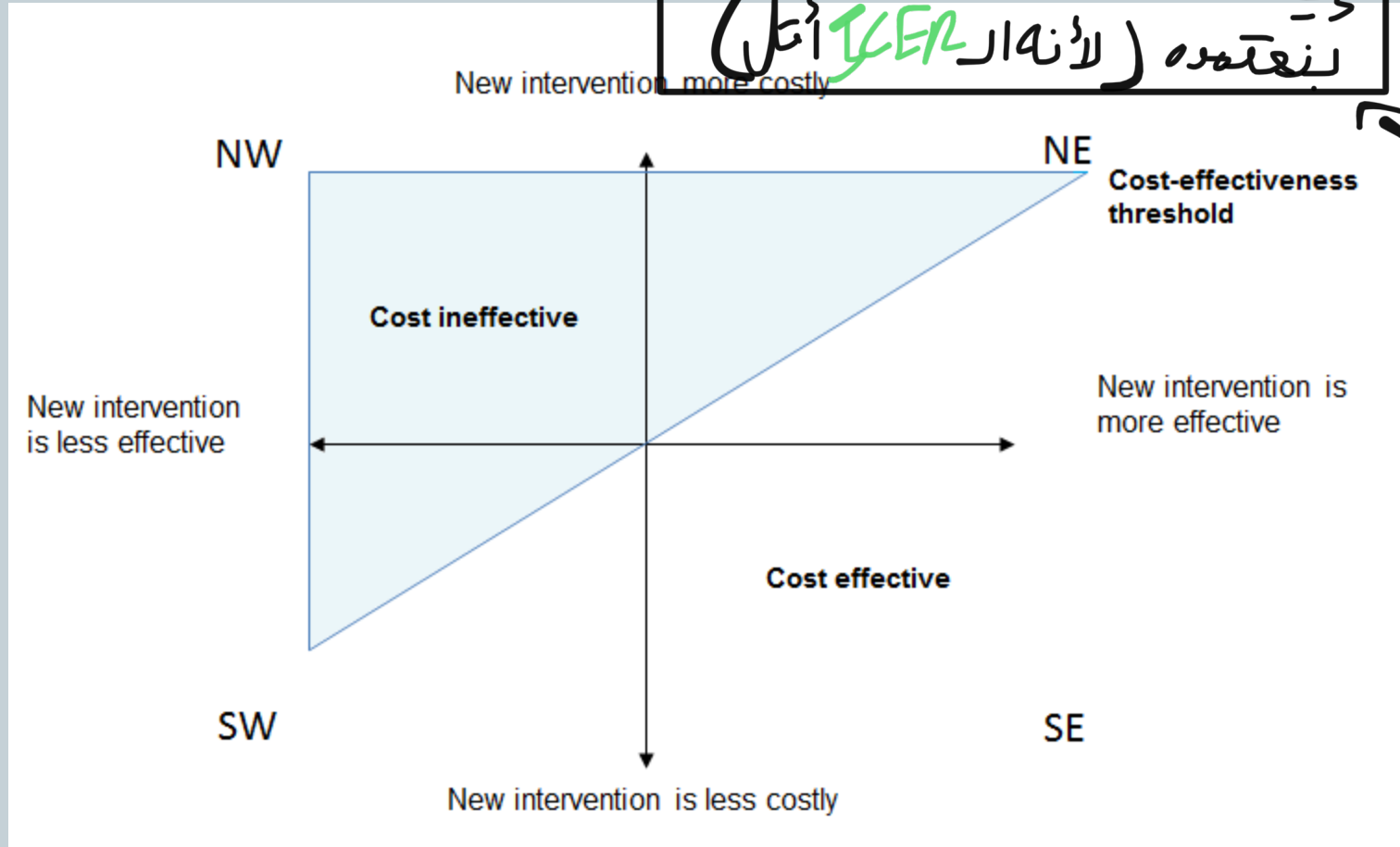
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مثلاً دواء 5000 تحت  
ال threshold ممتاز

إلى هو 7000 \$  
حسب المثال يافوق  
↑

7 Threshold  
إلى تحت ال Threshold  
باعتباره (لأنه  $ICER > \Delta$ )

✗

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next  
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## Remember ICER?

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- Incremental Cost-effectiveness Ratio (ICER); the difference in costs between alternatives divided by the difference in outcomes measured
- If the ICER of the new intervention  $<$  than the acceptable cost-effectiveness threshold then the treatment should be adopted
  - Cost-effectiveness threshold is the value a decision maker is willing to pay for a unit of health gained (e.g QALY or LYG)

حسب  $ICER$ : صفنا كل سنة المربحة بكلفة الدولة 5000 ومثل (فوقية Cost) وليس التكاليف الإجمالية مثال: القديم - الجديد 2012 2512



# Cost-effectiveness thresholds

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- If the government uses a cost effectiveness threshold that is too high, this will promote inefficient uses of NHS resources. *will be accepted*  
*SD Balance* *معناها حتى الادوية الى مش كثير مستخدمة*  
*لا ذن، بالآخر ممكن تدخلوا الميزانية وممكن مع الوقت ما نعالج اى مشاكل*
- If however, the threshold is too low, then the most valuable interventions will not be adopted and thus this will not make the best use of available resources.
- E.g. In UK,
  - NHS funds services which cost  $<£20,000$  to  $<£30,000$  per QALY

# Cost-effectiveness thresholds

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- Other countries

- Australia funds AU\$69 900/QALY
- New Zealand funds NZ\$20 000/QALY
- In the USA (\$50 000/QALY)
- In the Netherlands (€80 000/QALY)
- In Canada (CAN\$20 000 - \$100 000/QALY).

