OHDSI/OMOP Research Spotlight

OHDSI Community Call

Dec. 2, 2025 • 11 am ET

Upcoming Community Calls

Date	Topic
Dec. 2	OHDSI/OMOP Research Spotlight
Dec. 9	How Did OHDSI Do This Year?
Dec. 16	Holiday Farewell To 2025
Dec. 23	No Meeting
Dec. 30	No Meeting
Jan. 6	No Meeting
Jan. 13	Where Can We Go Together in 2026?

Dec. 9: How Did We Do In 2025?

Three Stages of The Journey

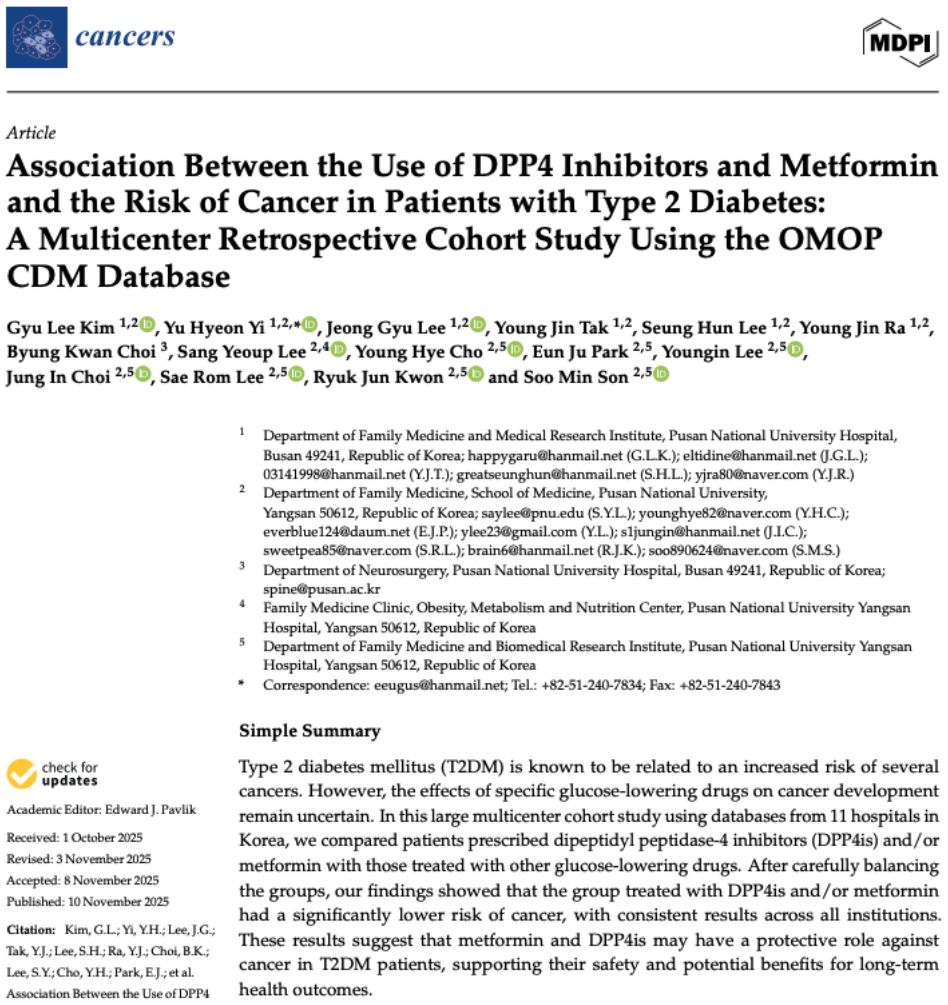
Where Have We Been?

Where Are We Now?

Where Are We Going?

OHDSI Shoutouts!

Congratulations to the team of **Gyu Lee Kim, Yu Hyeon Yi, Jeong Gyu Lee, Young Jin Tak, Seung Hun Lee, Young Jin Ra, Byung Kwan Choi, Sang Yeoup Lee, Young Hye Cho, Eun Ju Park, Youngin Lee, Jung In Choi, Sae Rom Lee, Ryuk Jun Kwon, and Soo Min Son** on the publication of **Association Between the Use of DPP4 Inhibitors and Metformin and the Risk of Cancer in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: A Multicenter Retrospective Cohort Study Using the OMOP CDM Database** in *Cancers*.



