

# The Scottish Experience



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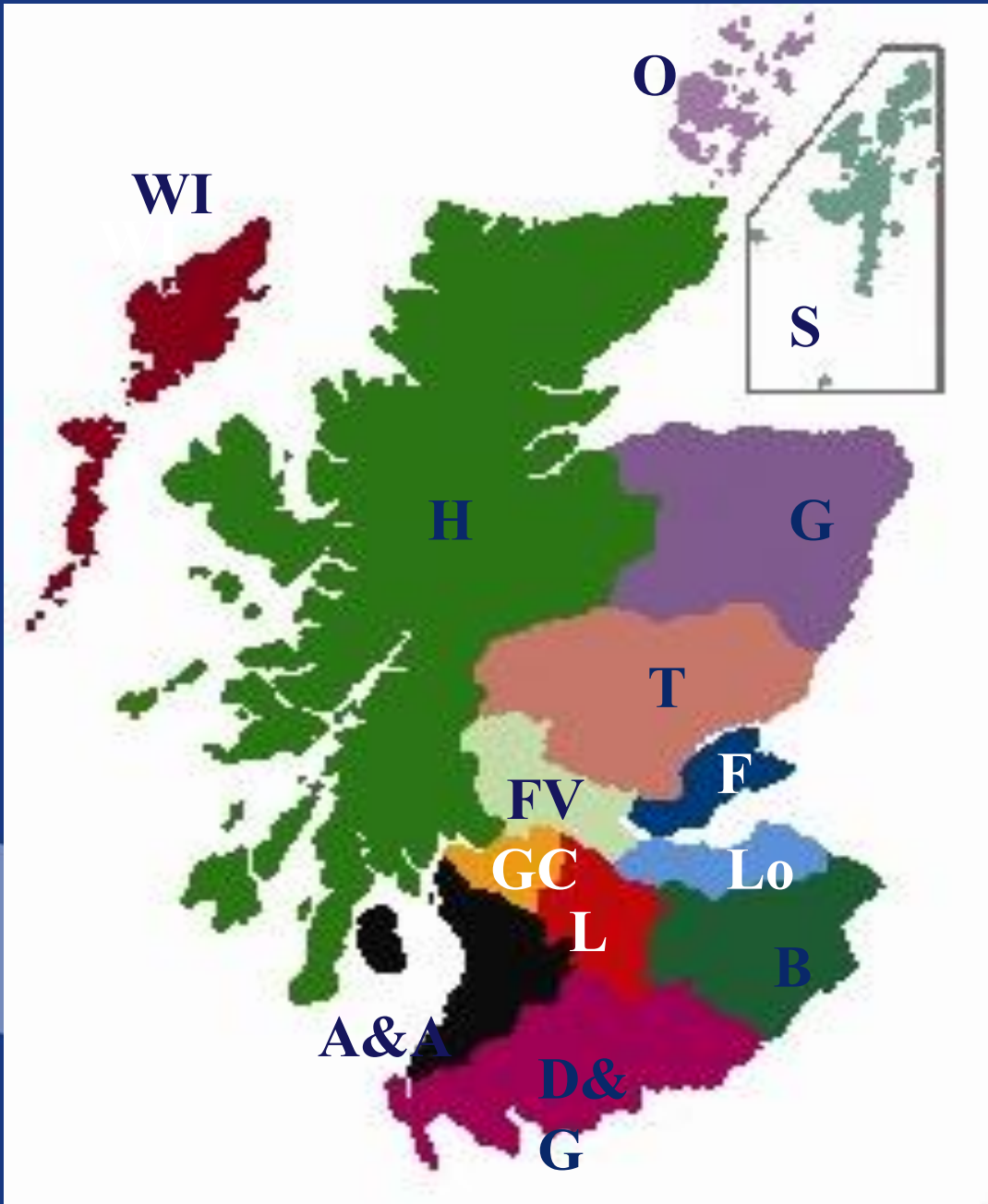


# Automated Grading



- Why did we introduce it?
- What is it?
  - Integration
  - Acceptance by users
  - Governance





Ayrshire & Arran (A&A)

Borders (B)

Dumfries & Galloway (D&G)

Fife (F)

Forth Valley (FV)

Grampian (G)

Greater Glasgow & Clyde (GC)

Highland (H)

Lanarkshire (L)

