DARWIN EU® Initiative Annual Report

OHDSI Community Call

Nov. 18, 2025 • 11 am ET

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OBSERVATIONAL HEALTH DATA SCIENCES AND INFORMATICS

Upcoming Community Calls

Date	Topic
Nov. 18	DARWIN EU 2025 Update
Nov. 25	Early-Stage Researcher Presentations
Dec. 2	OHDSI/OMOP Research Spotlight
Dec. 9	How Did OHDSI Do This Year?
Dec. 16	Holiday Farewell To 2025

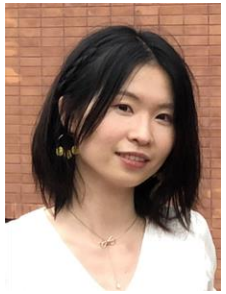
Nov. 25: Early-Stage Researcher Workgroup and Presentations


Sumin Lee and Kyulee Jeon, Yonsei College of Medicine

ARKE: An Ontology-Driven Framework for Standardizing Radiology Procedure Terminology Using LLMs and RAG


Markian Hromiak and Jacob Zelko, George Institute of Tecnology

Exploring Efficient and Scalable OMOP CDM Workflows by Leveraging dbt-synthea



Bingyu Zhang, Univ. of Pennsylvania

The Fine Art of Tolerance: Robustify p-value Calibration in Observational Studies with Partially Valid Negative Control Outcomes

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OHDSI Shoutouts!

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European Journal of Public Health, 2025, ckaf153

https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckaf153

Trends in incidence, prevalence, and survival of primary liver cancer in the United Kingdom (2000–2021)

Berta Cuyàs[1,2,3,†], Edilmar Alvarado-Tapias[1,2,3,†], Eng Hooi Tan[4], Asieh Golozar[5,6], Talita Duarte-Salles[7,8], Antonella Delmestri[4], Josepmaria Argemi[3,9,10], Wai Yi Man[4], Edward Burn[4], Carlos Guarner-Argente[1], Daniel Prieto Alhambra[4,8,*], Danielle Newby[4]

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[9]Liver Unit, Clinica Universidad de Navarra, DNA & RNA Medicine Program, CIMA University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain
[10]Division of Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, United States

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Abstract
Primary liver cancer (PLC) remains a global health challenge. Understanding trends in the disease burden and survival is crucial to inform decisions regarding screening, prevention, and treatment. Population-based cohort study using UK primary care data from the Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD) GOLD (2000–2021), replicated in CPRD Aurum. Crude and age-standardized incidence rates (IRs), crude period prevalence (PP), and survival at 1, 5, and 10 years were calculated, and stratified by age, sex, and diagnosis year. The crude IR of PLC was 4.56 (95% CI 4.42–4.70) per 100 000 person-years between 2000 and 2021, with an increase over time across age and sex strata. Sex-specific IR for males was higher than females, 6.60 (95% CI 6.36–6.85) vs. 2.58 (95% CI 2.44–2.74) per 100 000 person-years. Age-standardized IR showed identical trends. Crude PP showed a seven-fold increase over the study period, with PP 0.02% (95% CI 0.019%–0.022%) in 2021, and a 2.8-fold higher PP in males. Survival at 1, 5, and 10 years after diagnosis was 41.7%, 13.2%, and 7.1%, respectively, for both sexes. One-year survival increased only in men, from 33.2% in 2005–2009 to 49.3% in 2015–2019. Over the past two decades, there has been a substantial increase in the number of patients diagnosed with PLC. Despite a slight improvement in median and one-year survival in men, prognosis remains poor. To improve the survival of PLC patients, it is necessary to understand the epidemiological changes and address preventable risk factors associated with liver disease and promote early detection and access to care.

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Congratulations to the team of **Melissa Finster, Markus Wenzel and Elham Taghizadeh** on the publication of **Common data models and data standards for tabular health data: a systematic review** in *BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making*.

Finster *et al. BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making* (2025) 25:422
https://doi.org/10.1186/s12911-025-03267-2

BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW Open Access

Common data models and data standards for tabular health data: a systematic review

Melissa Finster[1*], Markus Wenzel[1,2†] and Elham Taghizadeh[1†]

Abstract

Background The use of health data supports knowledge-based decision-making in healthcare. Common Data Models (CDMs) and data standards facilitate the integration of diverse data sources and enable federated analysis by harmonizing data formats and terminologies.