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Association Between the Use of DPP4 Inhibitors and Metformin and the Risk of Cancer in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: A Multicenter Retrospective Cohort Study Using the OMOP CDM Database

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Simple Summary

Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) is known to be related to an increased risk of several cancers. However, the effects of specific glucose-lowering drugs on cancer development remain uncertain. In this large multicenter cohort study using databases from 11 hospitals in Korea, we compared patients prescribed dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (DPP4is) and/or metformin with those treated with other glucose-lowering drugs. After carefully balancing the groups, our findings showed that the group treated with DPP4is and/or metformin had a significantly lower risk of cancer, with consistent results across all institutions. These results suggest that metformin and DPP4is may have a protective role against cancer in T2DM patients, supporting their safety and potential benefits for long-term health outcomes.

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Upcoming Workgroup Calls

Date	Time (ET)	Meeting
Tuesday	12 pm	ATLAS/WebAPI
Thursday	10 am	Themis
Thursday	11 am	Industry
Thursday	12 pm	Methods Research
Thursday	1 pm	Oncology Vocabulary/Development Subgroup
Thursday	2 pm	Early-Stage Researchers
Friday	10 am	GIS-Geographic Information System
Friday	11:30 am	Steering
Monday	9 am	Africa Chapter
Monday	10 am	Getting Started
Monday	9 am	Oncology Genomic Subgroup
Tuesday	10 am	CDM Survey Subgroup

December Newsletter is Available

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The Journey Newsletter (December 2025)

The final newsletter of 2025 focuses on the progress being made around global collaboration, including in local events that are taking place across four continents between November and December. New collaborators have multiple resources to help begin their journeys, including the Early-Stage Workgroup and a new tutorial homepage. Those who want to help educate the community can consider sharing plenary and tutorial proposals for the 2026 OHDSI Global Symposium. We look at all of that and more in the latest newsletter. #JoinTheJourney

Podcast: Global Events, DARWIN EU Progress

In the December 2025 On The Journey podcast, Patrick Ryan and Craig Sachson highlight new community events in Sweden, Africa and Canada that took place in November. They discuss the recent DARWIN EU update and its progress assisting the EMA, and they announce a call for both plenaries and tutorials for the 2026 Global Symposium, which will take place Oct. 20-22 in New Brunswick, N.J. *(If video does not appear, please click 'view this email in your browser.)*

Community Updates

Where Have We Been?

- November community calls were highlighted by numerous #OHDSI2025 presentations, including from our Best Community Contribution honorees and three of our Early-Stage Researchers. All of the talks can be found in the **'November Presentations'** section of this newsletter.
- The first Africa Symposium and new events in both Sweden and Canada highlighted a busy November of collaboration opportunities. Learn more about each within this newsletter.
- DARWIN EU is a European Medicines Agency–led network that uses real-world healthcare data, standardized to the OMOP CDM, across Europe to generate evidence on how medicines are used, how safe and effective they are, and to support regulatory decision-making. Leaders from the initiative provided a 2025 update recently.

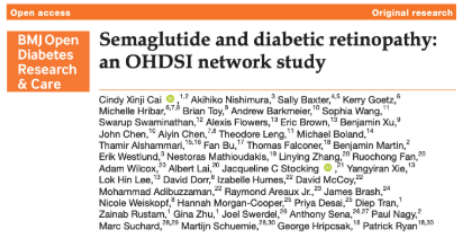
Where Are We Now?

- The 2025 OHDSI India Symposium will be held Dec. 2 at SVM Hospitals in Bangalore. The registration link and more information, including the symposium agenda, is now available.
- The 2025 OHDSI Asia-Pacific Symposium will be held Dec. 6-7 in Shanghai, China. Registration is open, and agenda details will be shared when available.
- The Dec. 9 OHDSI Community Call will reflect on our community's impact in 2025. Workgroup leads have been asked to provide a brief self-assessment to assist that call by Dec. 5.

Where Are We Going?