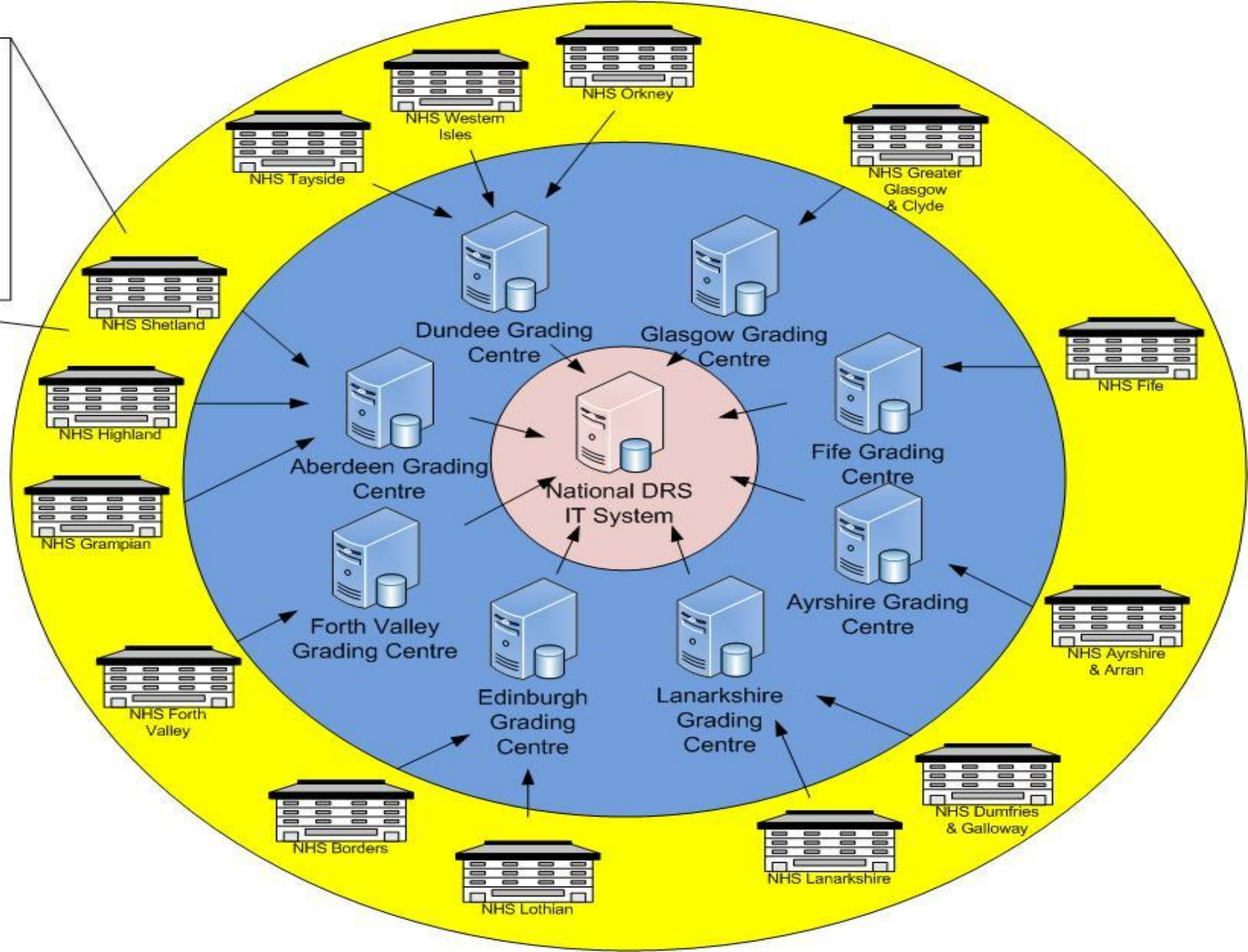
Lothian (Lo)

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Tayside (T)

Western Isles (WI)





# Why use it?

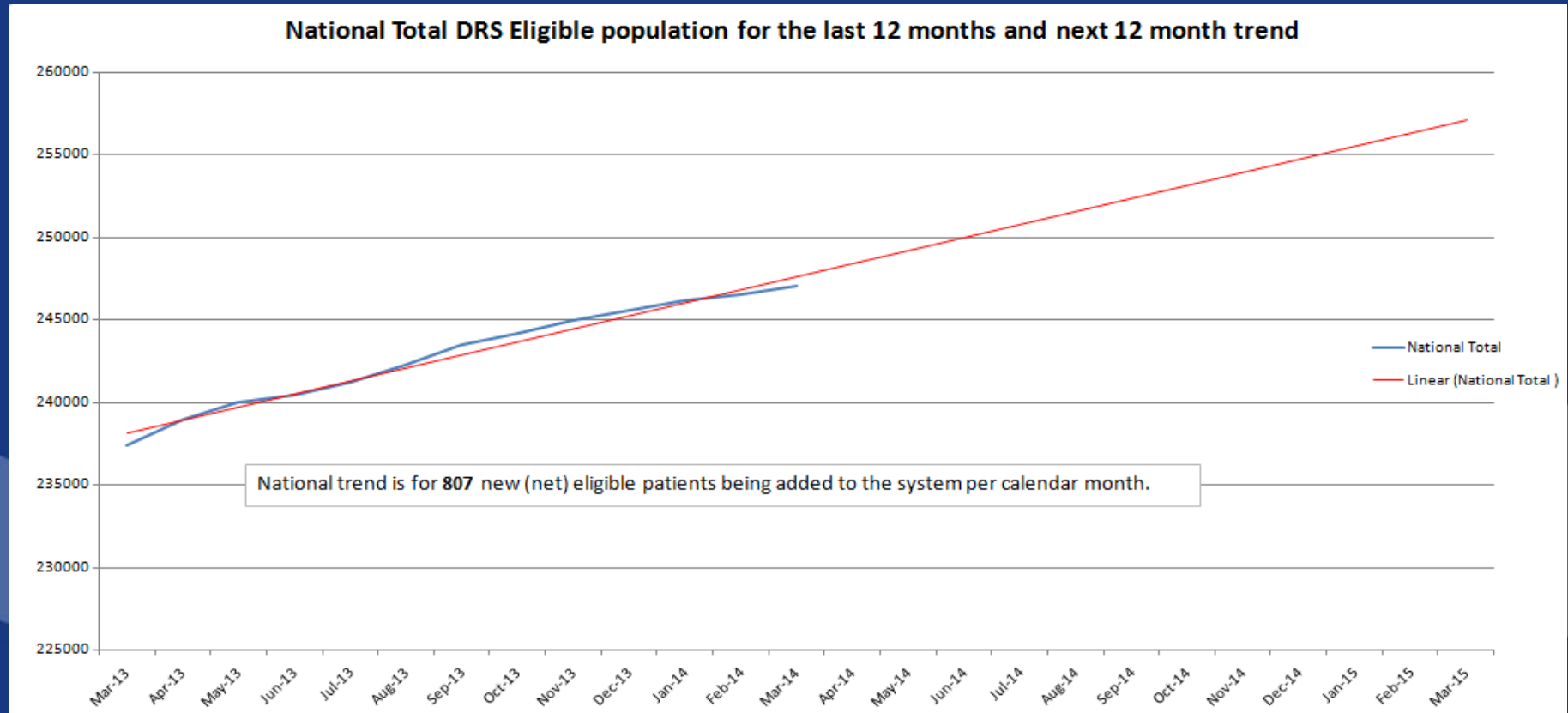


# Programme in 2009

- Total diabetic population = 227,293  
Eligible = 196,686
- Graders
  - 41 Level 1
  - 34 Level 2
  - 15 Level 3 – Ophthalmologists
  - Total team of 90
- Turnover of L1 graders was ~20% pa ☹️