**Why ?**

**There is a range rather than one fixed value?**

**Values and decisions might vary across countries or institutions?**

(لَيْشْ مَكْنْ يَكُونْ رَاجْجْ)

↳ eg Special population..  
drugs or orphan diseases

\* وهدول بنعالجهم بتكلفه  
اعمالى لكن هذا لا ينطبق

\* على كل المجتمع

(next slide)  
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# Why?

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- Because, judgements about the acceptability of an intervention is subject to many factors beside the budget and health needs in an area.
- factors including
- The degree of uncertainty surrounding the calculation of ICERs (due to the source of uncertainty around the data source)
- The innovative nature of the intervention (other innovative nature of intervention not captured by the health benefit measure)
- The particular features of the condition and population receiving the intervention

# Estimate of Cost-effectiveness threshold

الدكتورّة ما ركزت عليه — حسب المتعارفين (كيف نعرف الرقم) عليه

- Defining what is an acceptable maximum value or threshold for ICER is difficult and controversial
  - How much is an extra QALY or life year worth? This is a value judgment.
- It can be explored to some extent through techniques such as trying to identify what a patient or the public might be **willing to pay** to avoid an unfavourable outcome
- Some countries use by **common consent**, e.g. provide treatment in the form of coronary bypass grafting: then workout the cost £X per QALY, and so this establishes a baseline for our thinking about how much we value a QALY.

# Estimate of Cost-effectiveness threshold

( لكن بعدي رقم ثابت للدخل ) أفضل / حسب الدخل  
 لجميع المواطنين  
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- Set the threshold equal to per capita Gross Domestic Product
- every member of society were to be given a fair share of nation's wealth, they would receive the per capita GDP. The maximum they could therefore spend on health gain in any one year would therefore be the per Capita GDP.

○ If expenditure exceeds this value either the nation is spending more than it earns or some people are receiving less than their fair share.

المعادلة ○ GDP = Gross domestic product; < GDP per capita (Very cost-effective); 1-3 x GDP per capita (cost-effective); > 3 x GDP per capita (not cost-effective)

هذا المبدأ  $\leq$   $< 4k$  (very cost effective)  
 $1-3 \times 4000 = 4-12k$  (Threshold)

eg: - معدل الدخل :  $\leq$   $4000 \$ / year$

# What do you explain here in this graph

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\* move threshold  
means move acceptance to intervention  
New service more costly

ICER: 20,000 per QALY

ICER: 10,000 per QALY

NW

NE

cost effective

Drug B

New service more effective

لأنه تحت ال  
Threshold  
(سواء كان هذا ال  
أو غيره)  
أدوية  
تحت  
ال  
Threshold

For your Info:..

\* كل ما يقع على ال Threshold

بال SE بضيقت هون

SW (نقل احتمالية  
أنه نقبله)

بال سلك يكون

بفسر لنا أنه صاحب تكلفة

فعالية أقل وتكلفة أقل

فقط احتمالية  
أنه نقبله

لأنه إذا قبلنا ستكون  
رغبت ال أفضل وأدوية  
ال برسوا

SE

New service less costly

\* So discussion occurs does it worth it to have drug B

NW

New service more costly

NE

£30,000

Cost  
ineffective

Ceiling ratio  
= £30,000 / QALY

New service  
less effective  
(QALY lost)

Cost  
effective1  
QALY

New service  
more effective  
(QALY gained)

SE

SW

*end of Lec 1*

New service less costly

\* Pt different in outcomes of interventions: So we depend on Avg (متوسط النتائج) (more clarity through lecture)  
 eg: drug efficacy 40%  
 = on avg, for most people it's SD (8/1050) 280  
 50% 20% 40%  
 \* So we don't depend on 1 item of ICER

لذلك بعد Test للتغيرات بال Cost + فائدة  
 which called sensitivity Analysis (بمعنى اننا اذا ارجعنا ما جئنا له)

## Remember

- All PE evaluations present means or proportions as outcomes e.g.
  - The mean reduction in blood pressure was 10mmHg (check next 2 pages)
  - The mean cost was £8,500
- These results are all based on samples
- If the study was repeated on a different sample we would obtain a slightly different result

بشيء واحد في Quad  
 [which are now after numbs changed]

مثلاً كان بال NE مار بال SE

So!!

