



# What Can OHDSI Achieve Together in 2024?

OHDSI Community Call  
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# Upcoming Community Calls

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# Three Stages of The Journey

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**Where Are We Now?**

**Where Are We Going?**





# OHDSI Shoutouts!



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### Abstract

In a comprehensive cancer center, effective data strategies are essential to evaluate practices, and outcome, understanding the disease and prognostic factors, identifying disparities in cancer care, and overall developing better treatments. To achieve these goals, the Center Léon Bérard (CLB) considers various data collection strategies, including electronic medical records (EMRs), clinical trial data, and research projects. Advanced data analysis techniques like natural language processing (NLP) can be used to extract and categorize information from these sources to provide a more complete description of patient data. Data sharing is also crucial for collaboration across comprehensive cancer centers, but it must be done securely and in compliance with regulations like GDPR. To ensure data is shared appropriately, CLB should develop clear data sharing policies and share data in a controlled, standardized format like OSIRIS RWD, OMOP and FHIR. The UNICANCER initiative has launched the CONSORE project to support the development of a structured and standardized repository of patient data to improve cancer research and patient outcomes. Real-world data (RWD) studies are vital in cancer research as they provide a comprehensive and accurate picture of patient outcomes and treatment patterns. By incorporating RWD into data collection, analysis, and sharing strategies, comprehensive cancer centers can take a more comprehensive and patient-centered approach to cancer research. In conclusion, comprehensive cancer centers must take an integrated approach to data collection, analysis, and sharing to enhance their understanding of cancer and improve patient outcomes. Leveraging advanced data analytics techniques and developing effective data sharing policies can help cancer centers effectively harness the power of data to drive progress in cancer research.



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Congratulations to the team of **Cynthia Yang, Egill Fridgeirsson, Jan Kors, Jenna Reps and Peter Rijnbeek** on the publication of **Impact of random oversampling and random undersampling on the performance of prediction models developed using observational health data** in the *Journal of Big Data*.

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Impact of random oversampling and random undersampling on the performance of prediction models developed using observational health data

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## Abstract

**Background:** There is currently no consensus on the impact of class imbalance methods on the performance of clinical prediction models. We aimed to empirically investigate the impact of random oversampling and random undersampling, two commonly used class imbalance methods, on the internal and external validation performance of prediction models developed using observational health data.

**Methods:** We developed and externally validated prediction models for various outcomes of interest within a target population of people with pharmaceutically treated depression across four large observational health databases. We used three different classifiers (lasso logistic regression, random forest, XGBoost) and varied the target imbalance ratio. We evaluated the impact on model performance in terms of discrimination and calibration. Discrimination was assessed using the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUROC) and calibration was assessed using calibration plots.

**Results:** We developed and externally validated a total of 1,566 prediction models. On internal and external validation, random oversampling and random undersampling generally did not result in higher AUROCs. Moreover, we found overestimated risks, although this miscalibration could largely be corrected by recalibrating the models towards the imbalance ratios in the original dataset.

**Conclusions:** Overall, we found that random oversampling or random undersampling generally does not improve the internal and external validation performance of prediction models developed in large observational health databases. Based on our findings, we do not recommend applying random oversampling or random undersampling when developing prediction models in large observational health databases.

**Keywords:** Patient-level prediction, Clinical prediction model, Class Imbalance Problem, Machine learning, External validation, Clinical decision support



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Congratulations to the team of **Christian Reich, Anna Ostropolets, Patrick Ryan, Peter Rijnbeek, Martijn Schuemie, Alexander Davydov, Dmitry Dymshyts, and George Hripcsak** on the publication of **OHDSI Standardized Vocabularies—a large-scale centralized reference ontology for international data harmonization** in *JAMIA*.

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Research and Applications



## Research and Applications

### OHDSI Standardized Vocabularies— a large-scale centralized reference ontology for international data harmonization

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#### Abstract

**Importance:** The Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI) is the largest distributed data network in the world encompassing more than 331 data sources with 2.1 billion patient records across 34 countries. It enables large-scale observational research through standardizing the data into a common data model (CDM) (Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership [OMOP] CDM) and requires a comprehensive, efficient, and reliable ontology system to support data harmonization.

**Materials and methods:** We created the OHDSI Standardized Vocabularies—a common reference ontology mandatory to all data sites in the network. It comprises imported and *de novo*-generated ontologies containing concepts and relationships between them, and the praxis of converting the source data to the OMOP CDM based on these. It enables harmonization through assigned domains according to clinical categories, comprehensive coverage of entities within each domain, support for commonly used international coding schemes, and standardization of semantically equivalent concepts.

**Results:** The OHDSI Standardized Vocabularies comprise over 10 million concepts from 136 vocabularies. They are used by hundreds of groups and several large data networks. More than 8600 users have performed 50 000 downloads of the system. This open-source resource has proven to address an impediment of large-scale observational research—the dependence on the context of source data representation. With that, it has enabled efficient phenotyping, covariate construction, patient-level prediction, population-level estimation, and standard reporting.

**Discussion and conclusion:** OHDSI has made available a comprehensive, open vocabulary system that is unmatched in its ability to support global observational research. We encourage researchers to exploit it and contribute their use cases to this dynamic resource.