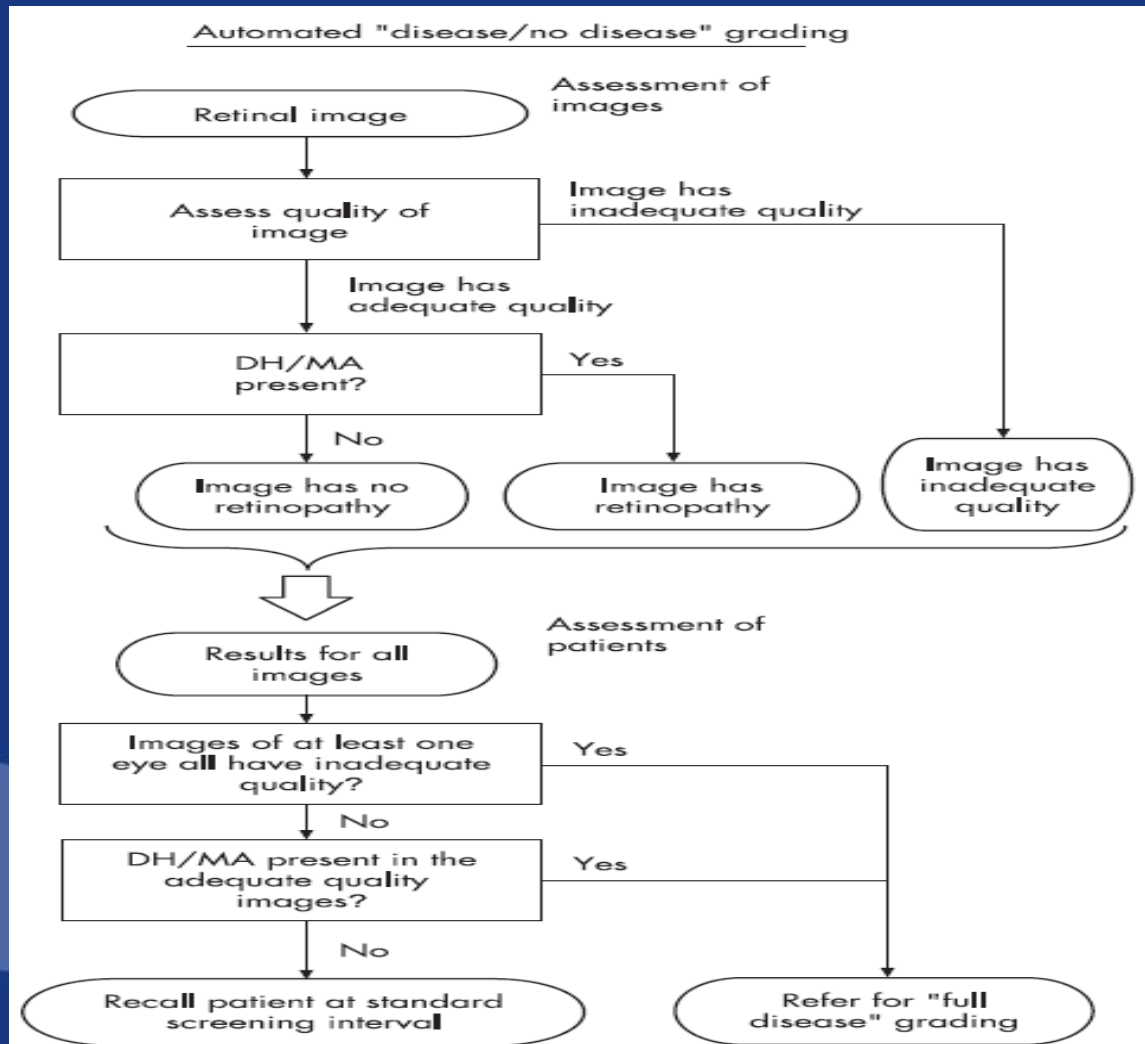
# Why use it?

- Reduces manual grading by ??
- Cost effective ??
- Resilience ??