- The 2026 OHDSI Europe Symposium will be held April 18-20 in Rotterdam, Netherlands. While registration has not opened yet, the deadline for abstract submissions is Feb. 6, 2026.
- The 2026 OHDSI Global Symposium will be held Oct. 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, N.J. There is a call for plenary and tutorial submissions; more details can be found later in this newsletter.
- The **#OHDSISocialShowcase** is currently highlighting research from the 2025 Europe Symposium, and will soon begin showcasing research from the Global Symposium. Please follow our LinkedIn, Twitter/X, Bluesky and Instagram feeds to learn more about the research happening in our community.

November Publications


Open access Original research

BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care

Semaglutide and diabetic retinopathy: an OHDSI network study

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2026 Global Symposium Dates Set; Community Seeks Plenary, Tutorials By Jan. 30, 2026

The 12th annual OHDSI Global Symposium will return to the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, N.J., Oct. 20-22, 2026. All pertinent information will be added to this page when available. Currently, the OHDSI steering group is seeking proposals for both plenaries and tutorials. **The deadline for both is January 30, 2026.**

Symposium plenaries provide opportunities to share innovative, community-developed content to empower researchers to generate reliable real-world evidence. The community is currently seeking proposals for our #OHDSI2026 plenaries. These sessions will be 60 minutes in duration and must touch on at least two of following pillars of our community: open community data standards, methodological research, open-source development, and clinical applications.

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Learn more and share your submissions before the Jan. 30 deadline using the links below.

Plenary/Tutorial Submission Details

Submit Your OHDSI 2026 Plenary Proposal

Submit Your OHDSI 2026 Tutorial Proposal

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Spotlight: Hua Xu

What keeps me motivated is the shared mission of making real-world data useful for improving health, and the fact that OHDSI has created a truly global, inclusive, and intellectually vibrant community. It's rare to find a network where clinicians, epidemiologists, data scientists, and informaticians work so seamlessly toward a common goal.

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Oxford Summer School Registration Opens

Oxford Summer School 2026: Real World Evidence using the OMOP Common Data Model

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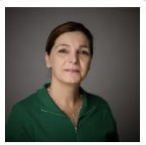