We need to estimate the boundaries within which the population (real) value is likely to lie (sensitivity analysis)

بنعرف أنه  
 الدواء مناسب  
 إذا كان بنفسي  
 ال Quad



# Last time we stopped at the notion of

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- No matter how well-executed or comprehensive an economic evaluation, **the data on costs and outcomes will inevitably contain various degrees of uncertainty and potential bias.**

هنا إلى هنا كنا نشتغل عليه بالفصل الأول

- *Once the ICER has been generated in the primary incremental economic analysis (base case analysis), it is necessary to assess the robustness of these ICER*

- *Robustness refers to the sensitivity of the ICER to uncertainties in the data*

- **Sensitivity analyses are performed to test the robustness of study results and conclusions when these underlying assumptions or estimates are varied.**

- This process reveals the degree of uncertainty, imprecision, or methodological controversy in the evaluation.

# Sensitivity Analysis

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- A **standard approach** to manage uncertainty in PE evaluations
- A tool that tests the robustness of PE evaluation results and conclusions by holding other evaluation parameters constant, the study results are recalculated. **E.g. different discounting rates**
- If changing the values of specific variables does not substantially alter the results, you will have more confidence in the original findings
- Sensitivity analysis enhances extrapolation of the results **(What does this mean?).**

# Source of uncertainty

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- Sensitivity analysis involves varying parameter estimates across a range and observing how this will impact the conclusion results
- Uncertainty may rise from
  - Diagnosis:
  - Natural history of the disease:
  - Treatment efficacy and effectiveness:
  - The development of adverse events:
  - Resources consumed by treatment options:

# Outcome Terms

**Efficacy**: Clinical outcome <sup>النتيجة السريرية</sup> From RCT (↓ Bias ↑ Internal Validity) depend on data source (← Better)

→ <sup>20</sup> The observation studies (→ to observe files of Pt with DM)

- Effectiveness is concerned with what benefits/costs are associated with a new therapy when it is used in the real world whereas efficacy is concerned with measuring the benefit of therapy in controlled conditions (i.e. RCTs) <sup>هذه الانتاج حساسية</sup>
  - In RCTs, patients are more monitored and where the comparator may not be the one used in the clinical trial. <sup>بمستشفى</sup>
- There is often little evidence available about effectiveness, and we are forced to make assumptions <sup>بمستشفى العرايل اذ خارجة وهذا سي</sup>
  - These assumptions should be reasonable, and should be transparent, so that they can be challenged.

# Sensitivity Analysis

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- Health Economists like to take into account the *possible extremes (i.e. SD or CI)* in the analysis rather than the mean  
↳ Confidence interval
- Imagine this
- The mean (95% CI) change in QALY of a drug B was 3 (1,5) and the change in cost is £90,000.
- What are the possible costs per QALY (ICER)? *Use the mean and then the extreme values? What is the base case ICER? What is the results of sensitivity analysis?*
- $90,000/3 = \text{£}30,000$  per QALY
- $90,000/1 = \text{£}90,000$  per QALY
- $90,000/5 = \text{£}18,000$  per QALY

# Uncertainty and variation in PE evaluations

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- Variations in the outcomes (**previous slide**)  
*+ quality*
- Variations exist also around the estimated cost of the intervention
- *Mean (95% CI) usage costs for*
  - *Medicines £30K (10, 50)*
  - *Hospitalisations £20k (10, 30)*
  - *GP visits £30K (10,50)*
  - *Equipment for monitoring £10K (5,15)*

# Types of sensitivity analysis

So in  $\rightarrow$  I put the 3k and calcu (Re- (3k-7k))

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- $\rightarrow$  we change 1 parameter

One way-sensitivity analysis (Avg تكاليف of DM in year 500, but it range (cost) here the parameter is cost)

  - Varying each uncertain component individually to assess the effect of each on the results of analysis

هون ال data فيها High bias (cost) here the parameter is cost
- Multiway sensitivity analysis

  - Varying two or more components at the same time

تعارن بين كل حاج: High bias (cost) here the parameter is cost
- Threshold analysis

  - Identifying the critical value of parameters above or below which the conclusions of the study will change

eg what is the max dose of CABG if more than it it-became higher the threshold
- PSA Probabilistic sensitivity analysis

  - Each parameter (e.g. cost and outcome) has a predefined distribution (range)
  - A computer simulation is run where different values from these ranges are selected randomly, thus resulted in generating different values of incremental costs, outcomes, and ICER that are plotted in a cost effectiveness curve (CEAC)

eg: The PT & DM for fogens have uncertainty from 3k-7k next slide

PSA  
(eg)  
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$\rightarrow$  each has CI so we can draw scale

eg: Look normal distributions

Then we calculate Incremental cost  
 then put it on CE plane Inc. outcome  
 eg. if we repeat it for 9 1h times  
 = so (point 5?) = 1x point  
 for Incremental cost outcome

So By help of Comp. I ask him for eg to do a test 10k times  
 each time take number b/n 3h-7h  
 to see if it's Cost effective or not

Example

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- The health care provider was able to purchase antibiotic C at a much lower price ICER must be recalculated with this new cost information.
- Calculate the new ICER
- What are the types of sensitivity analysis
- Plot it on the cost-effectiveness plane

(See next page)