**Key words:** OHDSI; controlled vocabulary; common data model; observational data.



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Congratulations to the team of **Qiong Wu, Jiayi Tong, Bingyu Zhang, Dazheng Zhang, Jiajie Chen, Yuqing Lei, Yiwen Lu, Yudong Wang, Lu Li, Yishan Shen, Jie Xu, L. Charles Bailey, Jiang Bian, Dimitri A. Christakis, Megan L. Fitzgerald, Kathryn Hirabayashi, Ravi Jhaveri, Alka Khaitan, Tianchen Lyu, Suchitra Rao, Hanieh Razzaghi, Hayden T. Schwenk, Fei Wang, Margot I. Gage Witvliet, Eric J. Tchetgen Tchetgen, Jeffrey S. Morris, Christopher B. Forrest, and Yong Chen** on the publication of **Real-World Effectiveness of BNT162b2 Against Infection and Severe Diseases in Children and Adolescents** in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

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#### Abstract

##### Background:

The efficacy of the BNT162b2 vaccine in pediatrics was assessed by randomized trials before the Omicron variant's emergence. The long-term durability of vaccine protection in this population during the Omicron period remains limited.





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# Upcoming Workgroup Calls



Date	Time (ET)	Meeting
Tuesday	12 pm	Common Data Model Vocabulary Subgroup
Tuesday	6 pm	Eyecare & Vision Research
Wednesday	9 am	Patient-Level Prediction
Wednesday	2 pm	Natural Language Processing
Wednesday	4 pm	Vulcan/OHDSI Meeting
Wednesday	7 pm	Medical Imaging
Thursday	8 am	India Chapter
Thursday	9 am	Medical Devices
Thursday	9:30 am	Data Network Quality
Thursday	12 pm	Strategus HADES Subgroup
Thursday	7 pm	Dentistry
Friday	9 am	GIS – Geographic Information System General
Friday	9 am	Phenotype Development and Evaluation
Friday	11 am	Clinical Trials
Friday	11:30 am	Steering Group
Friday	10 pm	China Chapter
Monday	10 am	Healthcare Systems Interest Group
Monday	10 am	Africa Chapter
Monday	11 am	Data Bricks User Group
Tuesday	10 am	Registry



# Collaborator Spotlight: Chungsoo Kim

*Chungsoo Kim is a PhD candidate in the Department of Biomedical Informatics at Ajou University College of Medicine. He earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the College of Pharmacy of the same university in 2019. His research interests include reliable real-world evidence for medication and prediction of individual drug effects/adverse events based on the OMOP common data models. He is also interested in data/analytics infrastructure for conducting data-driven research.*

*Since joining OHDSI in 2019, he has participated in and led several research projects at OHDSI. He currently participates in OHDSI working groups, including PatientLevelPrediction and the APAC group. He also served as a tutorial instructor for the 2019 OHDSI Korea International Symposium.*

*Chungsoo discusses his research focuses, his involvement in the OHDSI community, the growth of OHDSI around the Asia-Pacific region, and plenty more in the latest Collaborator Spotlight.*



## **Can you discuss your research focuses at Ajou University?**

The goal of my journey is to achieve patients' better health through data-driven research. My research interest is broadly focusing on generating reliable real-world evidence, especially on medication. I'm interested in utilizing as much data and as many various methodologies as possible to produce results that ultimately benefit patients. All research I conducted is done using the OMOP CDM.



# January 2024 OHDSI Newsletter



## The Journey Newsletter (January 2024)

Happy New Year! OHDSI made exciting progress in 2023 around the areas of standardized data, vocabularies and open-source tools, as well as in building collaborations around the world. We do a bit of reflecting on what made 2023 special, and we start to imagine the possibilities for 2024, in the latest edition of The Journey newsletter! [#JoinTheJourney](#)

## Video Podcast: A Look Back, A Look Ahead

**On The Journey** #JoinTheJourney

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In the latest On The Journey video, Patrick Ryan and Craig Sachson take a final look back at some of the highlights of 2023, and take a quick peek at some goals of 2024. Please join our first community call of the new year on Tuesday, Jan. 9 (11 am ET) for a full look at community goals for 2024.



## Video Reflection: 10 Years of OHDSI

On Dec. 16, 2013, George Hripcsak led the official formation of the OHDSI community. Within a month, the first face-to-face meeting was held within the Department of Biomedical Informatics at Columbia University. How did we get from there to a global community of more than 3,800 collaborators? The Dec. 12 community call reflected on 10 years of OHDSI, with a video presentation led by Patrick Ryan.

The presentation highlights several of the firsts in the community, including its first publication (which now has more than 1,000 citations), first symposia in the United States, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region, first open-source tools, and plenty more. It also reflects on some of the clinical impacts made by the OHDSI community.

The [video presentation is available here](#), while the slidedeck (which includes the 2023 Year In Review slides) [can be found here](#).

## December Publications

Rueda M, Leist IC, Gut IG. [Convert-Pheno: A software toolkit for the interconversion of standard data models for phenotypic data](#). J Biomed Inform. 2023 Nov 29;149:104558. doi: 10.1016/j.jbi.2023.104558. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 38035971.