Methods To determine the best approaches to harmonizing patient data, we undertook a comprehensive literature search, which allowed us to identify the most popular and established CDMs (i2b2, Sentinel CDM, PCORnet CDM, OMOP CDM) and data standards (CDA, HL7 version 2, FHIR, openEHR). We established a set of criteria across the categories of Suitability, Popularity, Adaptability, Interoperability, and Support.

Results The CDMs and data standards are evaluated based on the defined criteria. Overall criteria the OMOP CDM and FHIR scored best. We highlight the strongest CDM and data standard for each criteria category.

Conclusion Given the unique characteristics, strengths, and weaknesses of each CDM and data standard, no single global representation can be selected. To promote broad adoption of CDMs and data standards, it is essential to enable transformation between different representations and utilize various formats within a single tool to facilitate their interoperability. Only then seamless data exchange and research across borders can be achieved.

Clinical trial number Not applicable.

Keywords Common data model, FAIR-Principles, Data standard, Interoperability, Data harmonization

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Upcoming Workgroup Calls

Date	Time (ET)	Meeting
Tuesday	12 pm	ATLAS/WebAPI
Wednesday	1 pm	Perinatal and Reproductive Health
Thursday	8 am	India Community Call
Thursday	9 am	Oncology Vocabulary/Development Subgroup
Thursday	11 am	Themis
Thursday	12 pm	HADES
Friday	10 am	GIS-Geographic Information System
Friday	10:30 am	Open-Source Community
Friday	11:30 am	Steering
Monday	9 am	Africa Chapter
Monday	10 am	Getting Started Subgroup
Tuesday	10 am	CDM Survey

OHDSI Africa Symposium 2025

Nov 10-12 Kampala, Uganda

Day 1 Tutorial @ JCRC

Session Name	Time	Instructor(s)
OHDSI/OMOP Intro	9:00 – 9:20 AM	Michael Ochola Mui Van Zandt Cynthia Sung
OMOP CDM and Vocabulary	9:20 – 10:00 AM	Sebastian van Sandijk Cynthia Sung Mui Van Zandt
OMOP Conversion Process	10:00 – 10:30 AM	Rachel Odhiambo Freija Descamps Ousmane Diop
Break	10:30 – 10:40 AM	
ETL Exercises	10:40 – 12:00 noon	Pauline Andeso Freija Descamps Reinpeter Momanyi
Lunch	12:00 – 1:30 PM	
Data Quality Dashboard	1:30 – 2:00 PM	Reinpeter Momanyi David Amadi Sebastian van Sandijk
Evidence Generation with OHDSI Tools	2:00 – 3:00 PM 3:15 – 4:15 PM	Edward Burns Anna Saura-Lazaro Mui van Zandt

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Tutorial Group Photo @ JCRC

Day 2-3 Symposium @ Mestil Hotel

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Executive Director
Joint Clinical Research Center

Paul Mbaka, Asst Commissioner
Dept Health Information, MOH

Brenda Nakazibwe
Sci, Tech & Innovation Secretariat
Office of the President, Uganda

2025 OHDSI Africa Symposium Group Photo

Next OHDSI Africa Symposium

Uganda

Ethiopia

India Symposium

APAC Symposium: Dec. 6-7

Day 1 (December 6) – Tutorial at Room 102, Dongxia Yuan Building (Zheng-Cai Cuiju Teaching Building)

Morning Session

- 09:00-09:20 Introduction of OHDSI/OMOP
- 09:20-10:00 OMOP CDM and Vocabulary
- 10:00-10:30 OMOP Conversion Process
- 10:40-12:00 ETL Exercises

Afternoon Session

- 13:30-14:50 OHDSI Analyses: Building Cohorts & Hands-on
- 14:50-15:30 CohortDiagnostics and Population-Level Estimation
- 15:50-16:30 Interpreting Results

Day 2 (December 7) – Main conference at Room A100, 1F, Student Center

Session 1 – From Global to Regional Impact: OHDSI across APAC & Africa

- 09:00 – 09:15 Opening Speech
- 09:15 – 09:45 Keynote Speech from OHDSI Global
- 09:45 – 10:45 APAC Regional Chapter Updates
- 10:45 – 11:00 OHDSI Africa

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Session 2 – From Research to Reflection: 2025 APAC Studies and Lessons Learned

