

# Bayesian methods in biomedical research — Part I: Bayesian theory

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# Course Presentation

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# Bayesian vocabulary


- **paradigm**
- *a priori*
- *a posteriori*
- **elicitation**

# Course objectives

## I Familiarize oneself with the **Bayesian framework**:

- 1 understand and assess a Bayesian modeling strategy, and discuss its underlying assumptions
- 2 rigorously describe expert knowledge by a quantitative prior distribution

## II Study and perform Bayesian analyses in **biomedical applications**:

- 1 understand, discuss and reproduce a Bayesian (re-)estimation of a Relative Risk
- 2 perform a Bayesian regression using , applied to meta-analysis
- 3 put into perspective the results from a Bayesian analysis described in a scientific article

**NB** : this course is by no means exhaustive, and the curious reader will be referred to more complete works such as *The Bayesian Choice* by C Robert.

# Disclaimer

**Audience** is often **diverse**:

Students with *different backgrounds & different expertise* will get a **different experience** of this class

Some parts can feel *hard, frustrating* or even *not very relevant to you*.

**My goal:** *everyone* finds interesting ideas, concept and tools to learn.

For some, the important focus will be the *medical applications*, for others it will be the *programming tools*, or the new *philosophical framework*, or the *statistical tools*...

OK to feel a bit lost at first  
Things should make more sense as we progress !  
⇒ **Ask questions !**