Mayer CS. [Conversion of CPRD AURUM Data into the OMOP Common Data Model](#). Inform Med Unlocked. 2023;43:101407. doi: 10.1016/j.imu.2023.101407. Epub 2023 Nov 10. PMID: 38046363; PMCID: PMC10688258.

Oja M, Tamm S, Mooses K, Pajusalu M, Talvik HA, Ott A, Laht M, Malk M, Lõo M, Holm J, Haug M, Šuvalov H, Sörg D, Vilo J, Laur S, Kolde R, Reisberg S. [Transforming Estonian health data to the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership \(OMOP\) Common Data Model: lessons learned](#). JAMIA Open. 2023 Dec 5;6(4):ooad100. doi: 10.1093/jamiaopen/ooad100. PMID: 38058679; PMCID: PMC10697784.

Kalokryi V, Kondylakis H, Sfakianakis S, Nikiforaki K, Karatzanis I, Mazzetti S, Tachos N, Regge D, Fotiadis DI, Marias K, Tsiknakis M. [MI-Common Data Model: Extending Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership-Common Data Model \(OMOP-CDM\) for Registering Medical Imaging Metadata and Subsequent Curation Processes](#). JCO Clin Cancer Inform. 2023 Sep;7:e2300101. doi: 10.1200/CCI.23.00101. PMID: 38061012; PMCID: PMC10715775.

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Basini R, Buchowicz KM, Schneider H, Samans B, Sohrabi K. [Implementation of inclusion and exclusion criteria in clinical studies in OHDSI ATLAS software](#). Sci Rep. 2023 Dec 18;13(1):22457. doi: 10.1038/s41598-023-49560-w. PMID: 38105303; PMCID: PMC10725886.



# HADES Development Updates: CohortMethod 5.2.0

CohortMethod 5.2.0

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## CohortMethod

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CohortMethod is part of [HADES](#).

## Introduction

CohortMethod is an R package for performing new-user cohort studies in an observational database in the OMOP Common Data Model.

## Features

- Extracts the necessary data from a database in OMOP Common Data Model format.
- Uses a large set of covariates for both the propensity and outcome model, including for example all drugs, diagnoses, procedures, as well as age, comorbidity indexes, etc.
- Large scale regularized regression to fit the propensity and outcome models.
- Includes function for trimming, stratifying, matching, and weighting on propensity scores.
- Includes diagnostic functions, including propensity score distribution plots and plots showing covariate balance before and after matching and/or trimming.
- Supported outcome models are (conditional) logistic regression, (conditional) Poisson regression, and (conditional) Cox regression.

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# HADES Development Updates: EmpiricalCalibration 3.1.2

## EmpiricalCalibration

EmpiricalCalibration is part of [HADES](#).

## Introduction

This R package contains routines for performing empirical calibration of observational study estimates. By using a set of negative control hypotheses we can estimate the empirical null distribution of a particular observational study setup. This empirical null distribution can be used to compute a calibrated p-value, which reflects the probability of observing an estimated effect size when the null hypothesis is true taking both random and systematic error into account, as described in the paper [Interpreting observational studies: why empirical calibration is needed to correct p-values](#).

Also supported is empirical calibration of confidence intervals, based on the results for a set of negative and positive controls, as described in the paper [Empirical confidence interval calibration for population-level effect estimation studies in observational healthcare data](#).

## Features

- Estimate the empirical null distribution given the effect estimates of a set of negative controls.
- Estimate the calibrated p-value of a given hypothesis given the estimated empirical null distribution.

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# HADES Development Updates: DeepPatientLevelPrediction 2.0.3

## DeepPatientLevelPrediction

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### Introduction

DeepPatientLevelPrediction is an R package for building and validating deep learning patient-level predictive models using data in the OMOP Common Data Model format and OHDSI PatientLevelPrediction framework.

Reps JM, Schuemie MJ, Suchard MA, Ryan PB, Rijnbeek PR. [Design and implementation of a standardized framework to generate and evaluate patient-level prediction models using observational healthcare data](#). J Am Med Inform Assoc. 2018;25(8):969-975.

### Features

- Adds deep learning models to use in the OHDSI PatientLevelPrediction framework.
- Allows to add custom deep learning models.
- Includes an MLP, ResNet and a Transformer
- Allows to use all the features of [PatientLevelPrediction](#) to validate and explore your model performance.

### Technology

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# HADES Development Updates: PheValuator 2.2.11

## PheValuator

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PheValuator is part of [HADES](#).

## Introduction

The goal of PheValuator is to produce a large cohort of subjects each with a predicted probability for a specified health outcome of interest (HOI). This is achieved by developing a diagnostic predictive model for the HOI using the PatientLevelPrediction (PLP) R package and applying the model to a large, randomly selected population. These subjects can be used to test one or more phenotype algorithms.