# What is automated grading?



Detects micro-aneurysms

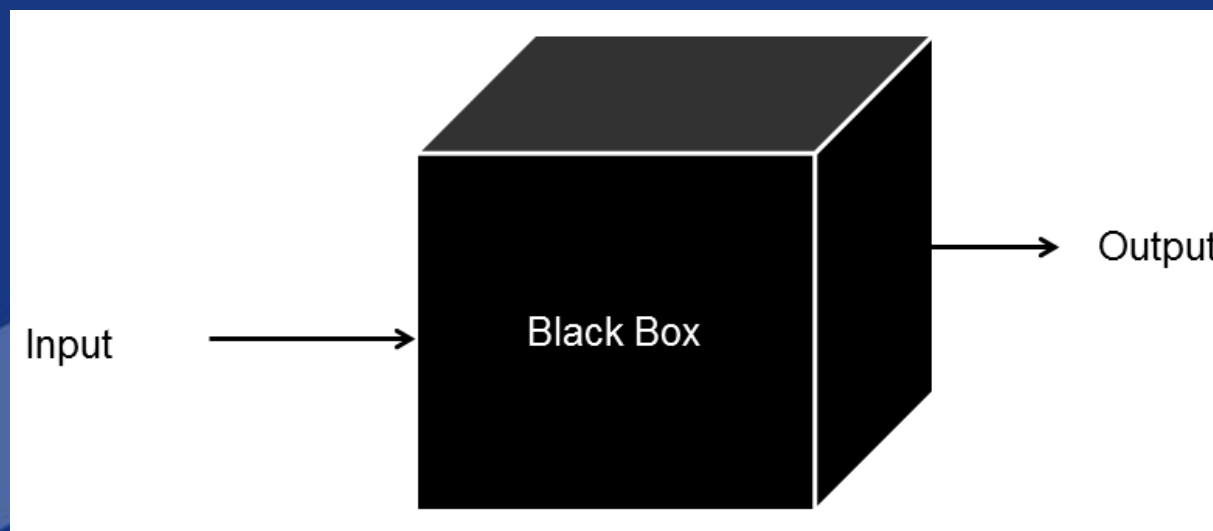
Sensitivity vs specificity

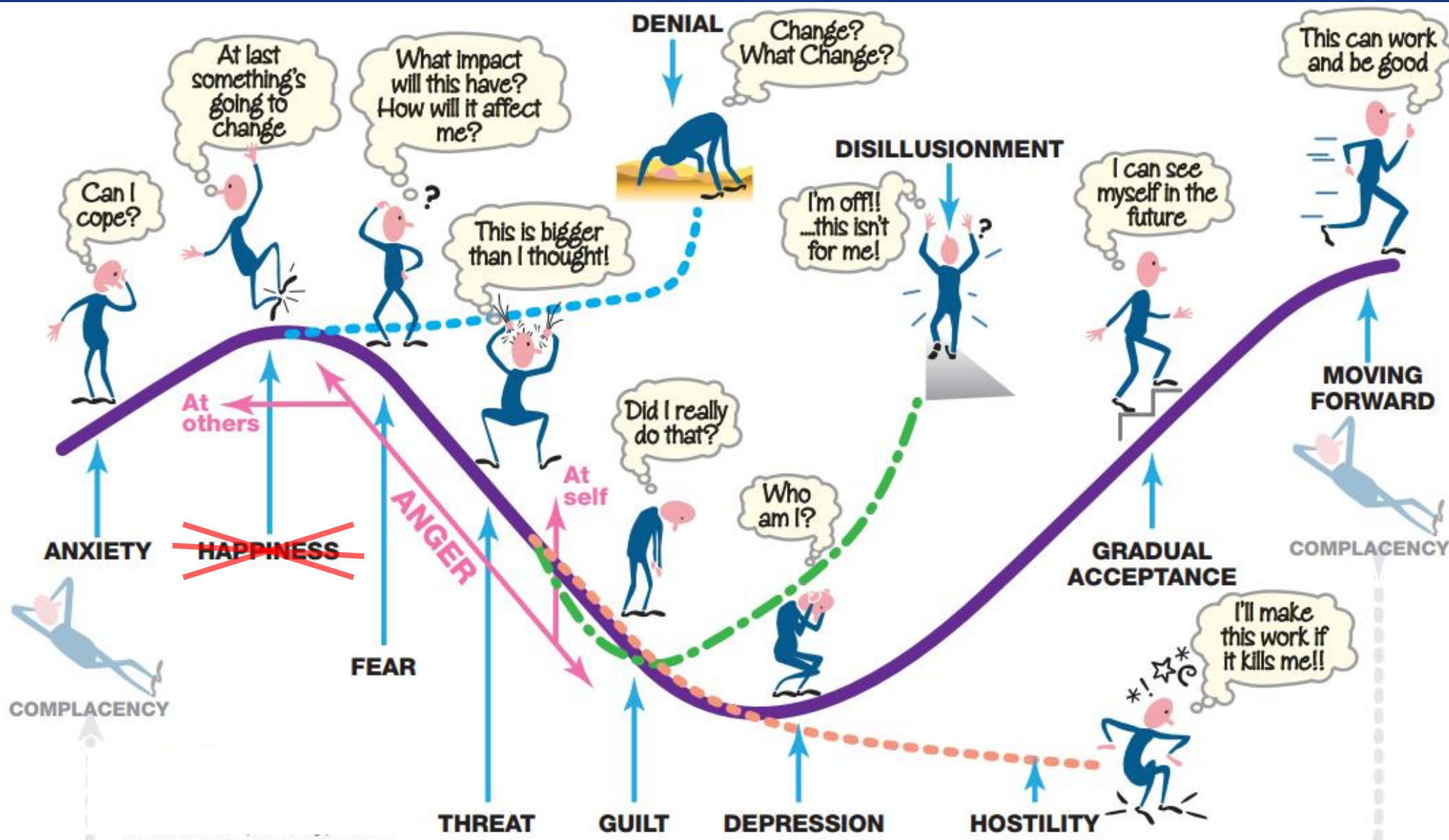
No disease

- autograder 40%
- manual grader 60%

# What is Automated Grading?

- Black Box solution
- Inputs
  - Unique case/image identifier
  - Retinal images
- Outputs only one of the following -
  - Technical Failure
  - No Disease Detected
  - Disease Detected