- 11:15 – 11:30 2025 APAC Study 1 by Fudan University
- 11:30 – 11:45 2025 APAC Study 2 by Peking University
- 11:45 – 12:00 2025 APAC Study 3 by University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)
- 12:00 – 12:10 Journal's Perspectives
- 12:10 – 12:30 Panel Discussion

Session 3 – From Regional Insights to Local Challenges: Real-World Evidence and OHDSI/OMOP in China

- 13:30 – 14:30 Collaborator Showcase: Lightning Talks
- 14:30 – 14:45 Real-World Evidence Talk 1
- 14:45 – 15:00 Real-World Evidence Talk 2
- 15:00 – 15:15 Real-World Evidence Talk 3
- 15:30 – 15:50 Real-World Evidence Using OHDSI/OMOP
- 15:50 – 16:10 Panel Discussion: Opportunities and Challenges Using OHDSI/OMOP for Real-World Evidence in China
- 16:10 – 16:50 Closing & Networking

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2026 Global Symposium

The 2026 OHDSI Global Symposium will return to the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, N.J., on **Oct. 20-22.**

More details to come.

Tutorials Homepage

OHDSI Tutorials

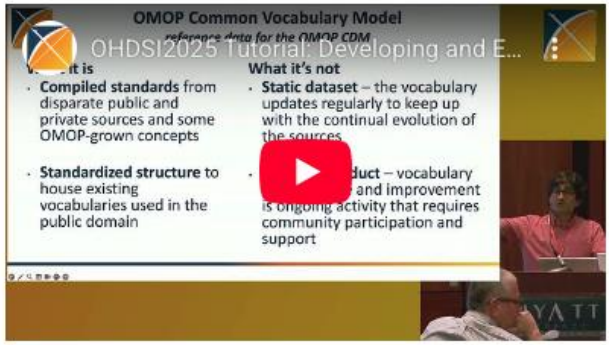
Education is at the heart of OHDSI's mission, and these tutorials showcase the community's commitment to sharing knowledge. Developed and taught by OHDSI faculty, they highlight tools, standards, and best practices that empower collaborators at every level to engage in open science and generate reliable evidence.

2025 Global Symposium

An Introduction to the Journey from Data to Evidence Using OHDSI

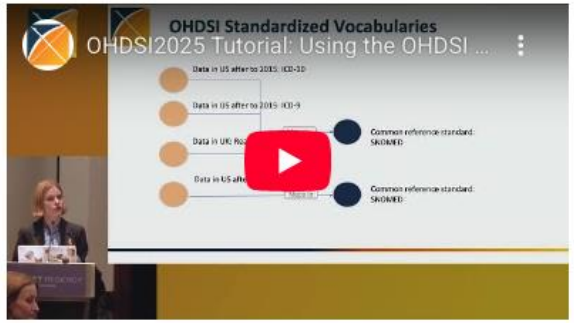
Faculty: Erica Voss, Yong Chen, Katy Sadowski, Nicole Pratt, Roger Carlson, Chongliang (Jason) Luo

Developing and Evaluating Your Extract, Transform, Load (ETL) Process to the OMOP Common Data Model



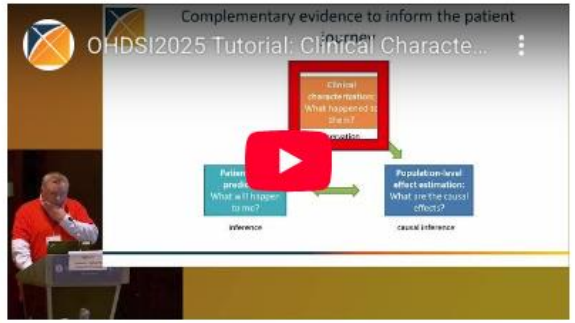
Faculty: Clair Blacketer, Karthik Natarajan, Evanette Burrows, Max Adulyanuksol, Maxim Moinat

Using the OHDSI Standardized Vocabularies for Research



Faculty: Anna Ostropolets, Vlad Korsik, Polina Talapova, Masha Khitrun

Clinical Characterization Applications to Generate Reliable Real-World Evidence

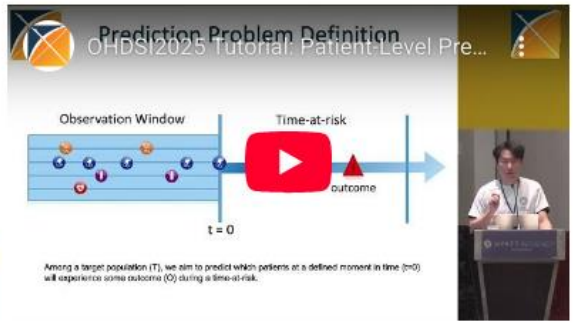


Faculty: Patrick Ryan, Aniek Markus, Hsin Yi "Cindy" Chen, Azza Shoaibi

Population-Level Effect Estimation Applications to Generate Reliable Real-World Evidence