## Process Steps

The first step in the process, developing the evaluation cohort, is shown below:

### Step 1: Develop Evaluation Cohort from Diagnostic Predictive Model

Create **Evaluation Cohort** of 1M randomly selected subjects from database

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### Dev status

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# #OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

## MONDAY

# A Toxin Vocabulary for the OMOP CDM

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### A Toxin Vocabulary for the OMOP CDM

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#### INTRO

##### Why OMOP CDM Matters:

- It is the gold standard for harmonizing healthcare data, enabling global drug safety monitoring, clinical research, and outcome predictions.
- The Gap:** GIS-derived toxin data is not fully captured by current OMOP CDM.
- Our Solution:** Introducing a hierarchical Toxin Vocabulary model specifically designed to fill this gap.
- Impact:** Seamless integration of toxin exposure data into OMOP CDM, paving the way for environmental health research.

#### METHODS

- Data Sources:** Reviewed toxicological literature, open-source databases, and regulatory documents. Primarily utilized the Toxin and Toxin Target Database (T3DB) with over 3,000 toxins and 41,602 synonyms.
- Data Extraction:** Used Python to upload source data to a PostgreSQL database, then extracted vital metadata.
- Mapping:** Employed a semi-automated process to map selected terms to OMOP Vocabulary, utilizing CAS codes for concept identification.
- Unique Codes:** T3DB codes for toxins without CAS. Auto-generated codes for new classifications.
- Integration:** Employed staging tables for seamless OMOP CDM compatibility.

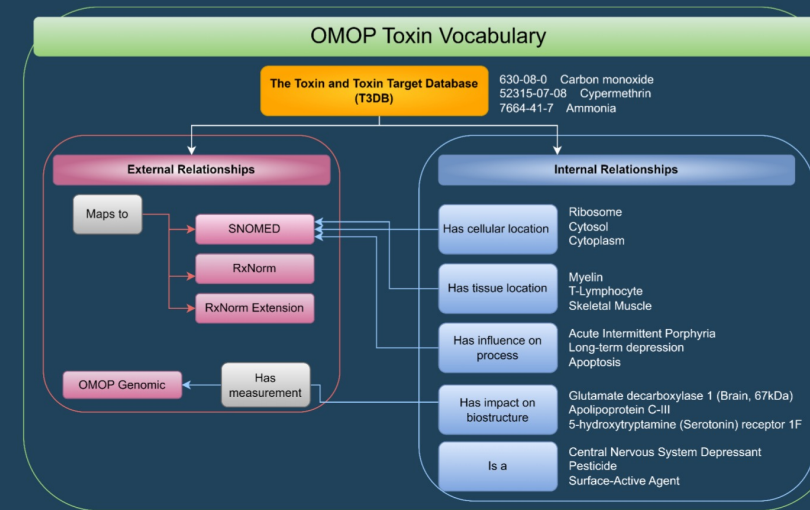
#### RESULTS

- Toxin Vocabulary Structure:** 79,377 internal relationships among various biological and medical components.
- Components:** Toxins, target cells, tissues, proteins, medical conditions, biological processes, and toxin categories.
- External Mapping:** 1,800 'Maps to' relationships for OMOP CDM integration with vocabularies like SNOMED CT, RxNorm, and RxNorm Extension.
- Unique Concepts:** Kept exposomes without direct equivalents as standard concepts.
- Duplicate Resolution:** Replacement mapping proposal for 220 standard duplicates in SNOMED (Substances) and RxNorm/RxNorm Extension (Drugs).

## UNLOCKING Environmental Health Research with OMOP

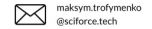
The **FIRST HIERARCHY** for toxins in OMOP:

- **ONE** vocabulary
- **3000+** exposomes
- **41,000+** synonyms
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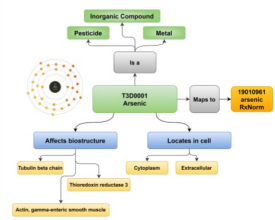
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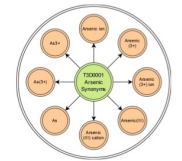
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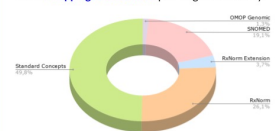
Example of Arsenic's hierarchy in the vocabulary:



Example of Arsenic's synonyms in the vocabulary:



Toxin's Mappings Distribution per Target Vocabulary:



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# #OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

## TUESDAY

# Developing a perinatal expansion table for the OMOP common data model

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### What ?

- We propose a perinatal expansion with the aim to facilitate future network pregnancy studies using the OMOP Common Data Model (CDM).

### Why ?

- The perinatal period is a critical stage of development especially vulnerable to many conditions and risk factors. And pregnant individuals are often excluded from clinical trials.
- Many observational healthcare databases contain detailed information related to the perinatal period.
- The OMOP CDM is a widely used data model for harmonizing observational healthcare data in a standardized format.
- The current OMOP-CDM lacks the structure to define a pregnancy episode and therefore lacks the representation of important features that are associated with the perinatal period.

### How ?

- We developed a perinatal expansion involving input from domain experts and stakeholders.
- We defined new fields and content following the structure and vocabularies given OMOP-CDM ontological framework principles.
- We tested the expansion using SIDIAP (EHR from Primary Care, Spain) and Norwegian databases (national registries, Norway).
- We developed a diagnostics package for quality control assessment. Available at [github.com/oxford-pharmacoepi/PETDiagnostics](https://github.com/oxford-pharmacoepi/PETDiagnostics).
- We conducted a descriptive analysis on the captured perinatal data.