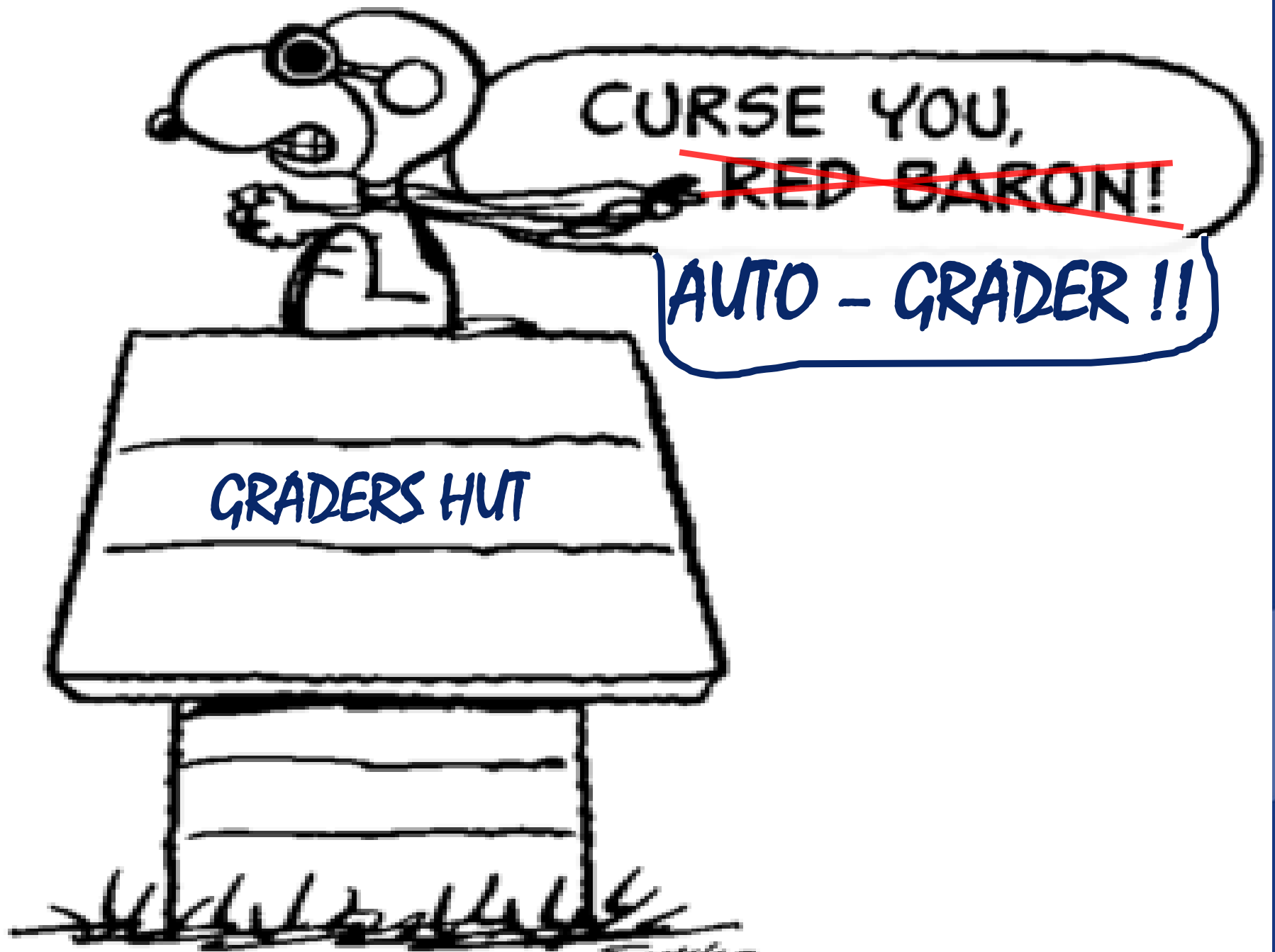




Time

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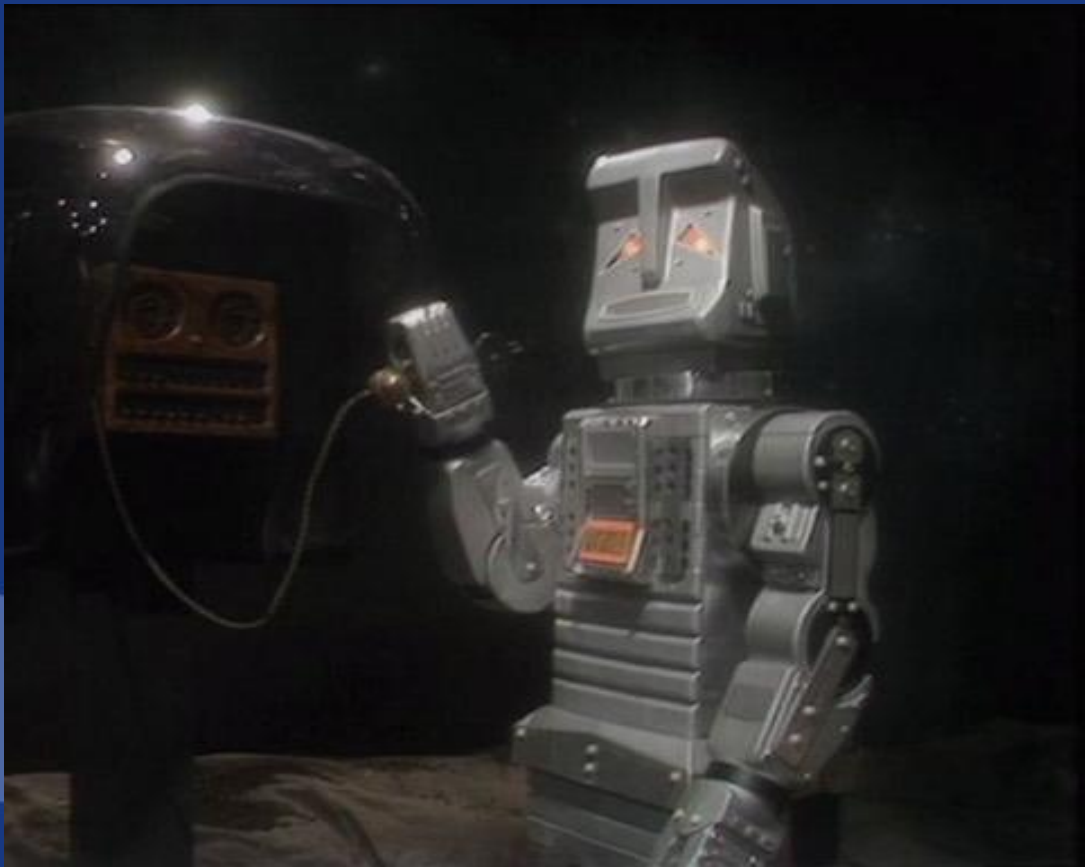


CURSE YOU,  
~~RED BARON!~~

AUTO - GRADER !!

