

Data integrity

QA auditor's perspective

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What is the biggest risk to the data integrity?

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Data „flow”



Are auditors able to verify the data integrity?

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Are QA audits efficient in data integrity verification?

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Data Integrity

Consistent

1. Logically ordered and/or following the same pattern
2. Unchanging; steady
3. Being in conformity with a set of rules, guidelines or policies

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Complete

with all the parts

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/complete>

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Data Integrity

Accurate

correct, exact, and without any mistakes:

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/reliable?s=t>

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Trustworth

deserving of trust, or able to be trusted

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Reliable

able to be trusted; predictable or dependable

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Data Quality

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Case Study

Phase 3 – dementia related study

Subject's age > 65 y, all required support

Private outpatient clinic

100% IMP compliance over few months

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Case Study

Terminally ill subjects – at home

Regular nurses' visits at home

At home - notebooks with AE information

No AE data from home in the hospital SD



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Case Study

Police investigation – documents and ePRO confiscated

ePRO of 2 subjects found at Investigator's home

Investigator entered the ePRO data instead of the subjects

Explanation – subjects had problems with ePRO

They called the investigator to inform him about their status



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Case Study

ePRO Subject's logins – all subjects had the same logins

centralize monitoring detected inconsistency of the data

data were mixed (improbable change of the weight)

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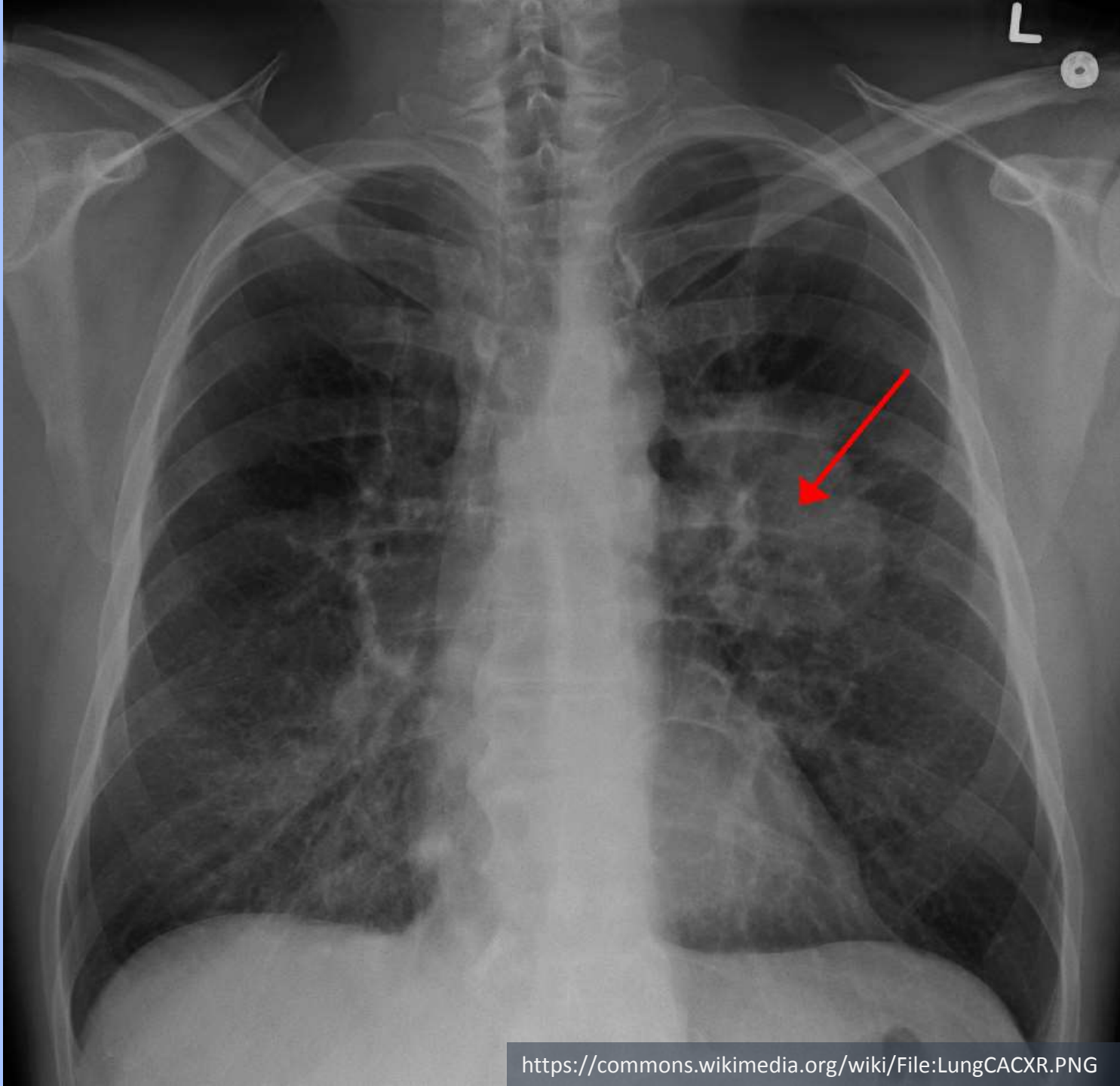
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Case Study

Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group – ECOG scale

Indication – lung cancer – advanced

All subjects – value of the ECOG – 0

ECOG Performance Status

Developed by the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, Robert L. Comis, MD, Group Chair.*

GRADE	ECOG PERFORMANCE STATUS
0	Fully active, able to carry on all pre-disease performance without restriction
1	Restricted in physically strenuous activity but ambulatory and able to carry out work of a light or sedentary nature, e.g., light house work, office work
2	Ambulatory and capable of all selfcare but unable to carry out any work activities; up and about more than 50% of waking hours
3	Capable of only limited selfcare; confined to bed or chair more than 50% of waking hours
4	Completely disabled; cannot carry on any selfcare; totally confined to bed or chair
5	Dead

*Oken M, Creech R, Tormey D, et al. Toxicity and response criteria of the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group. *Am J Clin Oncol*. 1982;5:649-655.

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High rate of SAE – deaths

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Doubts if the subjects exist

Check across all the SD available within hospital

SDV – additional, new information

Contradictory information – inconsistent with INC/EXCL

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Case Study

Cancer study with genetic profile

Central genetic laboratory tests

3 subjects with the same extreme rare mutation

Repeated testing and investigation

All 3 samples contained the same genetic material

2 of 3 randomized

Other sites – very high screen failure rate

Patological testing confirmed different type of the cancer



Case Study

Cancer study with genetic profile

Central genetic laboratory tests

According to the SD subject is male

According to the genetic tests subject is female

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eHealth Records - Source Documents

SDV – based on printouts from the eHR

CRA – has no direct access to the eHR

PI refuses access to the eHR to the auditors

Hospital management - hesitant – data privacy regulations



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What is the biggest risk to the data integrity?

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Where are most frequently the data integrity issues located?

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A close-up photograph of a doctor's chest. The doctor is wearing a white lab coat over a light blue V-neck shirt. A black stethoscope is draped around their neck, with the chest piece visible on the left side. A hand is visible in the lower-left corner, reaching towards the center. A semi-transparent blue banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, featuring the word "Investigator" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font.

Investigator



Investigator
one person – two roles

physician



investigator



Treatment

Medical knowledge

Long professional training

Data

Protocol & Guidelines

few hours GCP course

Best people can make worst mistakes



What about quality management systems
at the clinical sites?



Quality

is the compliance with the references

is focused on subject's security and rights

should lead to the integrity of the data

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A close-up, high-angle shot of a computer keyboard. The keys are a metallic gold or brass color, reflecting light in a way that creates a grid-like pattern of highlights and shadows. A white rectangular text box is positioned in the upper-left quadrant of the image, containing blue text. The overall composition is abstract and geometric.