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Analysis	Cost to treat 100 patients	Effectiveness (%)	Incremental effectiveness	Incremental cost	ICER
<p>in Base case <del>*</del> in quad NE</p> <p>↓</p> <p>القديم الجديد</p> <p>in SE <del>*</del> بعد الدعم</p>	Antibiotic C	Antibiotic A	Antibiotic C	Antibiotic A	
<p>Base case</p> <p>←</p>	8000	7000	80%	75%	
<p>↓</p> <p>بعد الدعم</p> <p>↓</p> <p>بيني أرخصا صار وأفضل (it's ↑ dominant)</p>	Antibiotic C 6800	7000	80%	75%	
<p>هل ار decision تغير؟</p>					

# Think of this situation too

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- For instance if a study assumes a rate of relapse of duodenal ulcers after treatment of 5% at one year, what happens if the relapse rate were to be actually 2.5%, or 10%?
- This might drastically affect the outcome of a study.

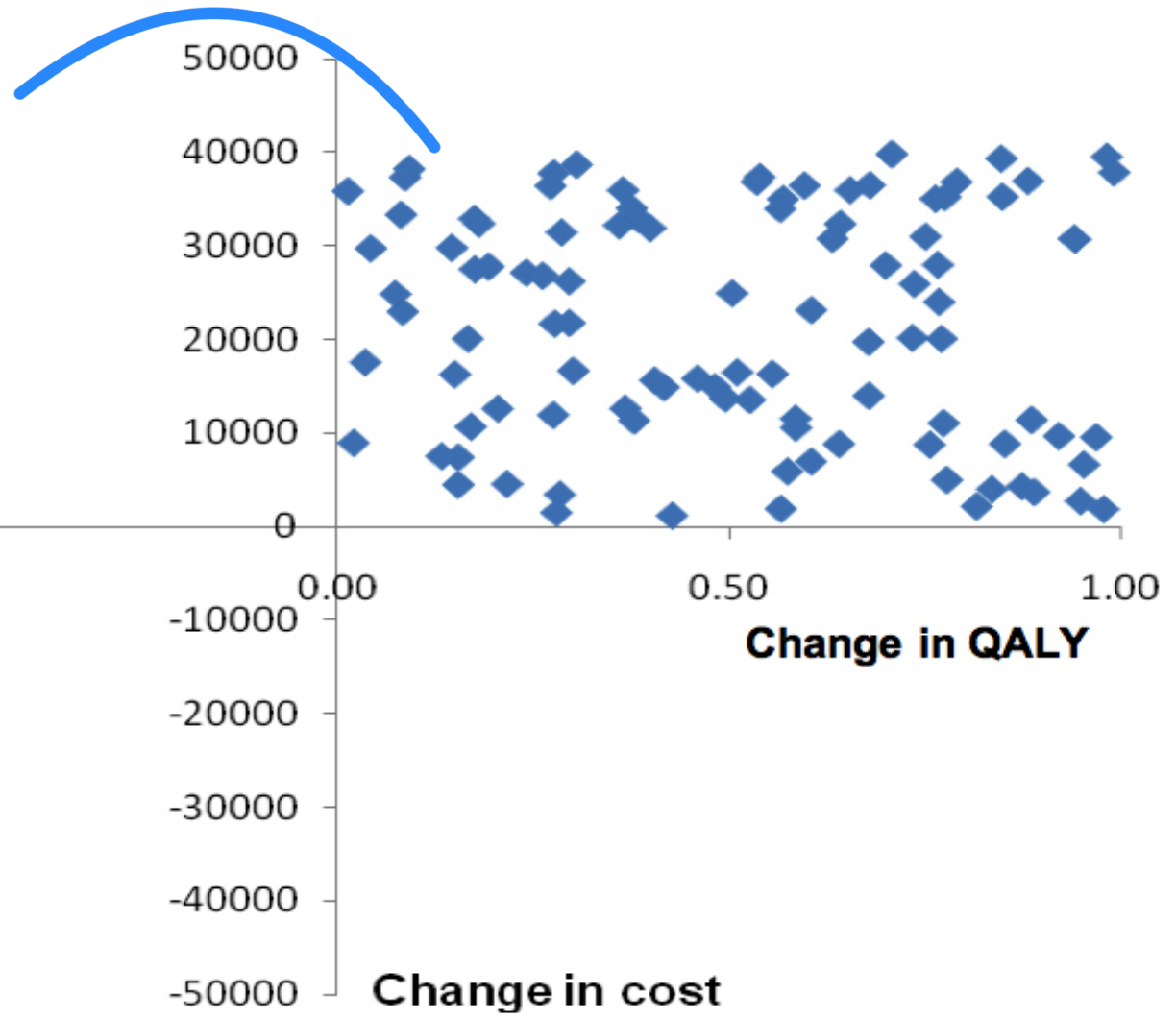
# Variations not only in outcomes

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- How many different extreme values are there?  
(need to take into account all permutations)
- Therefore never just one point on an CE plane
- Plotting a single point on an CE plane is overly simplistic.
- When plotting an ICER it is necessary to take into account the variation in the accuracy of both the estimated costs and outcomes.