## This perinatal expansion for the OMOP CDM supports network studies in perinatal research

Table 1. Extract of the proposed perinatal expansion for the OMOP CDM

CDM Field	Description
Pregnancy table	
Required fields	
person_id	Unique identifier of the person for whom the pregnancy is recorded
pregnancy_id	Unique identifier of each pregnancy episode
pregnancy_start_date	Date when the pregnancy episode started (based on ultrasound estimations or calculated from last menstrual period if ultrasound is missing)
pregnancy_end_date	Date when the pregnancy episode ended
pregnancy_outcome_id	Outcome of the pregnancy (livebirth, miscarriage [ $<20$ weeks], stillbirth [ $\geq 20$ weeks], elective termination of pregnancy)
pregnancy_mode_delivery	How the delivery was initiated (vaginal, c-section)
gestational_length_in_day	Length of gestation in days
pregnancy_single	Single pregnancy (yes if single, no if multiple)
Infant table	
Required fields	
pregnancy_id	Unique identifier of each pregnancy episode
fetus_id	Unique identifier of each fetus

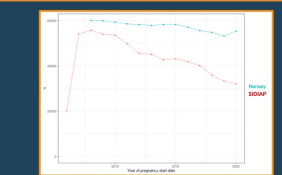


Figure 1. Number of starting pregnancies per year

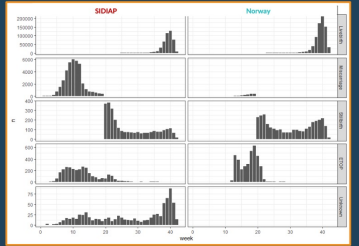


Figure 2. Distribution of gestational length in weeks by pregnancy outcome

### Results:

- The expansion consisted of two separate tables: a pregnancy table and an infant table (linked through the individual pregnancy), each with required and optional variables (Table 1).
- The perinatal expansion was successfully implemented in SIDIAP and Norwegian databases. Quality assessment demonstrated accurate capture of perinatal characteristics with minimal missing data.
- We captured **646,530** (2006-2020) pregnancies in SIDIAP and **746,671** (2008-2020) pregnancies in Norwegian databases (Figure 1).
- We described pregnancy outcomes (e.g., 0.5% stillbirths in SIDIAP and 0.4% in Norway), gestational length (median [IQR] in days; SIDIAP: 273 [56-280]; Norway: 280 [273-286]), number of fetus/infants (Norway: 758,806), and birth weight (median [IQR] in grams; Norway: 3,520 [3,175-3,860]), among other relevant perinatal variables
- The distribution of gestational weeks by pregnancy outcome is depicted in Figure 2.

### Conclusions:

- We developed a perinatal expansion to the OMOP-CDM that accurately captures detailed information for perinatal research providing additional information to what is usually retrieved from algorithms
- The expansion can also be used to store algorithm derived perinatal information usually retrieving required fields of the expansion
- The diagnostics package will enable to identify successful implementation of the perinatal expansion in future database mappings with pregnancy and mother-child related information.
- This perinatal expansion is a big step forwards enabling and supporting future perinatal research network studies

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# #OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

## WEDNESDAY

# External validation using clinical domain knowledge from the SNOMED medical terms hierarchy

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## External validation using clinical domain knowledge from the SNOMED medical terms hierarchy

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### Background

External validation is crucial for ensuring the reliability of prediction models on new data. However, performance often declines during external validation due to database heterogeneity caused by variations in record collection, regulatory guidelines, and database purposes. [1]

**Use Case:** Figure 1 depicts a hypothetical model developed on the Integrated Primary Care and Information, a Dutch GP database, with predictors *Heart failure*, *Depression*, and *COPD*, which cannot be applied to a patient from an external database who has slightly different diagnoses. However, considering the contextual similarity, a medical expert may have been able to apply the model based on clinical domain knowledge.



Figure 1. Incompatible model and patient record due to database heterogeneity.

This work aims to utilize embeddings to approximate clinical concepts, specifically in the context of predicting dementia in persons aged 55-85 in the next five years. This approach may enable external validation of a model even when an exact match for predictors is not found in a patient's record.

### Methods

Clinical domain knowledge is encoded in our vocabulary hierarchies. For example, SNOMED provides over one million ancestor-descendant relationships. Figure 2 shows a subset of 177 SNOMED relationships with the ancestor concept *Clinical finding* as tree root. In this work we embed the SNOMED hierarchy, to obtain a latent space in which items that resemble one another are positioned closer to each other, which will allow us to approximate missing concepts.



Figure 2. Subset of SNOMED medical terms hierarchy with the concept *Clinical finding* as the root.

Nickel & Kiela introduced an efficient method to embed hierarchical data, such as the SNOMED hierarchy, into a lower-dimensional manifold [2]. Hierarchical data follows a tree structure. The number of descendants exponentially increases with distance from the root. To address the limitation of growing hierarchical data, which can exceed the available Euclidean space in Euclidean embeddings and can cause overfitting if we attempt to solve it by adding more dimensions, Nickel & Kiela proposed using hyperbolic space instead. Hyperbolic space is characterized by constant negative curvature and is described by hyperbolic geometry. For this study, we will use the hyperbolic Poincaré disk model to embed our hierarchical data.

