



# Healthcare Data in Bilingual Doctor-Patient Consultations

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# My Research

- **Field:** Sociolinguistics and sociopragmatics.
- **Topic:** Bilingual doctor-patient consultations.
- **Goal:** How and why bilingual doctors and patients employ code-switching within a context of mutual understanding.
- **Results:** Common resource (30%), interpersonal and transactional functions.



# My Data



**586 audio-recorded consultations +  
8 interviews with doctors**

de Oliveira y Hernández Flores  
(University of Copenhagen, 2014)



**208 surveys +  
15 interviews with patients**

Own collection (2021)

**102 RECORDED HOURS**

# My Challenges

- 1. Data protection (GDPR) and ethics**
  - ✓ Anonymization
  - ✓ Encrypted storage and controlled use
  - ✓ Extra sensitivity in handling content
- 2. Transcription with 2 closely related languages and background noise**
  - ✓ Manual (and veeeery sloooow) work
  - ✓ Double check
  - ✓ Partial transcriptions = Selection of excerpts
- 3. Data gaps**
  - ✓ Second dataset: surveys and interviews
  - ✓ Representative sample
  - ✓ Triangulation of data