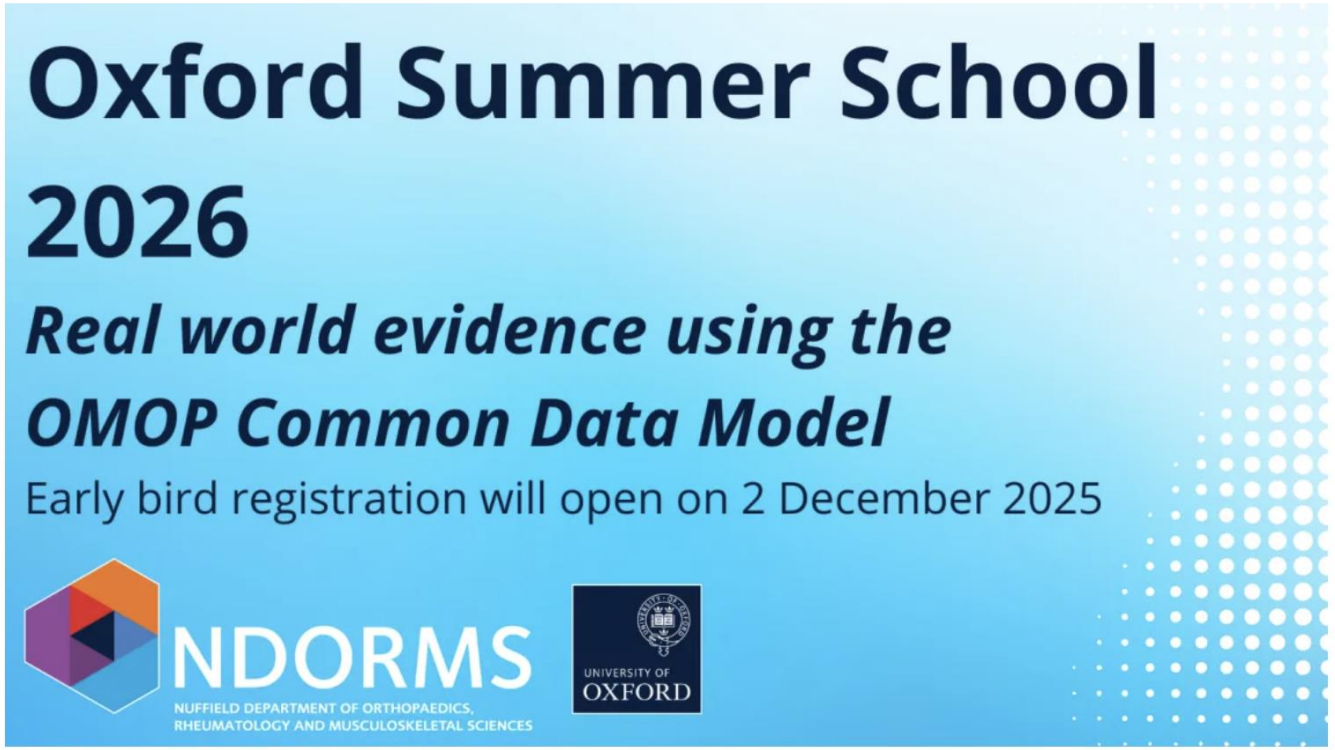

Columbia DBMI Summer School

The 2026 Summer School in Observational Health Data Science & Informatics, AI, and Real World Evidence

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June 22–26, 2026, Columbia Biomedical Informatics

The Columbia OHDSI Summer School provides health professionals, researchers, and industry practitioners with an immersive, hands-on training to working with real-world health data and generating real-world evidence (RWE). Participants will explore the types of healthcare data captured during routine clinical care—such as electronic health records and administrative claims—and learn how to standardize these data using the OMOP Common Data Model to support collaborative, distributed research as part of a data network.

Over the course of the week, participants will engage with three real-world analytic use cases:

- **Clinical characterization** – using descriptive epidemiology to study disease natural history and treatment patterns
- **Population-level estimation** – applying causal inference to assess drug safety and comparative effectiveness
- **Patient-level prediction** – leveraging machine learning for early disease detection and precision medicine

Participants will be guided through the full RWE study lifecycle: from designing observational studies tailored to each use case, to applying open-source tools form the OHDSI community, and executing analyses across real-world data sources.

The curriculum combines foundational lectures on analytical methods with hands-on, interactive, faculty-led group exercises. In addition, participants will have dedicated time to develop and advance their own study concepts with personalized feedback and mentoring.

India Symposium: Today!

9:00am - 9:30am	Registration and Coffee
9:30am - 9:45am	Lamp Lighting Ceremony
9:45am - 10:00am	Opening & Welcome Address Dr. Vikram Patil, Deputy Dean – Research (Clinical & Translational), JSS AHER
10:00am - 10:30am	OHDSI India: Progress, Scope & Vision Parthiban Sulur, VP Innovation & Growth, GVW
10:40am - 11:10am	Standardizing Mental Health Data: Africa's Contribution to the Global OHDSI Journey Dr. Tathagata Bhattacharjee, Population Health Data Scientist
11:10am - 11:30am	Coffee Break
11:30am - 12:00pm	Where Does India Stand in the Global Health Data Race? Dr. Rintu Kutum, Group Lead, Augmented Health Systems Laboratory, Faculty Fellow of Computer Science, (KCDH-A); Ashoka University
12:10pm - 12:40pm	India's Healthcare Landscape & National Priorities Dr. Thanga Prabhu, Clinical Informatics Expert
12:40pm - 1:10pm	OHDSI & FHIR: Building Interoperability Together Kumar Sathyam, HL7 Chair, Technical Committee
1:15pm - 2:15pm	Lunch Break
2:15pm - 2:30pm	Inauguration of the OHDSI India Training Program Dr. Kavitha Lamror, Partner, RWE & Digital Transformation

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2:30pm - 3:15pm	Panel Discussion - Shaping India's Real-World Data Journey – From Current Practices to Collaborative Innovation Moderator: Dr. Kavitha Lamror, Partner, RWE & Digital Transformation Panel Members: Manish Sharma, yajur.ai, Founder & Director Dr.Prasan Shankar, Medical director, IAIM Healthcare center, Bangalore Dr. Chandil Kumar, Co-Founder SVM Hospital Dr. Mayank Agarwal, Physician Executive, Clinical Informaticist at BG Tek Personalized Medicine (OPC) Private Limited
3.25 pm - 4.00 pm	Poster Showcase & Break
4.00 pm - 5:15pm	Lightning Talks
5:15pm - 5:30pm	Closing Remarks & OHDSI Team Recognition
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Networking Session & Closing