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We develop and externally validate logistic regression and gradient boosting models across five databases: Integrated Primary Care and Information, IBM MarketScan® Medicare Supplemental, Iqvia Disease Analyzer Germany, Optum® de-identified Clinformatics® Data Mart, and Optum® de-identified Electronic Health Record. For development, the hyperbolic embeddings are mean aggregated to be passed into the models as input. We use conditions as sole predictors, which may result in relatively low discrimination performance as compared to models using also demographic information such as age.

### Results

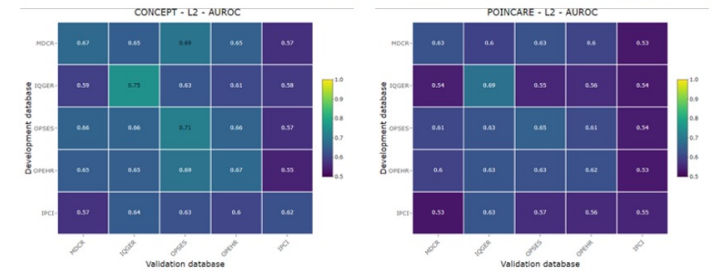


Figure 3. Discrimination of logistic regression using traditional concepts (left) and using the embeddings (right).

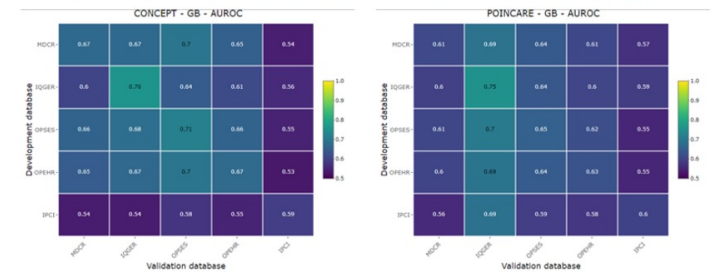


Figure 4. Discrimination of gradient boosting using traditional concepts (left) and using the embeddings (right).

Hyperbolic embeddings do not improve internal or external validation performance of logistic regression models (Figure 3). However, using gradient boosting we can observe that models trained on Integrated Primary Care and Information transport better to Iqvia Disease Analyzer Germany and vice versa. Therefore, we believe clinical domain knowledge from the SNOMED medical terms hierarchy can in some cases be used to improve external validation performance of a clinical prediction model. Future work will investigate under what exact circumstances this holds true and whether more complex models such as a Transformer will have improved validation performance, since training can be done directly on the embedding sequences. Transformers can take the embedding sequence as input directly without the mean aggregation step, which may further improve performance.

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# #OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

## THURSDAY

### Estimating the comparative risk of kidney failure associated with intravitreal anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (anti-VEGF) exposure in patients with blinding diseases

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#### Title:

Estimating the comparative risk of kidney failure associated with intravitreal anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (anti-VEGF) exposure in patients with blinding diseases

PRESENTER: **Cindy X. Cai**

#### INTRO:

- Anti-VEGF medications (when given systemically) have adverse kidney effects
- Intravitreal administration leads to systemic absorption (bevacizumab > aflibercept >> ranibizumab)
- Some recommend use of ranibizumab to lower risk of kidney failure (dialysis +/- kidney transplant, aka ESKD/ESRD)
- Unclear if there is evidence to support this practice

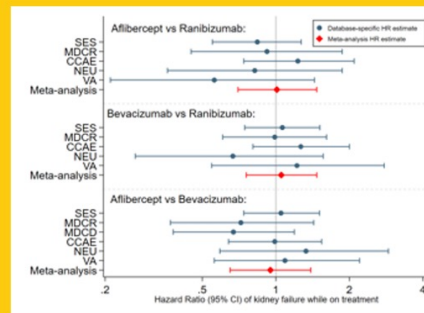
#### PURPOSE:

- A) characterize the incidence of kidney failure associated with intravitreal anti-VEGF exposure
- B) estimate the comparative risk of kidney failure associated with intravitreal anti-VEGF exposure between medications
- C) predict an individual's risk for kidney failure with intravitreal anti-VEGF use

#### METHODS:

- SOS Challenge: 12 databases (6 administrative claims, 6 electronic health record) in OHDSI Network (standardized to OMOP CDM) [1,2]
- Subjects: adults ≥18 years, new users of ≥3 monthly intravitreal anti-VEGF, for a blinding disease (DR/DME, AMD, RVO), with ≥365 days of prior observation
- Outcome: kidney failure while on-treatment (drug exposure <180 days between injections)
- Incidence rate standardized to 2015 U.S. population by age and sex
- Propensity score method to match patients using 1:1 propensity score matching [3]
- Cox proportional hazards models to estimate risk of kidney failure, meta-analysis to estimate single network-wide estimate [4]
- Machine learning models (L1-regularized logistic regression) to predict risk of kidney failure 6-24 months after cohort entry [5]

Hazard Ratio Estimates for Risk of Kidney Failure Comparing Ranibizumab, Aflibercept, and Bevacizumab