GRADERS HUT

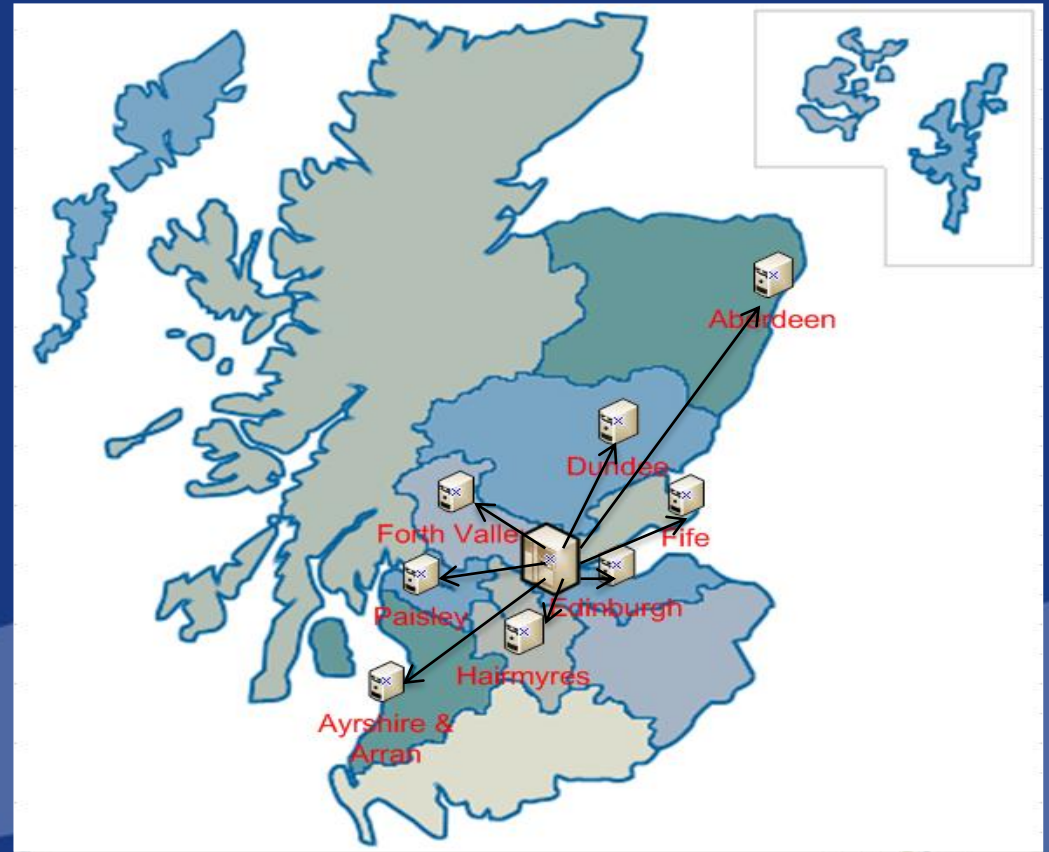
# Marvin the Depressed Auto-grader



**"I think you ought to  
know.... I'm feeling very  
depressed .....nobody  
likes me"**

# How did we introduce it?

- Feature based grading programme
- Technical architecture
- Interface
- What type of grader
- Reporting?