Faculty: George Hripcsak, Martijn Schuemie, Linying Zhang, Tara Anand

Patient-Level Prediction Applications to Generate Reliable Real-World Evidence



Faculty: Jenna Reps, Egill Fridgersson, Ross Williams

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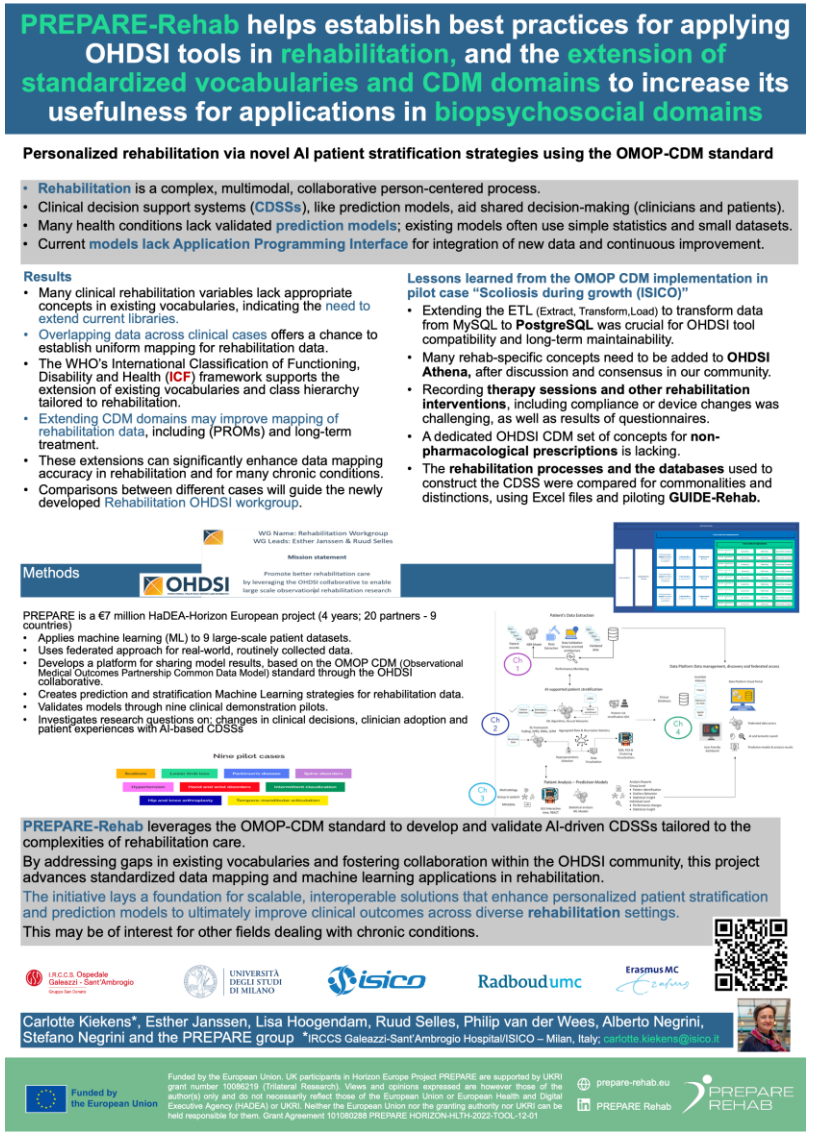
#OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

Monday

PREPARE-Rehab: Personalized rehabilitation via novel AI patient stratification strategies using the OMOP-CDM standard

(Carlotte Kiekens, Esther Janssen, Lisa Hoogendam, Ruud Selles, Philip van der Wees, Alberto Negrini, Stefano Negrini and the PREPARE group)