Incidence of Kidney Failure Associated with Intravitreal anti-VEGF exposure

	Patients at Risk	On Treatment Time (person-years)	Number of Outcomes	Incidence Proportion (per 100 persons)	Standardized Incidence Proportion (per 100 persons)/§	Incidence Rate of Kidney Failure (per 100 person-years)
<b>Ranibizumab*</b>						
CCAE	3799	3083.8	40	1.08	0.70	1.30
MDCR	7604	8412.6	48	0.63	0.82	0.57
MDCD	1265	1122.3	17	1.34	2.39	1.52
OptumEHR	2520	2491.0	15	0.60	0.61	0.60
SES	8048	9848.2	85	0.81	0.84	0.66
JMDC	203	133.6	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
JHME	19	12.9	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
NEU	2084	2181.3	14	0.67	0.40	0.64
CLUMC	117	114.4	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
VA	3943	2538.6	25	0.63	0.25	0.98
USC	7	9.9	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Aflibercept</b>						
CCAE	3319	3251.7	56	1.69	1.67	1.72
MDCR	4644	5536.7	23	0.50	0.16	0.42
MDCD	1717	1796.1	32	1.86	1.45	1.78
OptumEHR	3262	4698.5	24	0.73	0.39	0.51
SES	8056	11011.5	72	0.89	1.41	0.65
JMDC	205	190.7	1	0.49	0.33	0.52
JHME	574	856.0	8	1.39	1.83	1.22
NEU	3696	3713.0	17	0.46	0.41	0.46
CLUMC	335	468.3	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
VA	8266	8245.2	56	0.69	0.79	0.90
USC	59	89.0	1	1.69	0.32	1.12
<b>Bevacizumab</b>						
CCAE	10508	8777.1	104	0.99	0.68	1.54
MDCR	10625	9050.0	50	0.47	0.11	0.55
MDCD	3845	2632.7	70	1.82	2.20	2.66
OptumEHR	11933	12648.0	69	0.58	1.34	0.55
SES	52642	50615.9	317	0.60	1.07	0.63
JMDC	0	0.0	0	NA	0.93	NA
JHME	286	226.2	2	0.70	0.33	0.88
NEU	8331	8279.9	25	0.30	0.00	0.40
CLUMC	74	41.1	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
VA	10037	5930.2	58	0.58	0.30	0.98
USC	27	20.1	0	0.00	0.00	0.00

No statistically significant differences in the risk of kidney failure associated with intravitreal anti-VEGF exposure comparing ranibizumab, aflibercept, and bevacizumab

	Standardized Incidence Proportion of Kidney Failure (per 100 persons)	Incidence Rate of Kidney Failure (per 100 person-years)
Intravitreal anti-VEGF	0.68	0.74
Blinding diseases	4.91	0.79
Literature (US Renal Data System)	0.0363 (in 2020)	

\* Only patients who contribute at least 1 day to time-at-risk are included in this analysis.  
 § Standardized to the 2015 U.S. Population by age and sex  
 1 CCAE = IBM Health MarketScan Commercial Claims and Encounters Database, USA commercially insured <65 years  
 2 MDCR = IBM Health MarketScan Medicare Supplemental and Coordination of Benefits Database, USA commercially insured 65+ years  
 3 MDCD = IBM Health MarketScan Multi-State Medicaid Database, USA Medicaid enrollees  
 4 OptumEHR = Optum(R) de-identified Electronic Health Record Dataset, USA combined insured claims and electronic health records  
 5 SES = Optum's Clinformatics Extended Data Mart - Socio-economic Status, USA commercially insured  
 6 JMDC = Japan Medical Data Center, Japan insurance claims <65 years  
 7 JHME = Johns Hopkins Medical Enterprise, USA non-profit academic medical center  
 8 NEU = PharMetrics Plus, USA commercially insured <65 years  
 9 CLUMC = Columbia University Medical Center, USA non-profit academic medical center  
 10 VA = Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans in the USA  
 11 USC = University of Southern California, USA non-profit academic medical center

Area Under the Curve (AUROC) of Prediction Models

Exposure Group	Minimum AUROC	Mean AUROC	Maximum AUROC
Ranibizumab	0.813	0.877	0.915
Aflibercept	0.855	0.913	0.979
Bevacizumab	0.733	0.866	0.929

Database included: CCAE, MDCR, MDCD, OptumEHR, SES, NEU

#### OHDSI Tools Used

- ATLAS
- TheValuator
- Strategus execution pipeline to call Hades Packages (CohortGenerator, Characterization, Cohort Incidence, Cohort Method, PatientLevelPrediction)
- EvidenceSynthesis

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# #OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

## FRIDAY

### Characteristics and outcomes of over a million inflammatory bowel disease subjects in seven countries: a multinational cohort study

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#### INTRO

Crohn's disease (CD) and ulcerative colitis (UC) are inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) with consistently increasing incidence rates. These conditions significantly impact the quality of life of patients and families.