# Sensitivity analysis would look like this

ما تغير الـ *decision*  
لأنه نفس الـ *Quad*  
لكن بعد عن بعض الذات  
مع تغير الـ Threshold تبع الدولة  
فما احتمال تتغير النتيجة  
(check *431*)

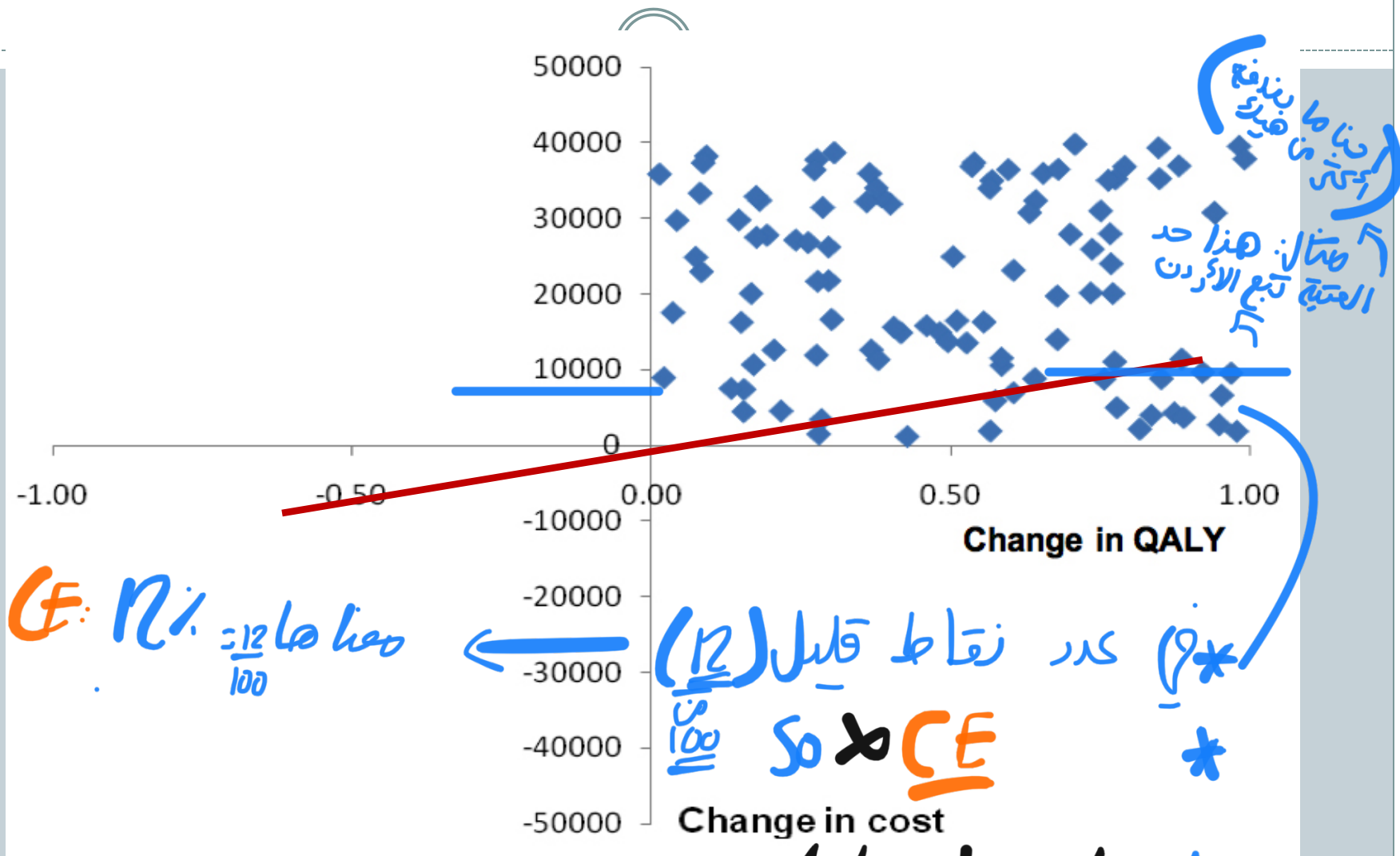


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- Any good economic study will challenge their assumptions, by varying them in a *sensitivity analysis*.
- This explores the extent to which a conclusion is dependent on an assumption.
- A sensitivity analysis clarifies what are the **critical assumptions** and confirm that the results of the evaluation are robust, despite changes in the assumption.