# How did we introduce it?

DRS IT System



Interface

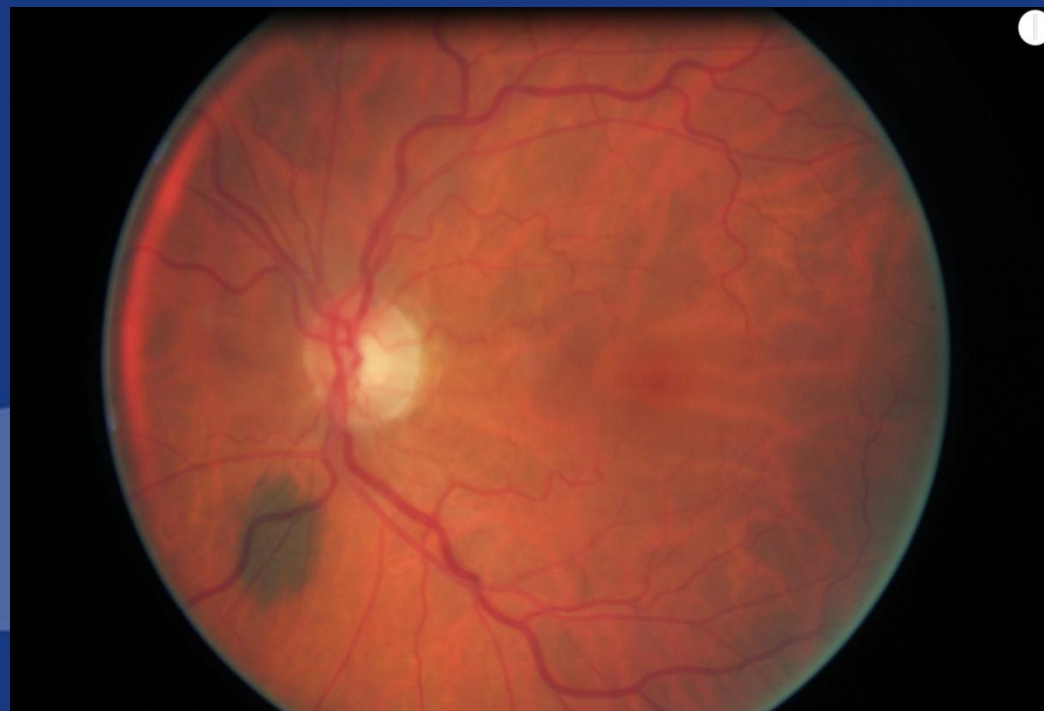
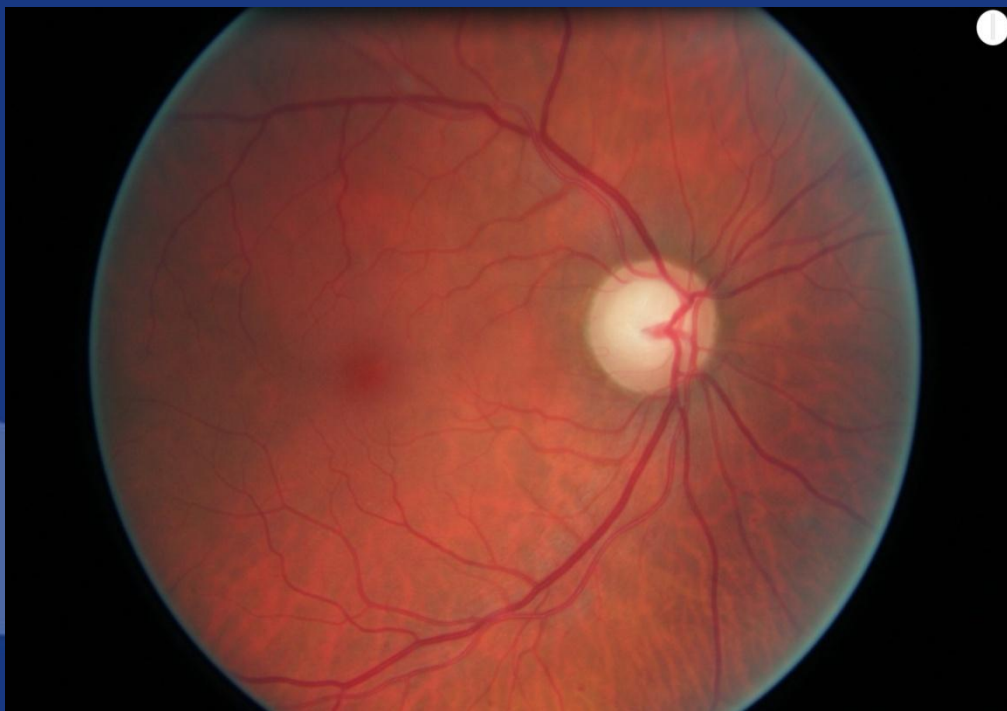


Auto-grader



iGradingM V1.0

# Non DR Pathology



# What is the purpose of screening?

- HTA purpose of screening
  - *“The detection of referable (potentially sight-threatening) retinopathy so that it can be treated.”*



# Quality assurance

- Red flag system bypasses auto-grader
- Internal and External quality assurance

Task List			
Grading (1st Level)		▼	not started
⏮ ⏪			
⚙		⚑ ▼	Examination
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Source: Scottish DRS Test IT system

# Leaflet for patients

## Your guide to diabetic retinopathy screening



**DIABETES UK**  
CARE, CONNECT, CAMPAIGN  
SCOTLAND



## Will I still need to have a regular eye test at the optometrists?

Yes, you need to do both. Your screening photographs will either be graded by a health professional or an automated grading system to detect diabetic retinopathy but not any other eye conditions. You should continue to visit your optometrist regularly for a free eye check as well.

# Internal Quality Assurance

## KPI 20 – QA False Negative Rate



Human Graders = 0.45%

Auto-grader = 0.24%

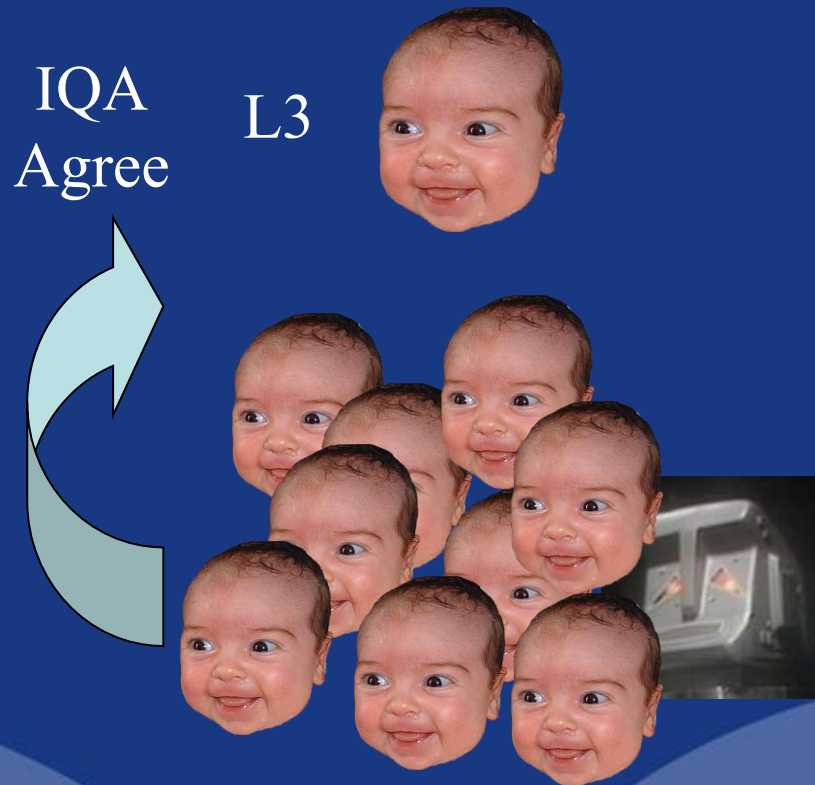
Source: Scottish DRS Collaborative IT System