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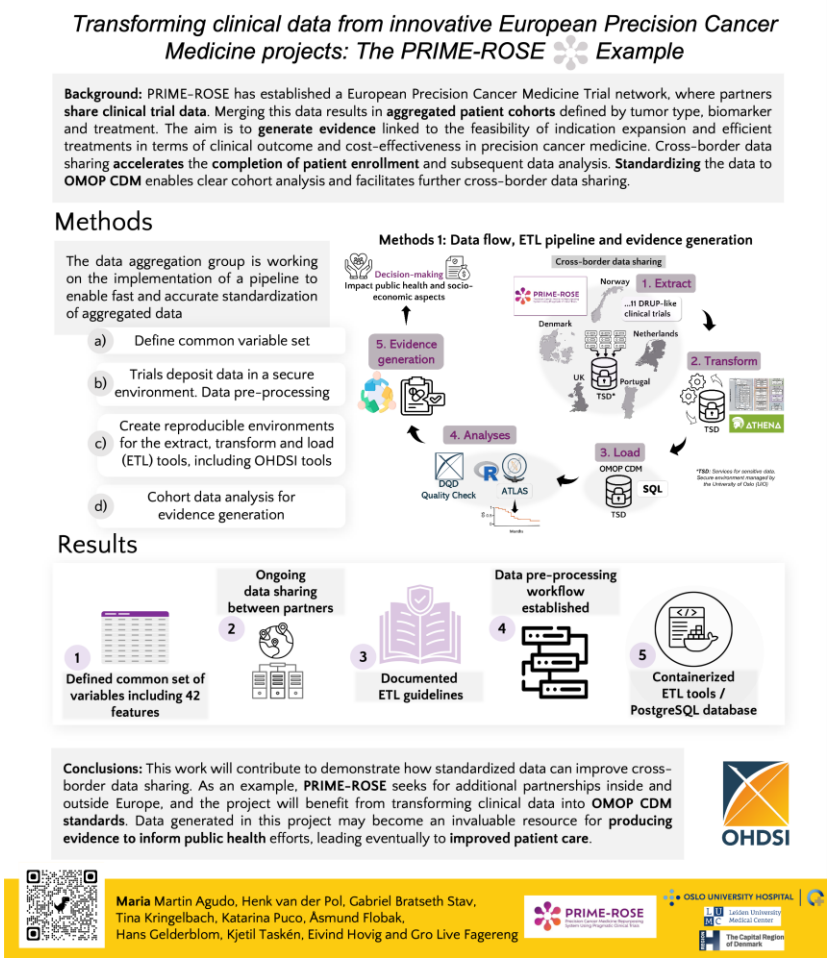
Tuesday

Transforming clinical data from innovative European Cancer Precision Medicine projects: The PRIME-ROSE Example

(Maria Martin Agudo, Henk van der Pol, Gabriel Bratseth Stav, Tina Kringelbach, Katarina Puco, Åsmund Flobak, Hans Gelderblom, Kjetil Taskén, Eivind Hovig and Gro Live Fagereng)

OMOP CDM enables **transforming** aggregated data in a **European** clinical trial **network** in precision cancer medicine