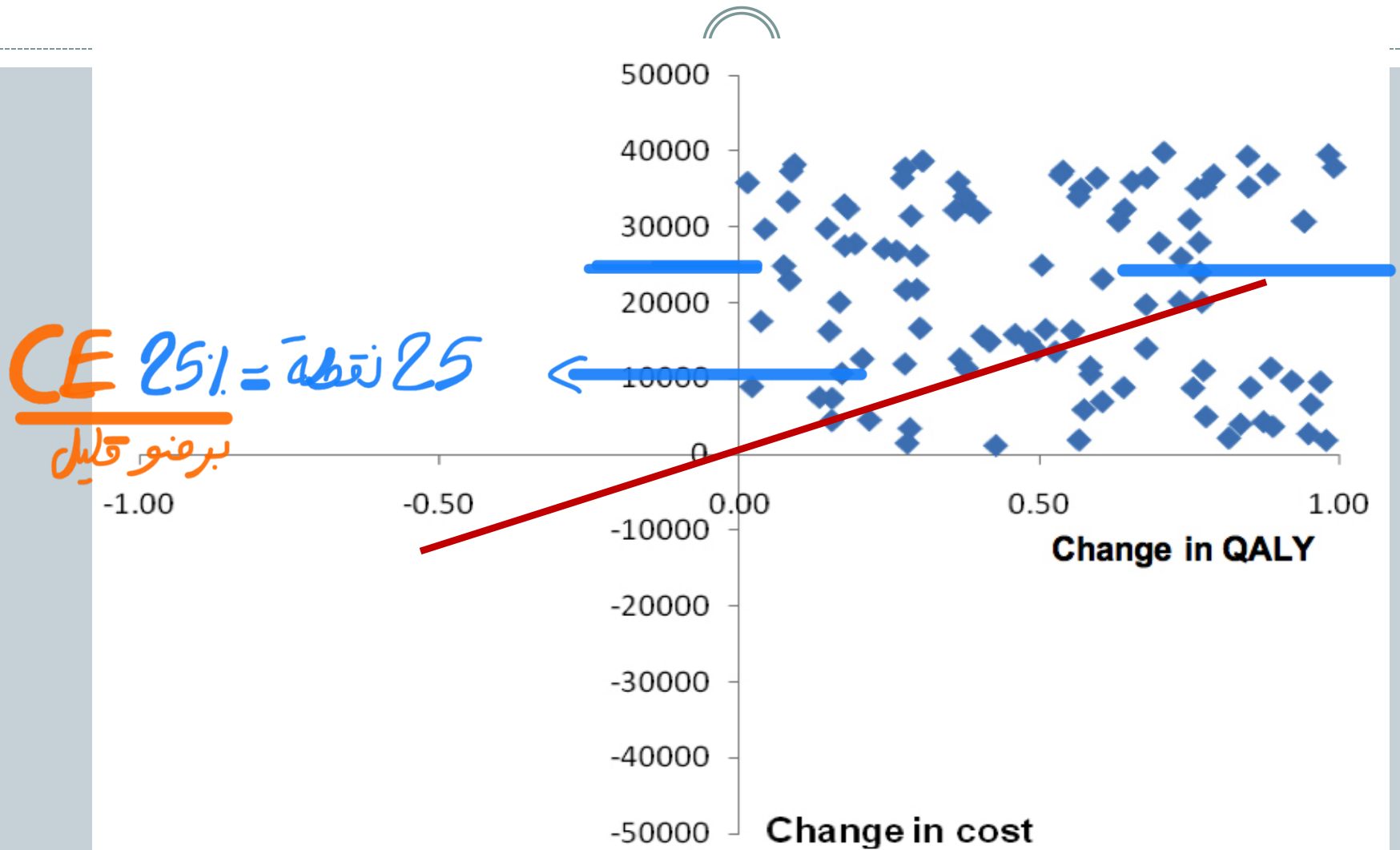
- It is important for any PE evaluation to report the methods used for the sensitivity analysis
- The results of analyses should always be included in the results
- This is important to determine the likelihood of acceptance for an intervention
  - *This is determined from the proportion of points below different thresholds*