#### METHODS

- Study design:** A multinational cohort study using routinely collected healthcare data from 16 OMOPed databases (DBs)
- Study population:** IBD cohorts include individuals with ≥2 IBD Dx or with IBD Dx + IBD medication Rx; CD and UC cohorts also require at least one diagnosis of the corresponding disease and none of the other.
- Characteristics, outcomes:** Predefined features (demographics, condition groups, drug era groups), +100 IBD-specific features during subjects' entire history, 1Y, 1M before index date; 1M, 1, 3, 5, 10Y and all-time following index date.

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## Characteristics and Outcomes of >1M Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients

*Disease Trajectory of Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Patients from Australia 🇦🇺, Korea 🇰🇷, Japan 🇯🇵, the UK 🇬🇧, Germany 🇩🇪, France 🇫🇷, and the USA 🇺🇸*

#### Data sources

IBM® MarketScan® Commercial Claims DB	🇺🇸	CCAE	📄	👤
IBM® MarketScan® Multi-State Medicaid DB	🇺🇸	MDCD	📄	👤
IBM® MarketScan® Medicare Supplemental DB	🇺🇸	MDCR	📄	👤
Optum's de-identified Clinformatics® Data Mart DB	🇺🇸	CDM	📄	👤
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IQVIA™ Medical Research Data – UK	🇬🇧	IMRD-UK	📄	👤
Insurance claims from Japan	🇯🇵	JMDC	📄	👤
Ajou University School of Medicine	🇰🇷	AUSOM	📄	👤
Kangdong Sacred Heart Hospital	🇰🇷	KDH	📄	👤
IQVIA Australian Longitudinal Patient Data	🇦🇺	Australia	📄	👤

Geography  USA;  Europe;  Asia;  Australia

Data type  Admin claims;  EHRs;  Claims + EHRs

Included visits  Outpatient;  Inpatient;  ER

#### LIMITATIONS

- Potential differences in coding, reporting across DBs
- Concept sets outdated (vocabulary updates)
- HUGE amounts of data (>2G), challenging to view, handle
- Only binary attributes; no cross-strata info



Poster, abstract    Extended Table 1    Full results

#### RESULTS

	Crohn's Disease		Ulcerative colitis	
	N	% Female	N	% Female
CCAE	84,959	55.6%	109,500	55.2%
MDCD	16,538	65.2%	16,431	65.9%
MDCR	12,809	58.5%	26,242	58.7%
CDM	61,376	56.1%	93,009	56.9%
PharMetrics+	93,217	53.8%	123,149	53.7%
Optum EHR	118,610	59.5%	119,188	58.2%
CUIMC	4,438	56.6%	3,922	59.0%
JHM	1,128	62.5%	892	57.5%
AMB-EHR	51,328	61.6%	58,404	58.6%
France	320	62.5%	299	51.5%
Germany	8,321	59.3%	10,668	53.2%
IMRD-UK	6,936	54.4%	13,924	49.1%
JMDC	1,837	27.4%	12,527	35.6%
AUSOM	431	35.7%	660	36.4%
KDH	44	38.6%	93	39.8%
Australia	210	16.2%*	210	15.7%*

\*In the Australian database, 59% of subjects have no designated sex; 13.3% of CD and 18.1 of UC subjects identified as males.

- ✓ **% female CD and UC patients in Asia lower than in Europe and USA**, in full cohorts, adults and Asian strata
- ✓ **Noticeable decrease, over time, in the average age of CD diagnosis**; weaker trend in UC
- ✓ **Abdominal pain reported in 1/3 of IBD patients in US claims DBs** during the year preceding diagnosis; much lower rates in other DBs
- ✓ **Anxiety and depression prior to CD and UC diagnosis increased**, in some DBs nearly doubled, since 2000
- ✓ **Anxiety, depression, abdominal pain prior to IBD diagnosis significantly more common in females than males**
- ✓ **No decrease in surgical procedures**, despite improved diagnosis, treatment options





# Opening: Data Steward at EBMD

## Description

**Are you looking for a job where you can make a difference and work in a non-profit?  
Would you like to be a part of an ambitious and international organisation on the cutting edge of science?  
Then this position might be right up your alley.**

**The EBMT is a non-profit medical and scientific organisation which hosts a unique patient registry providing a pool of data to perform studies and assess new trends.**

### **OUR MISSION**

**Save and improve the lives of patients with blood-related disorders.**

### **The Registry**

Holding the **data of over half a million patients**, the EBMT registry is the **starting point for all studies** carried out through the EBMT working parties. The department focuses on data collection processes, data quality monitoring, and maintenance of the database.

### **YOUR MISSION**

**Responsible for collecting, collating, and evaluating issues and problems with data and enforcing data usage policies.**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS**

#### **Data Stewardship:**

- Design, implementation and testing of new data collection processes including data collection forms (DCFs) development.
- Take care of the mapping of new items from DCFs to the OMOP CDM
- Providing input on data quality reports
- Check and clean data on request and ad hoc.
- Data retrieval including designing data reports and data report running.
- Carry out computerized system validation activities.
- Supporting consolidation/harmonization of data
- Creating standard data definitions, and maintain a consistent use of data assets across the organization
- Documenting data policies and data standards



# Where Are We Going?

**Any other announcements  
of upcoming work, events,  
deadlines, etc?**





# Three Stages of The Journey

**Where Have We Been?**

**Where Are We Now?**

**Where Are We Going?**