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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

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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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- Your email address(es):
- Short (2,500 character max) description / abstract of your proposed session:
- Which pillars are you targeting:
- One sentence “pitch” of your session to excite the community:
- Names and roles of individuals who have tentatively agreed to participate in your session:

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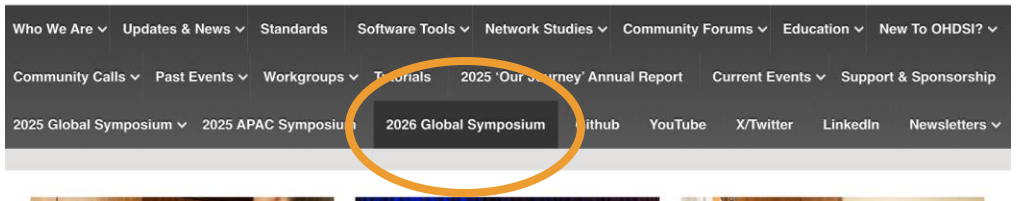

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2026 Europe Symposium

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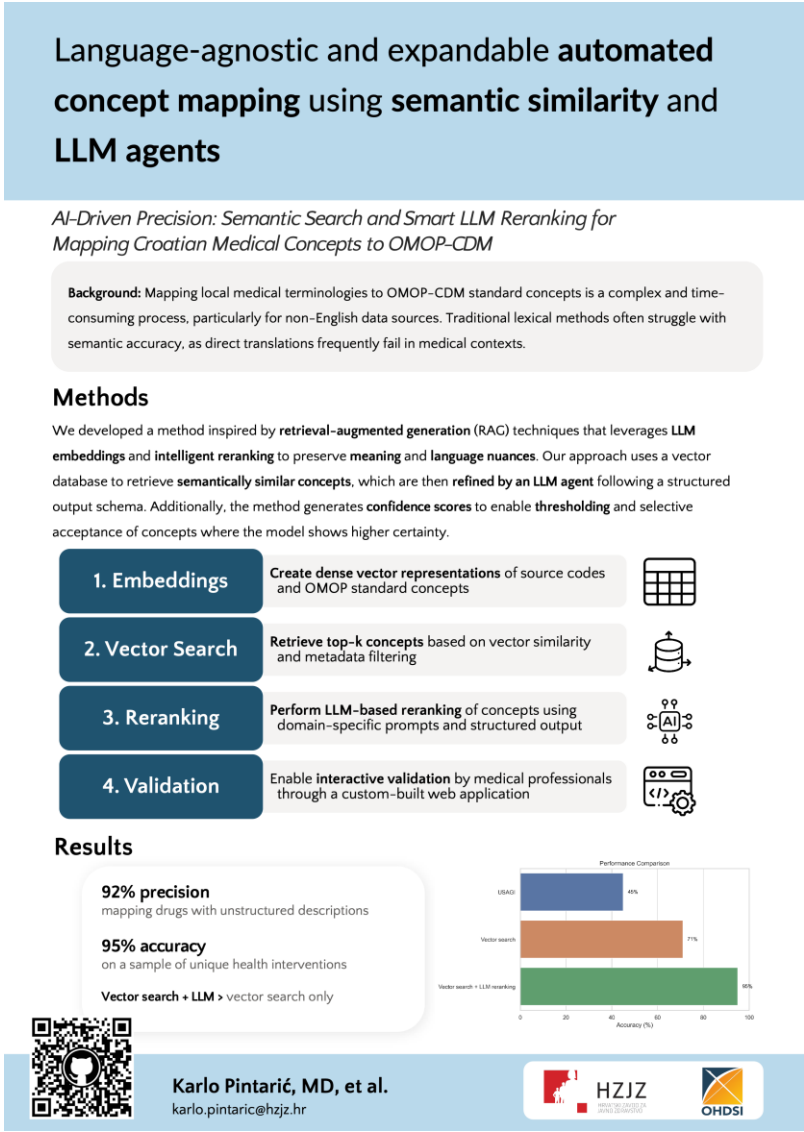
The deadline for abstract submissions will be Feb. 6, 2026.

#OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

Monday

AI-Driven Precision: Semantic Search and Smart LLM Reranking for Mapping Croatian Medical Concepts to OMOP-CDM

(Karlo Pintarić, Moris Bagić, Marko Čavlina, Antea Jezidžić, Pero Ivanko)

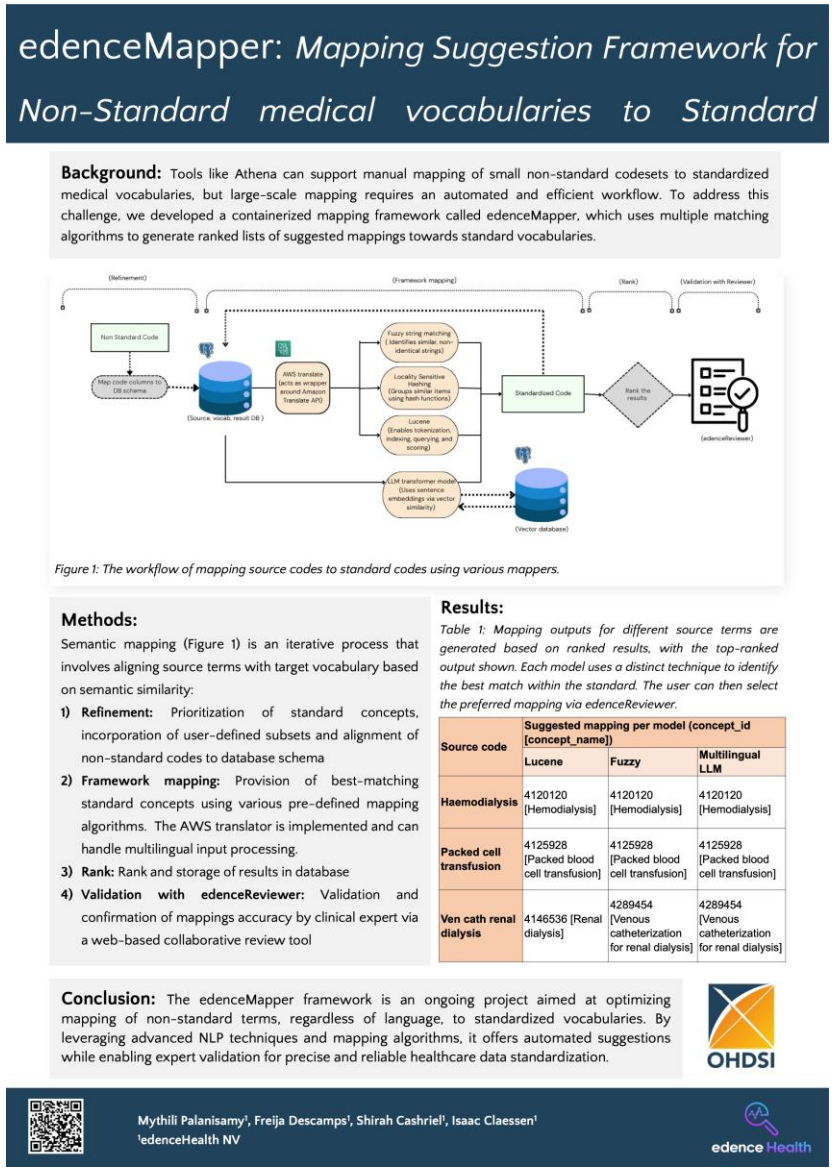


#OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

Tuesday

edenceMapper: Mapping Suggestion Framework for Non-Standard to Standard Codes

(Freija Descamps, Shirah Cashriel, Isaac Claessen, Mythili Palanisamy)



edenceMapper: *Mapping Suggestion Framework for Non-Standard medical vocabularies to Standard*

Background: Tools like Athena can support manual mapping of small non-standard codesets to standardized medical vocabularies, but large-scale mapping requires an automated and efficient workflow. To address this challenge, we developed a containerized mapping framework called edenceMapper, which uses multiple matching algorithms to generate ranked lists of suggested mappings towards standard vocabularies.

Figure 1: The workflow of mapping source codes to standard codes using various mappers.