# What is the proportion of points demonstrate a Cost per QALY < 10,000?



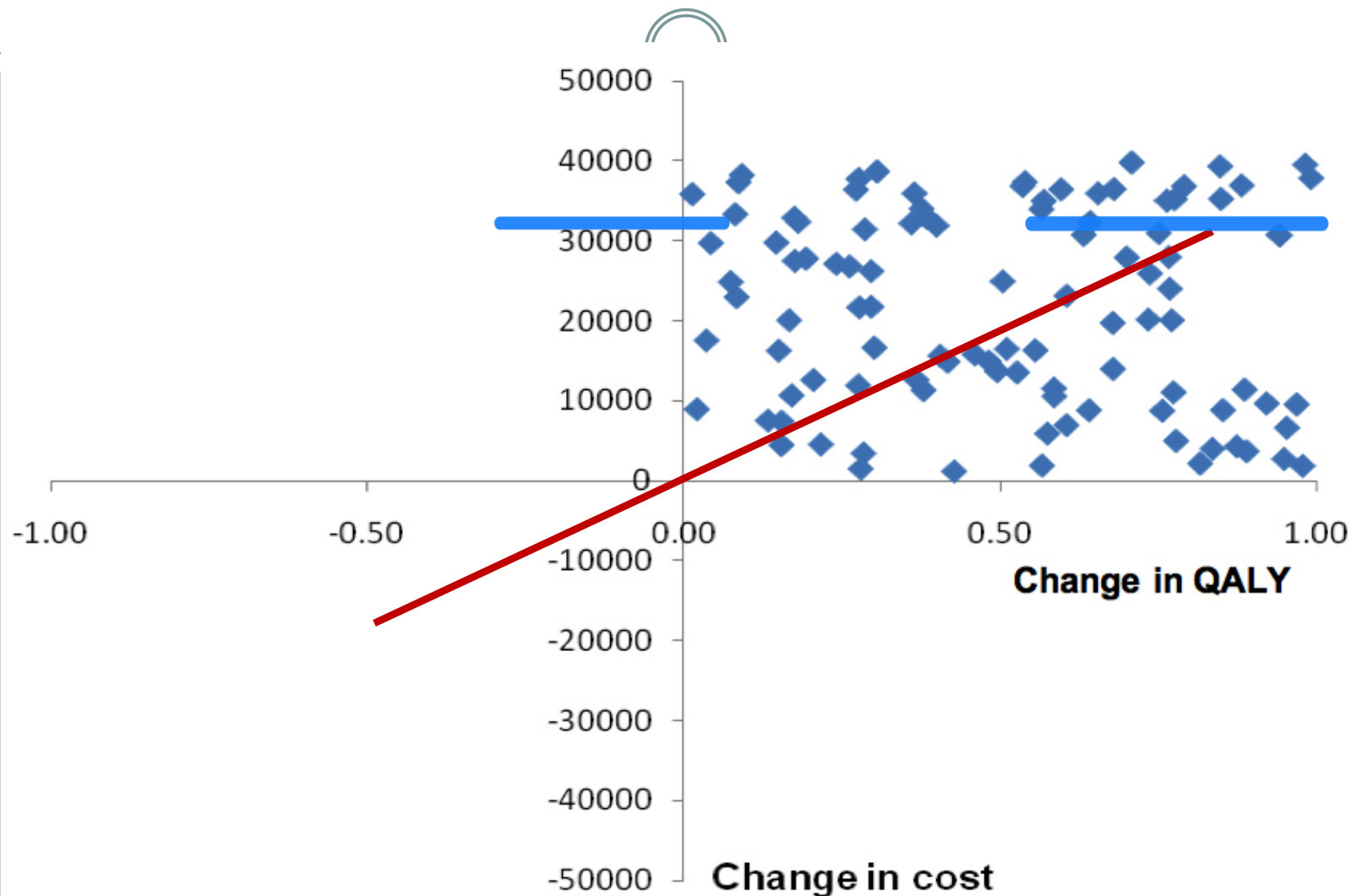
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What is the proportion of points demonstrate a  
Cost per QALY < 20,000?

