Talk Title: Augmented Intelligence for Evidence-based medicine: from Clinical Trial Retrieval to Evidence Appraisal

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Abstract: Evidence-based medicine is the use of best evidence in making decisions about the care of individual patients. Randomized controlled clinical trials provide the most reliable medical evidence. In the life cycle of clinical trials, from study design to conduct, and to evidence comprehension and synthesis, there are many unmet user needs among clinical researchers, patients, and clinicians, causing suboptimal decisions and potentially compromised clinical trials.

In this talk, I will present my research work that aims to provide Augmented Intelligence to these different stakeholders of clinical trials in order to augment their decision making. First, I will talk about optimizing clinical participant selection with an analytical framework that enables real-time user intervention for criteria selection and parsing error correction. Second, I will introduce my work on interactive search and recommendation of clinical trials for patients by minimizing human computer interaction. Third, I will discuss my work on computational medical evidence representation and literature-based medical evidence discovery to facilitate evidence appraisal. The talk will conclude with a discussion of promising future opportunities and potential collaborations.