# The investigation a frequency of asthma in ECAP study in Poland

#### Konrad Furmańczyk<sup>1,2</sup> and Marta Zalewska<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Department of Applied Mathematics, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland, konfur@wp.pl

<sup>2</sup> Department of the Prevention of Environmental Hazards and Allergology, Medical University of Warsaw, Poland, zalewska.marta@gmail.com

# Outline

- Basic information of ECAP study
- Used statistical tools and R packages in our investigations
- Some examples of associations between asthma, regions and age
- Conclusions
- References

#### ECAP

- ECAP (Epidemiology of Allergy in Poland in years 2006-2008) was a questionnaire-based survey on ISAAC (International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood) and ECRHS (European Community Respiratory Health Survey)
- 18617 subjects were selected to the analysis:

50.4% adults aged 20-44 years, 24.2% children 6-7 years and 25.4% children aged 13-14 years

• 53.8% female and 46.2% male

#### ECAP

All study subjects were randomly selected from PESEL data base (PESEL - identity number given to each citizen of Poland) in 8 cities (Warszawa, Lublin, Białystok, Gdańsk, Poznań, Wrocław, Katowice, Kraków) and 1 rural region (Zamość)

# Methods

- In our resaerch we used simple correspondence analysis to obtain the associations between asthma, region and age of study subjects
- The resaerch were carried on base data from ECAP database
- Analyses were performed in the R package FactoMineR

#### **Basic notations**

- Aged groups: Ch1 (children 6-7 years), Ch2 (children 13-14 years), Ad (adults 20-44 years)
- Cities: Kat (Katowice), Z (Zamość), Kr (Kraków), Wr (Wrocław), L (Lublin), Gd (Gdańsk), Wa (Warszawa), Poz (Poznań), B (Białystok)

#### Example 1

We consider patients with the whistle sound during breathing (potential asthma) Bellow we present contingency table

	Kat	z	Kr	Wr	L	Gd	Wa	Poz	В
Ch1	89	61	109	100	90	109	126	59	161
Ch2	48	41	67	47	56	55	67	23	99
Ad	191	91	124	91	166	127	169	67	206

#### **Correspondence** map

CA factor map



- The chi square test(p-value = 0.0004412) indicate strong dependence between age groups and regions in considered population
- Row masses : 0.34 0.19 0.47
- Column masses: 0.12 0.07 0.11 0.09 0.12
  0.11 0.14 0.06 0.18

#### **Row Profiles**

	Kat	z	Kr	Wr	L	Gd	Wa	Poz	В
Ch1	0.10	0.07	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.07	0.18
Ch2	0.10	0.08	0.13	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.05	0.20
Ad	0.15	0.07	0.10	0.07	0.13	0.10	0.14	0.05	0.17

#### **Column Profiles**

	Ch1	Ch2	Ad
Kat	0.27	0.15	0.58
Z	0.32	0.21	0.47
Kr	0.36	0.22	0.41
Wr	0.42	0.20	0.38
L	0.29	0.18	0.53
Gd	0.37	0.19	0.44
Wa	0.35	0.19	0.47
Poz	0.40	0.15	0.45
В	0.35	0.21	0.44

From Row Profiles we have that

- in <u>children 6-7 years</u>: the highest frequency of whistles in breath appears in B (Białystok) 18% and the lowest frequency of whistles in breath appears in P (Poznań) and Z (Zamość) 7%,
- <u>in children 13-14 years</u>: the highest frequency of whistles in breath appears in B (Białystok) 20% and the lowest frequency of whistles in breath appears in P (Poznań) 5%,
- <u>In adults</u>: the highest frequency of whistles in breath appears in B (Białystok) 17% and the lowest frequency of whistles in breath appears in P (Poznań) 5%

From Column Profiles we have that

- in all cities without Wr (Wrocław): the highest frequency of whistles in breath appears in <u>adults</u> and the lowest frequency of whistles in breath appears in <u>children 13-14 years.</u>
- In Wr (Wrocław): the highest frequency of whistles in breath appears in <u>children 6-7</u> <u>years</u> and the lowest frequency of whistles in breath appears in <u>children 13-14 years</u>.

By corespondence map we obtain that

- in L (Lublin) and Kat (Katowice) most patients with whistles in breath are adults (Ad),
- in Wr (Wrocław), Gd (Gdańsk) and Poz (Poznań) most patients are chlidren 6-7 years (Ch1) and in Kr (Kraów) and B (Białystok) most patients are chlidren 13-14 years (Ch2).