### KPI 20: QA False Negative Rate

Grader Id	Sets of images reviewed on the QA task list	Sets of images for which the QA outcome is Refer to Ophthalmology	Percentage
	473	8	1.7%
	199	2	1.0%
	41	0	0.0%
	7	0	0.0%
	458	5	1.1%
Autograder, ABERDEEN	500	0	0.0%
Autograder, DANDG	347	0	0.0%
Autograder, DUNDEE	490	3	0.6%
Autograder, EDINBURGH	484	0	0.0%
Autograder, FIFE	501	0	0.0%
Autograder, FORTHVALLEY	500	0	0.0%
Autograder, HAIRMYRES	492	2	0.4%
Autograder, PAISLEY	527	2	0.4%
	3	0	0.0%
	96	2	2.1%
	500	3	0.6%



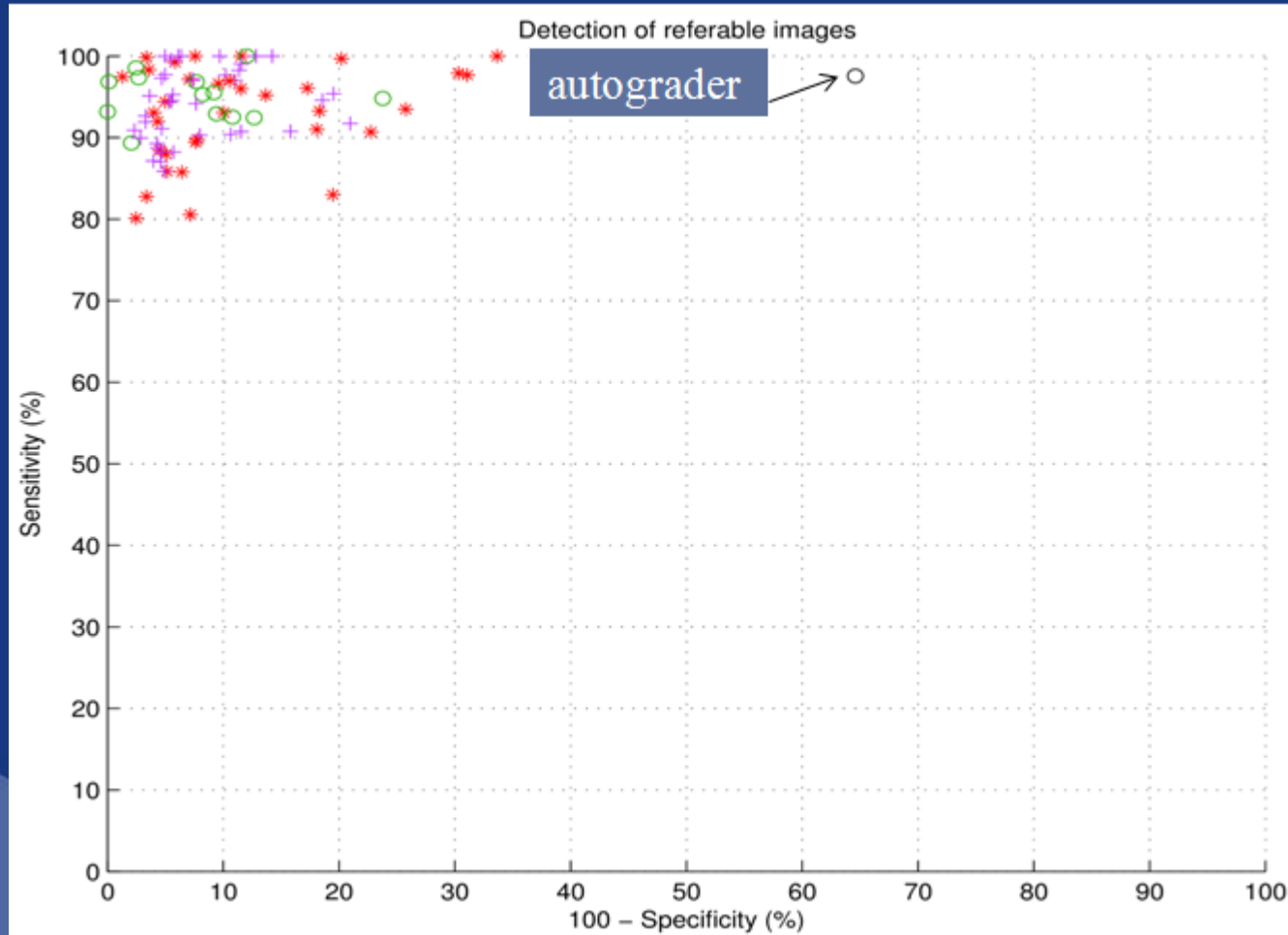
# DRS External Quality Assurance



Agree???

A large, light blue curved arrow points from the bottom of the 'Graders Centre 2' diagram towards the bottom of the 'Graders Centre 1' diagram, indicating a comparison or relationship between the two centres.

# External Quality Assurance



Source: Scottish DRS EQA System, Dr K.A. Goatman, University of Aberdeen

# What we have learnt?



- Marvin is not an automated-grader –
  - he's a micro-aneurysm detector!
- Hard worker – 600+ patients per day
- Technical aspects need some careful thought
- Acceptance, its not a small issue
- Governance, vital for acceptance
  - Micro-Aneurysm Detector - **MAD**
  - Pre R0/M0 Filter – **PR0F**
  - Totally Obedient Moron - **TOM**
  - Archie Gemmill – **Archie Gemmill**

# Programme in 2016



- Total diabetic population = **312,253** (+ 41%)  
Eligible = **268,896** (+ 36%)
- Graders
  - 38 Level 1 (**-3**)
  - 37 Level 2 (**+3**)
  - 15 Level 3 – Ophthal + **L2/SLE**
  - Total team of 90 (**no change**)
- Turnover of L1 graders is now **< 5%** 😊







# Moving House – from Soarian to Vector - 2017

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