Quality is the method on how to achieve
the data integrity in clinical trials



Case Study

Clinical Pharmacology Unit

Dedicated to bioequivalence and bioavailability studies

QMS based on Standard Operating Procedures

Emergency Procedure – EM bag & trolley – quality checked

One form without assignment to EM bag or EM trolley



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Quality
Management
Systems

52W-Hoch	8008,95
100Tg	10076,20
50Tg	986,60
20Tg	5773,48
10Tg	8036,71
5Tg	122,54



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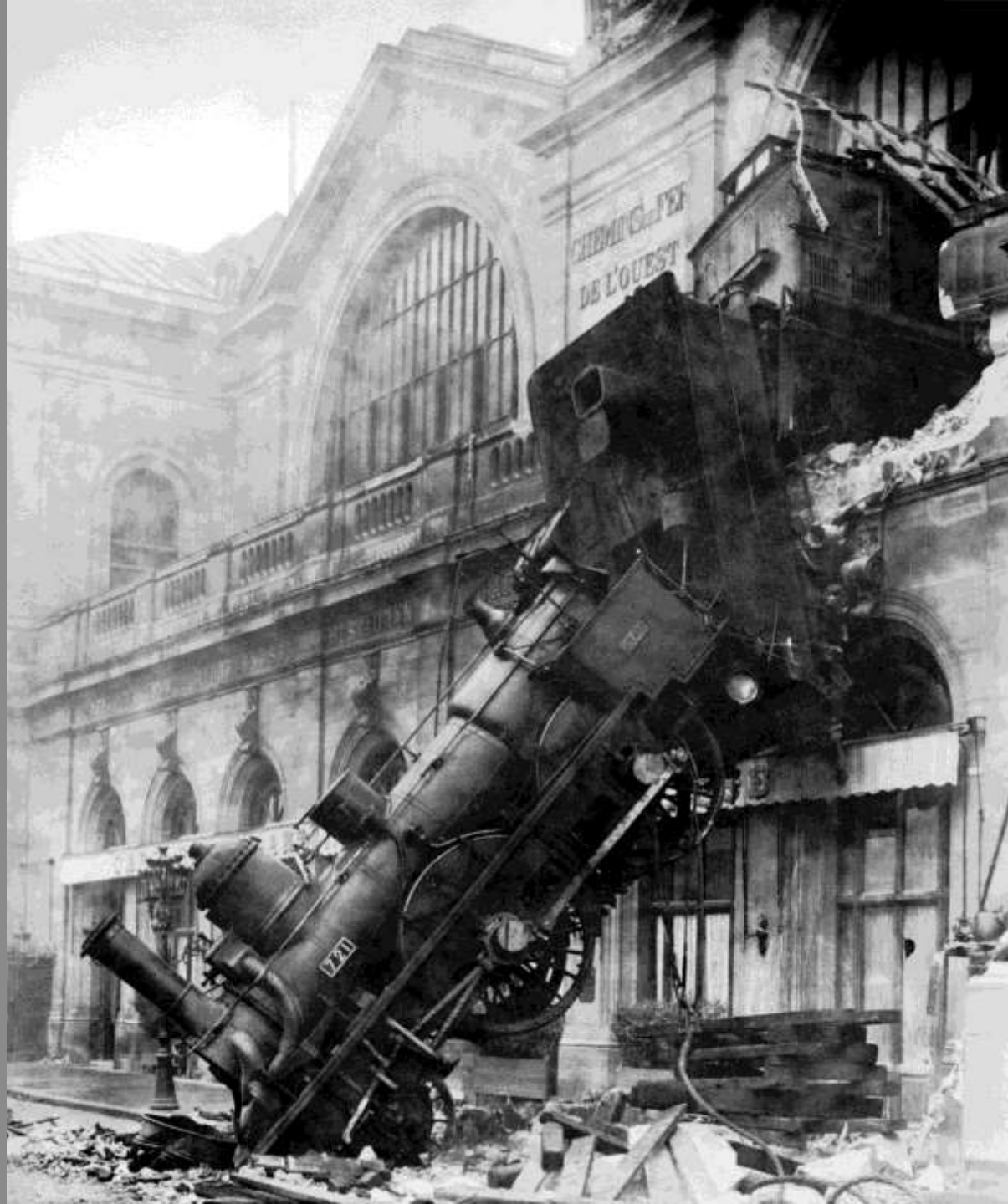
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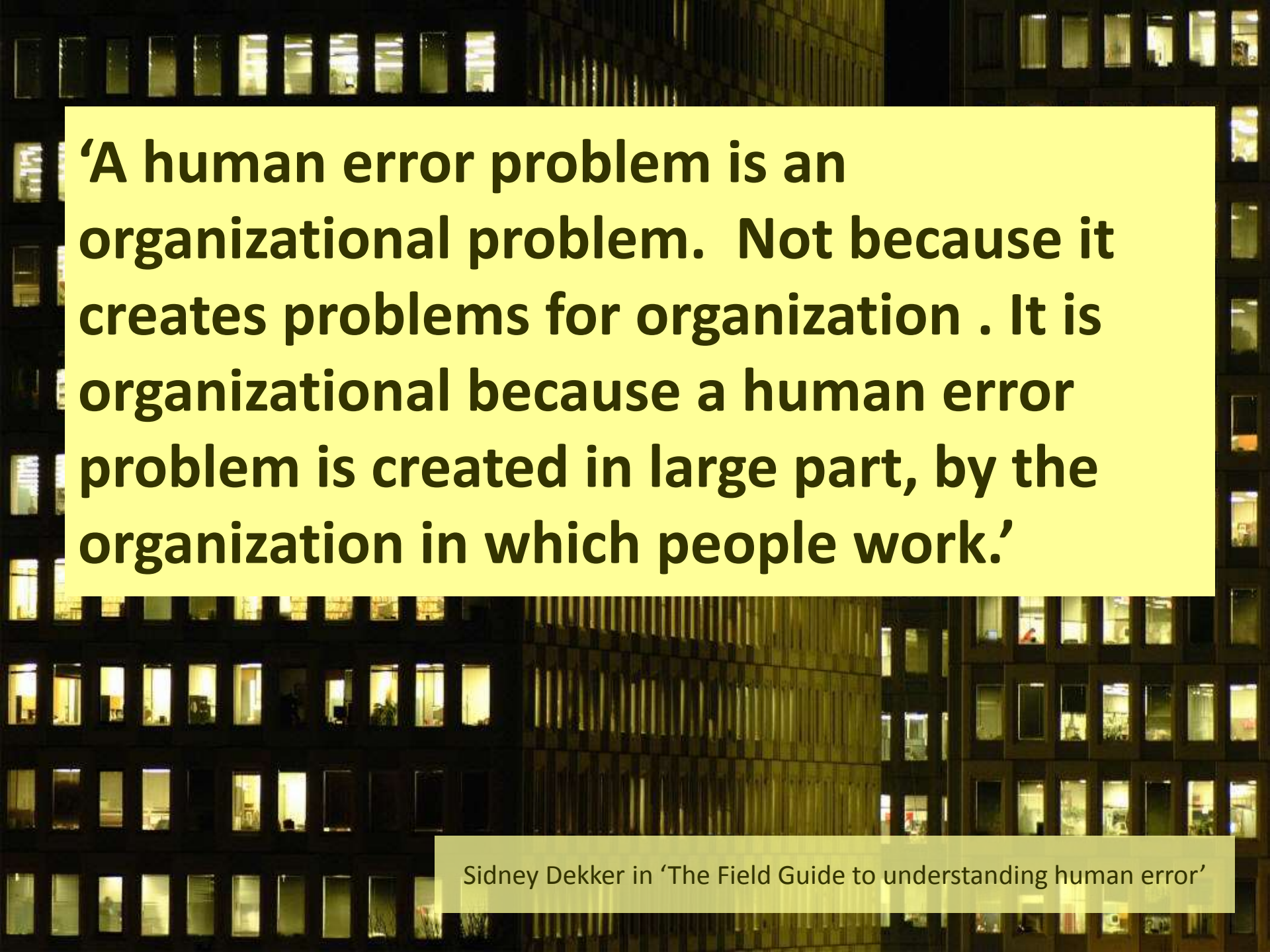
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‘A human error problem is an organizational problem. Not because it creates problems for organization . It is organizational because a human error problem is created in large part, by the organization in which people work.’

Sidney Dekker in ‘The Field Guide to understanding human error’



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