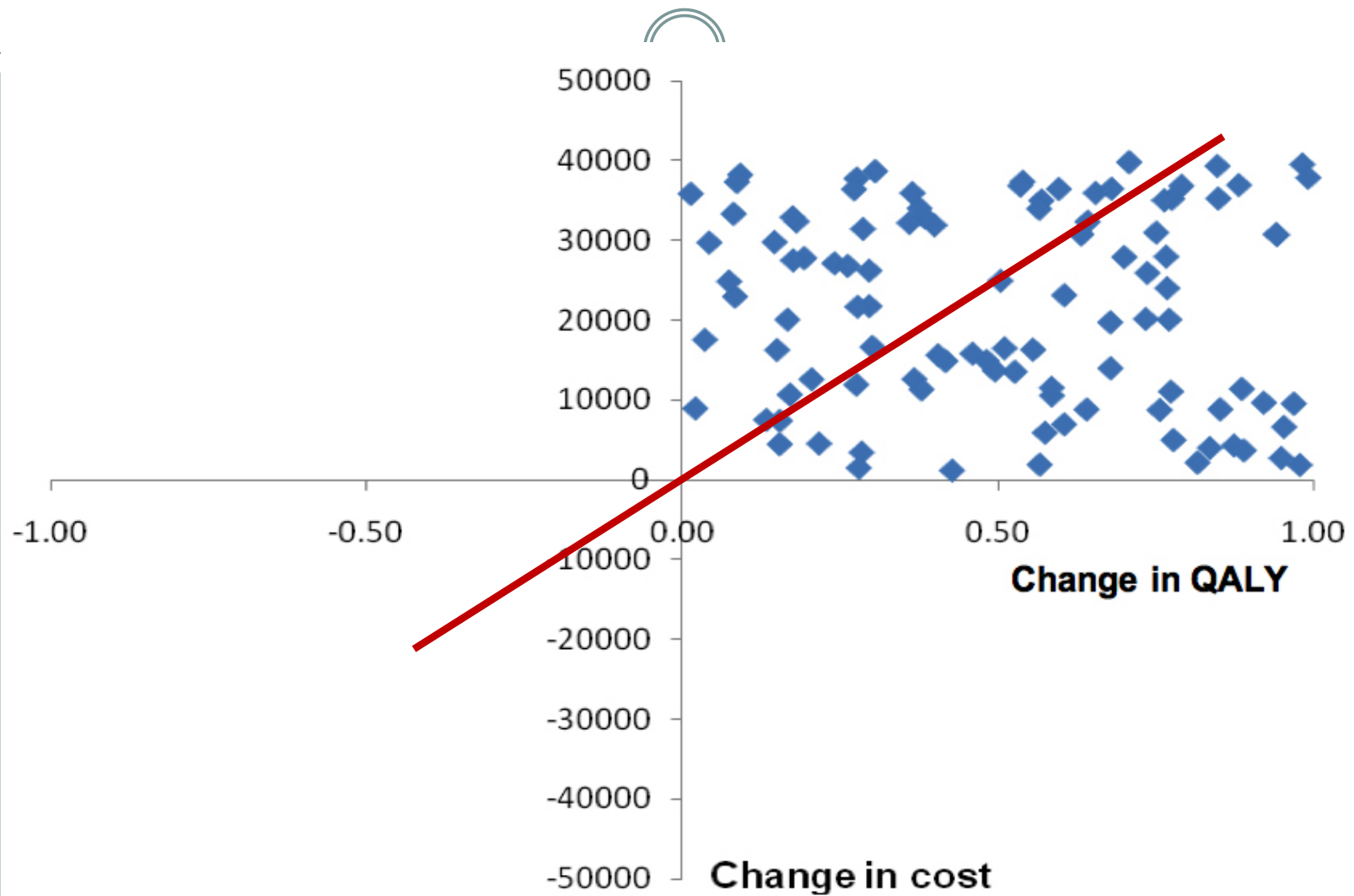




# What is the proportion of points demonstrate a Cost per QALY $< 30,000$ ?



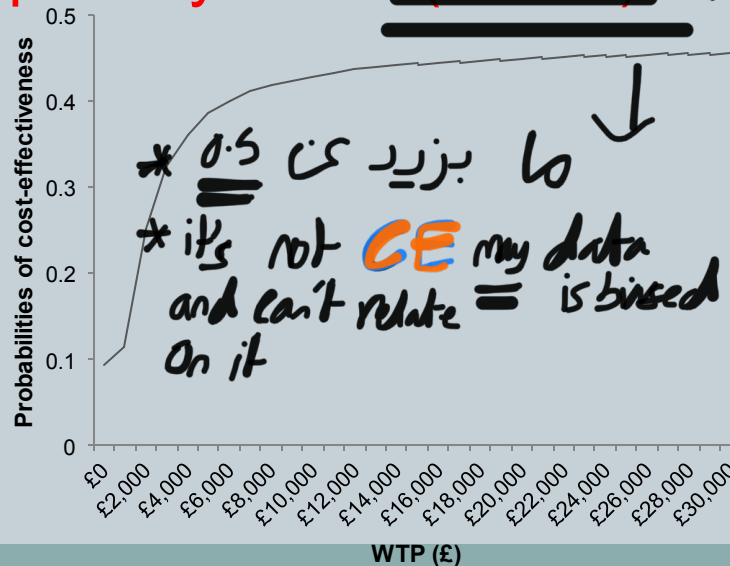
What is the proportion of points demonstrate a  
Cost per QALY < 40,000?



# Likelihood of acceptance for an intervention (being cost effective)

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- Proportion of points under the cost-effectiveness threshold = likelihood of the intervention being cost effective
- If we plot proportion of points under the cost-effectiveness threshold against the cost-effectiveness threshold this would give the **cost effectiveness acceptability curve (CEAC)** → only by PSA



Eg: The study done in UK  
Range (0-30k)  
So by PSA calc  
(برتفع مع زيادة الـ range)  
من صفر إلى ...

- In the CEAC curve, the probability that intervention is more cost-effective than control group for a range of the decision-maker's  $WTP(\lambda)$  for an extra LYG or QALY are presented.
  - The CEAC is constructed by plotting the proportion of the incremental cost-effect pairs (y-axis) that were cost-effective for a range of  $\lambda$  values (x-axis). These proportions are calculated by dividing the number of the incremental cost-effect pairs, lying to the south and east of a ray with a slope equivalent to  $\lambda$  in the cost-effectiveness plan, over the total number of cost-effect pairs.
  - This process is repeated numerous times with different values of  $\lambda$  (in the UK ranging from 0 to £30,000)

# Summary

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- Health economics used to make decisions regarding which interventions to accept
- We accept interventions proven to be the most cost effective use of health resources
- In order to decide this we need to consider
  - Accepted value of health gain (cost-effectiveness threshold)
  - Uncertainty around cost effectiveness estimate (sensitivity analysis)
  - Likelihood of being cost effective (CEAC)

# Example: screening for colorectal cancer

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program	incremental cost (JDs)	Incremental Life-years gained	ICER
Every 2 years, age 55-74	800,000	400	
Every 1.5 years, age 55-74	700,000	300	
Every Year, age 55-74	1,400,000	500	
Every year, age 50-74	1,700,00	500	

CE threshold = 3000 JDs per life year gained

Which of these we should adapt ?

# Answers

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- ICERs are: 2000, 2333, 2800 and 3100
- The annual screening aged 55-74 would be adopted