#### Example 2

We consider patients with problems with breath during last year (potential asthma) Bellow we present contingency table

	Kat	z	Kr	Wr	L	Gd	Wa	Poz	В
Ch1	91	75	116	87	94	140	182	59	168
Ch2	111	76	124	107	107	155	161	63	183
Ad	278	113	175	150	240	211	306	76	308

#### **Correspondence** map

CA factor map



- The chi square test(p-value = 1.747e-06) indicate strong dependence between age groups and regions in our population
- Row masses : 0.26 0.27 0.47
- Column masses: 0.12 0.07 0.10 0.09 0.11
  0.13 0.16 0.05 0.17

#### **Row Profiles**

	Kat	z	Kr	Wr	L	Gd	Wa	Poz	В
Ch1	0.13	0.09	0.16	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.19	0.09	0.24
Ch2	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.03	0.14
Ad	0.15	0.07	0.10	0.07	0.13	0.10	0.14	0.05	0.17

#### **Column Profiles**

	Ch1	Ch2	Ad
Kat	0.28	0.15	0.60
Z	0.35	0.23	0.52
Kr	0.39	0.24	0.45
Wr	0.44	0.20	0.40
L	0.31	0.19	0.56
Gd	0.32	0.16	0.38
Wa	0.29	0.15	0.39
Poz	0.45	0.17	0.51
В	0.37	0.23	0.47

From Row Profiles we have that

- in <u>children 6-7 years</u>: the highest frequency of problems with breath appears in B (Białystok) 24% and the lowest frequency of problems with breath appears in P (Poznań) and Z (Zamość) 9%,
- in children 13-14 years: the highest frequency of problems with breath appears in B (Białystok) 14% and the lowest frequency of problems with breath appears in P (Poznań) 3%,
- <u>In adults</u>: the highest frequency of problems with breath appears in B (Białystok) 17% and the lowest frequency of problems with breath appears in P (Poznań) 5%

- From Column Profiles we have that in all cities without Wr (Wrocław) the highest frequency of problems with breath appears in <u>adults</u> and the lowest frequency of problems with breath appears in <u>children 13-14 years.</u>
- In Wr (Wrocław) the highest frequency of problems with breath appears in <u>children 6-7</u> <u>years</u> and the lowest frequency of problems with breath appears in <u>children 13-14 years</u>.

By corespondence map we obtain that

- in L (Lublin) most patients with problems with breath are adults (Ad),
- in Wr (Wrocław), Gd (Gdańsk) and Kr (Kraków) most patients with problems with breath are chlidren 13-14 years (Ch2) and in Z (Zamość) most patients with problems with breath are chlidren 6-7 years (Ch1).

#### Example 3

We consider patients with declared asthma Bellow we present contingency table

	Kat	z	Kr	Wr	L	Gd	Wa	Poz	В
Ch1	26	19	32	24	28	18	27	15	19
Ch2	24	20	41	46	29	43	48	21	39
Ad	55	22	53	35	67	40	60	24	42

#### **Correspondence** map

CA factor map



- The chi square test(p-value = 0.03287) indicate dependence between age group and regions in our population
- Row masses : 0.23 0.34 0.43
- Column masses: 0.11 0.07 0.14 0.11 0.14
  0.11 0.15 0.07 0.11

#### **Row Profiles**

	Kat	z	Kr	Wr	L	Gd	Wa	Poz	В
Ch1	0.12	0.09	0.15	0.12	0.13	0.09	0.13	0.07	0.09
Ch2	0.08	0.06	0.13	0.15	0.09	0.14	0.15	0.07	0.13
Ad	0.14	0.06	0.13	0.09	0.17	0.10	0.15	0.06	0.11

#### **Column Profiles**

	Ch1	Ch2	Ad
Kat	0.25	0.23	0.52
Z	0.31	0.33	0.36
Kr	0.25	0.33	0.42
Wr	0.23	0.44	0.33
L	0.23	0.23	0.54
Gd	0.18	0.43	0.40
Wa	0.20	0.36	0.44
Poz	0.25	0.35	0.40
В	0.19	0.39	0.42

