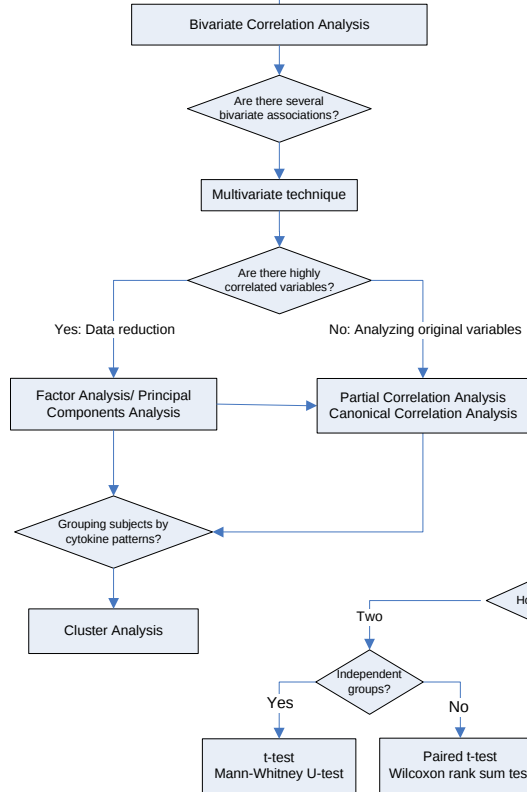


To investigate associations between different immunological parameters
(e.g. cytokines) without assuming causality:

Inter-dependence technique



To study causal relationships between
immunological parameters and other variables
(risk factors, clinical outcomes, etc.):

Dependence technique