Methods:

Semantic mapping (Figure 1) is an iterative process that involves aligning source terms with target vocabulary based on semantic similarity:

1) **Refinement:** Prioritization of standard concepts, incorporation of user-defined subsets and alignment of non-standard codes to database schema
2) **Framework mapping:** Provision of best-matching standard concepts using various pre-defined mapping algorithms. The AWS translator is implemented and can handle multilingual input processing.
3) **Rank:** Rank and storage of results in database
4) **Validation with edenceReviewer:** Validation and confirmation of mappings accuracy by clinical expert via a web-based collaborative review tool

Results:

Table 1: Mapping outputs for different source terms are generated based on ranked results, with the top-ranked output shown. Each model uses a distinct technique to identify the best match within the standard. The user can then select the preferred mapping via edenceReviewer.

Source code	Suggested mapping per model (concept_id [concept_name])		
	Lucene	Fuzzy	Multilingual LLM
Haemodialysis	4120120 [Hemodialysis]	4120120 [Hemodialysis]	4120120 [Hemodialysis]
Packed cell transfusion	4125928 [Packed blood cell transfusion]	4125928 [Packed blood cell transfusion]	4125928 [Packed blood cell transfusion]
Ven cath renal dialysis	4146536 [Renal dialysis]	4289454 [Venous catheterization for renal dialysis]	4289454 [Venous catheterization for renal dialysis]

Conclusion: The edenceMapper framework is an ongoing project aimed at optimizing mapping of non-standard terms, regardless of language, to standardized vocabularies. By leveraging advanced NLP techniques and mapping algorithms, it offers automated suggestions while enabling expert validation for precise and reliable healthcare data standardization.

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#OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

Wednesday

Federated Platform for Clinical Data Mediation: Enhancing Interoperability with OMOP and NLP

(Mónica Arrúe, María Quijada, Paula Chocrón, Josep Cordón, Gabriel de Maeztu)

Federated Platform for Clinical Data Mediation: Enhancing Interoperability with OMOP and NLP

INTRO

Despite the **demand** for Real-World Clinical Data (**RWD**) in research, accessing it is **challenging** :

Up to 80% of clinical data is unstructured (e.g., free-text clinical notes, pathology reports, and discharge summaries), complicating reuse for research.

Hospitals face significant **bureaucracy** in approving research projects, alongside **ethical** and **regulatory constraints**, which collectively cause research projects to **take a long time** to execute.

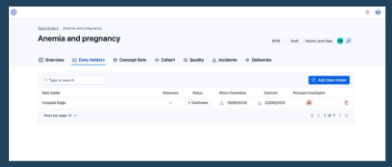
METHODS

The Data Space Platform (DSP) is a federated, AI-driven infrastructure for clinical data mediation.

- It **streamlines** the **entire data mediation process** between **Data Holders** and **Data Users** for research projects, effectively overcoming bureaucracy and ethical/regulatory complexities.
- It integrates **Natural Language Processing (NLP)** and **Automated Terminology Mapping (ATM)** to unlock valuable, relevant data from **free-text clinical notes.**
- The structured data is **transformed** into the **OMOP Common Data Model (CDM)** directly within each Data Holder's data space, facilitating **multi-center studies.**

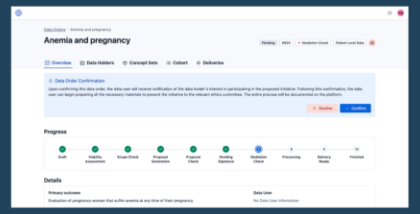
Research Projects Mediation Workflow

Figure 1: Overview of the mediation workflow for a research project between a Data User and multiple Data Holders. Below the detailed steps involved.



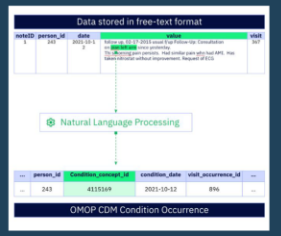
1. Data Request & Project Initiation:

- Data Users create new research projects on the platform, outlining their objectives and required data.
- They can then send formal Data Requests to specific Data Holders, inviting their participation.



2. Data Holder Governance & Approval:

- Data Holders access a centralized dashboard to review incoming Data Requests.
- Data Holders can check project objectives, data requested, and track ethics committee approvals.
- The platform facilitates contract signing, allowing Data Holders to decide participation.