From Row Profiles we have that

- in <u>children 6-7 years</u>: the highest frequency of declared asthma appears in Kr (Kraków) 15% and the lowest frequency of declared asthma appears in P (Poznań) 7%,
- <u>in children 13-14 years</u>: the highest frequency of declared asthma appears in Wr (Wrocław) and Wa (Warszawa) 15% and the lowest frequency of declared asthma appears in Z (Zamość) 6%,
- <u>In adults</u>: the highest frequency of declared asthma appears in L (Lublin) 17% and the lowest frequency of declared asthma appears in P (Poznań) and Z (Zamość) 6%

From Column Profiles we have that

- in all cities without Wr (Wrocław) and Gd (Gdańsk) declared asthma most often appears in adults.
- In Wr (Wrocław) and Gd (Gdańsk) declared asthma most often appears in <u>children 13-14</u> <u>years.</u>

By corespondence map we obtain that

- in L (Lublin) and Kat (Katowice) most patients with declared asthma are adults (Ad),
- in Wr (Wrocław) and Gd (Gdańsk) most patients are chlidren 13-14 years (Ch2) and in Kr (Kraków) most patients are chlidren 6-7 years (Ch1).

#### Example 4

# We consider patients with doctor's diagnosed asthma

Bellow we present contingency table

	Kat	z	Kr	Wr	L	Gd	Wa	Poz	В
Ch1	25	16	31	22	25	18	25	15	15
Ch2	22	19	38	43	28	44	44	19	38
Ad	53	21	49	35	66	40	57	23	40

#### **Correspondence** map

CA factor map



- The chi square test(p-value = 0.02569) indicate dependence between age group and regions in our population
- Row masses : 0.22 0.34 0.44
- Column masses: 0.11 0.06 0.14 0.11 0.14
  0.12 0.14 0.07 0.11

#### **Row Profiles**

	Kat	z	Kr	Wr	L	Gd	Wa	Poz	В
Ch1	0.13	0.08	0.16	0.11	0.13	0.09	0.13	0.08	0.08
Ch2	0.07	0.06	0.13	0.15	0.09	0.15	0.15	0.06	0.13
Ad	0.14	0.05	0.13	0.09	0.17	0.10	0.15	0.06	0.10

#### **Column Profiles**

	Ch1	Ch2	Ad
Kat	0.25	0.22	0.53
Z	0.29	0.34	0.38
Kr	0.26	0.32	0.42
Wr	0.22	0.43	0.35
L	0.21	0.24	0.55
Gd	0.18	0.43	0.39
Wa	0.20	0.35	0.45
Poz	0.26	0.33	0.40
В	0.16	0.41	0.43

From Row Profiles we have that

- in <u>children 6-7 years</u>: the highest frequency of doctor's diagnosed asthma appears in Kr (Kraków) 16% and the lowest frequency of doctor's diagnosed asthma appears in P (Poznań), Z (Zamość) and B (Białystok) 8%,
- <u>in children 13-14 years</u>: the highest frequency of doctor's diagnosed asthma appears in Wr (Wrocław), Wa (Warszawa) and Gd (Gdańsk) 15% and the lowest frequency of doctor's diagnosed asthma appears in Z (Zamość) and P (Poznań) 6%,
- <u>In adults</u>: the highest frequency of doctor's diagnosed asthma appears in L (Lublin) 17% and the lowest frequency of doctor's diagnosed asthma appears in Z (Zamość) 5%

From Column Profiles we have that

- in all cities without Wr (Wrocław) and Gd (Gdańsk) doctor's diagnosed asthma most often appears in <u>adults</u>.
- In Wr (Wrocław) and Gd (Gdańsk) doctor's diagnosed asthma most often appears in <u>children 13-14 years.</u>

By corespondence map we obtain that

- in L (Lublin) and Kat (Katowice) most patients with doctor's diagnosed asthma are adults (Ad),
- in Wr (Wrocław) and Gd (Gdańsk) most patients are chlidren 13-14 years (Ch2) and in Kr (Kraków) most patients are chlidren 6-7 years (Ch1).

#### References

- Greenacre M (1984). Theory and Applications of Correspondence Analysis. *London: Academic Press*.
- Husson F, Josse J, Le S, Mazet J (2008) The FactoMineR Package, version 1.10,

http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/FactoMineR/FactoMin

 Samoliński B (2008). Epidemiology of Allergic Diseases in Poland, Report of ECRHS II and ISAAC study, Department of Environmental Hazards Prevention and Allergology, Medical University of Warsaw (in Polish)