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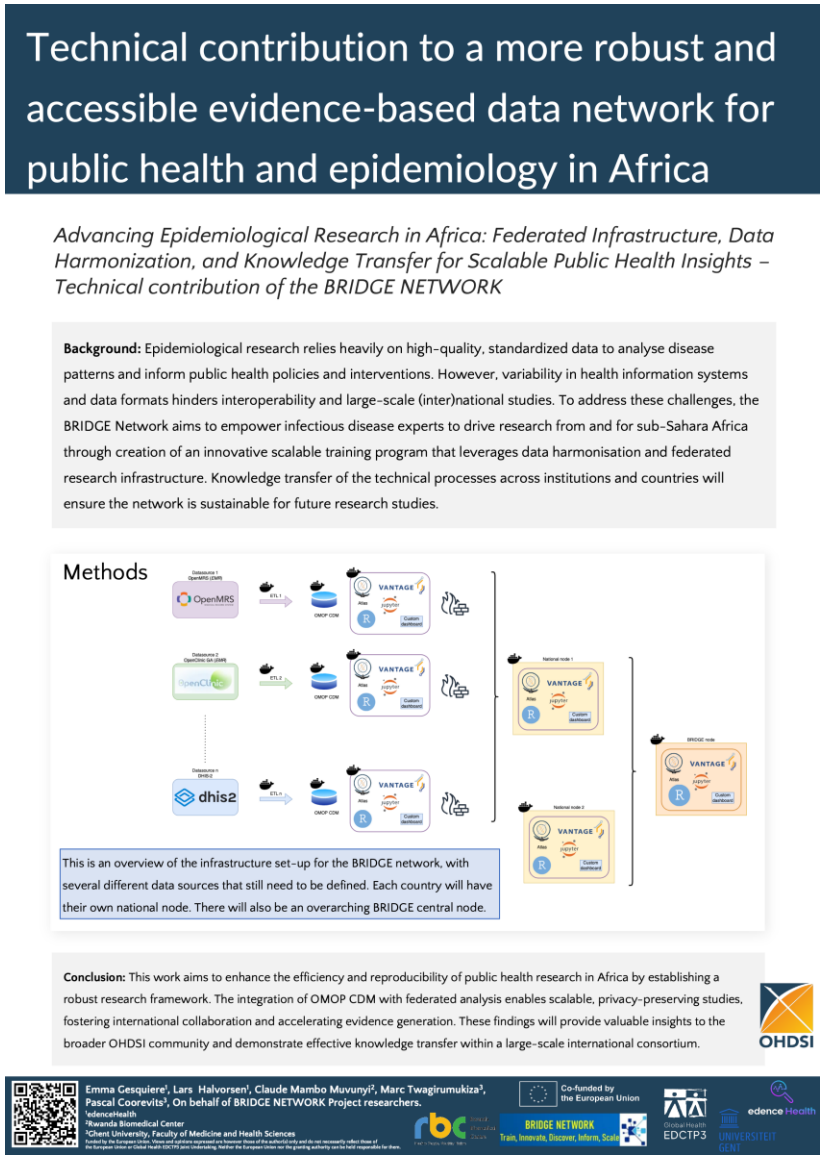
Wednesday

Advancing Epidemiological Research in Africa: Federated Infrastructure, Data Harmonization, and Knowledge Transfer for Scalable Public Health Insights – Technical contribution of the BRIDGE NETWORK project

(Emma Gesquiere, Lars Halvorsen, Claude Mambo Muvunyi, Marc Twagirumukiza, Pascal Coorevits)



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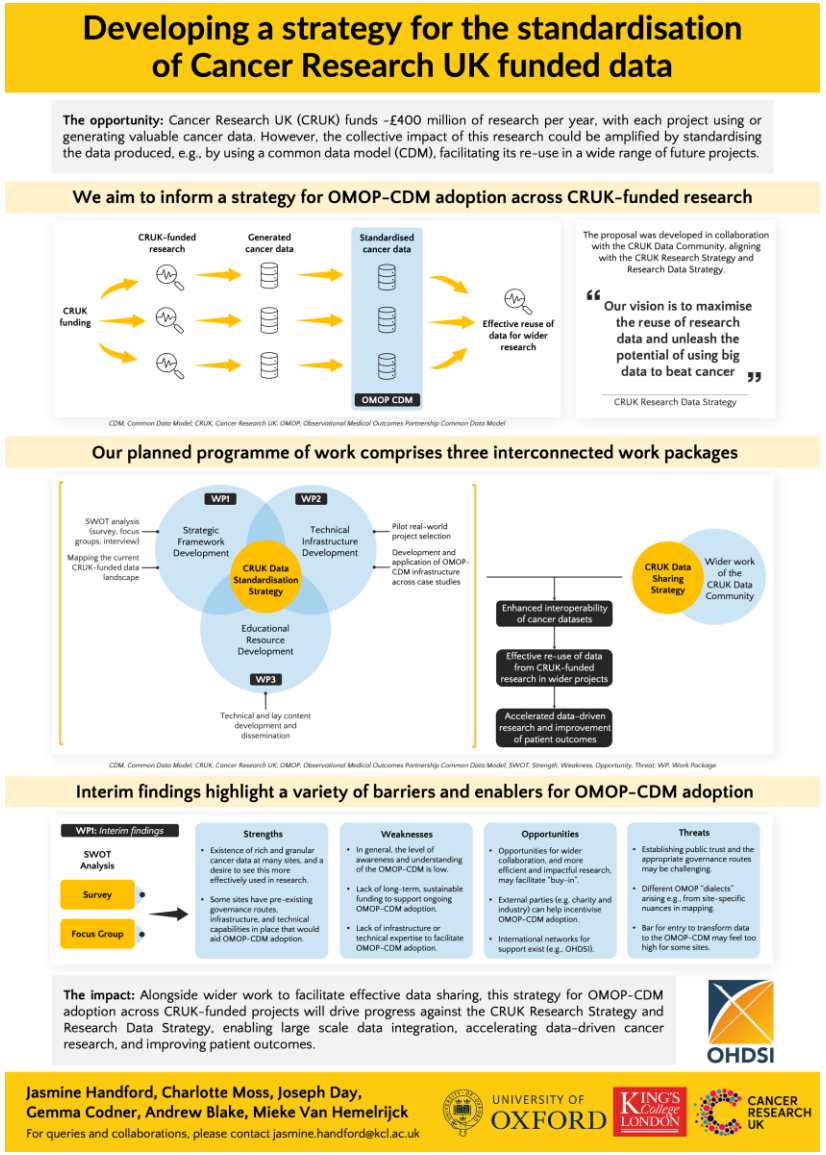
Thursday

Developing a strategy for the standardisation of Cancer Research UK funded data

(Jasmine Handford, Charlotte Moss, Joseph Day, Gemma Codner, Andrew Blake, Mieke Van Hemelrijck)



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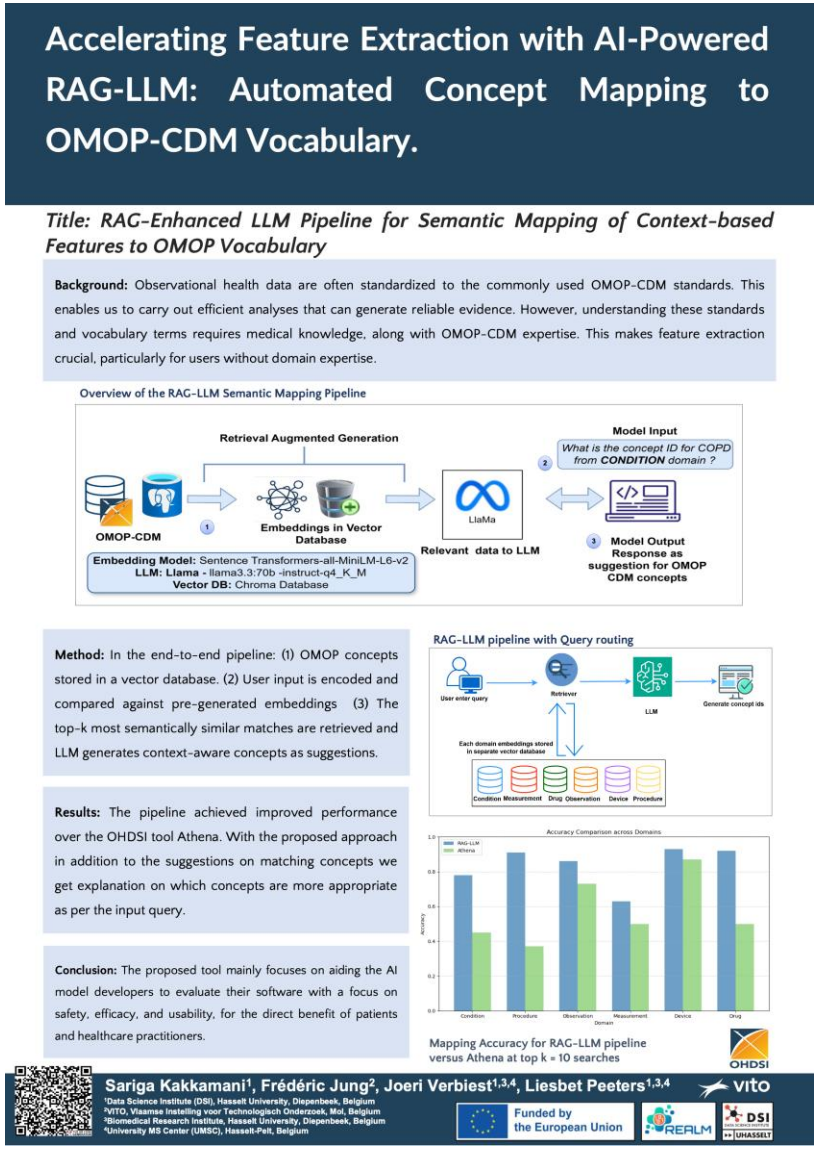
Friday

RAG-Enhanced LLM Pipeline for Semantic Mapping of Context-based Features to OMOP Vocabulary

(Sariga Kakkamani, Frederic Jung, Joeri Verbiest, Liesbet Peeters)



Where Are We Going?

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

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Everybody is invited!

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