3. AI-Driven Data Preparation:

- Once approved, Data Holders activate the platform's integrated AI (**NLP and ATM**) to prepare and structure requested data, ensuring it's research-ready and harmonized.

4. Compliant Data Delivery:

- The platform ensures that the prepared data is provided to the Data User following the compliance procedures, guaranteeing secure and ethical data sharing for research.

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RESULTS

- **Reduction in time** required for **project approval**
- **Faster research** initiation, allowing study sponsors to rapidly access harmonized, anonymized datasets once approvals are secured.
- Higher **data quality** and **completeness**, with over 85% accuracy in NLP-driven entity recognition.
- **Increased** hospitals participation in **multi-center studies.**
- A robust **compliance framework,** ensuring that all data mediation activities align with GDPR and hospital policies.

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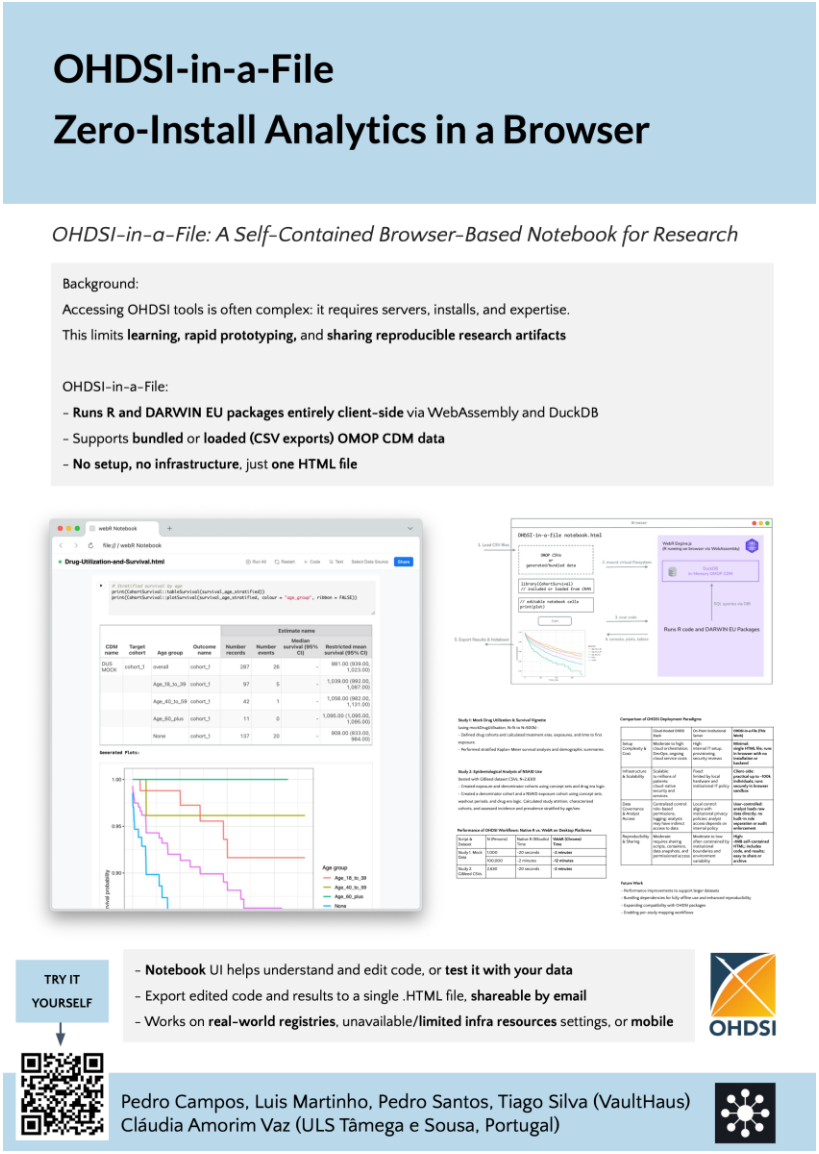
OHDSI-in-a-File: A Self-Contained Browser-Based Notebook for Research

(Pedro Campos, Luis Martinho, Pedro Santos, Tiago Silva, Cláudia Amorim Vaz)



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Searching the HMA-EMA Real-World Data Catalogues: Insights into Common Data Models

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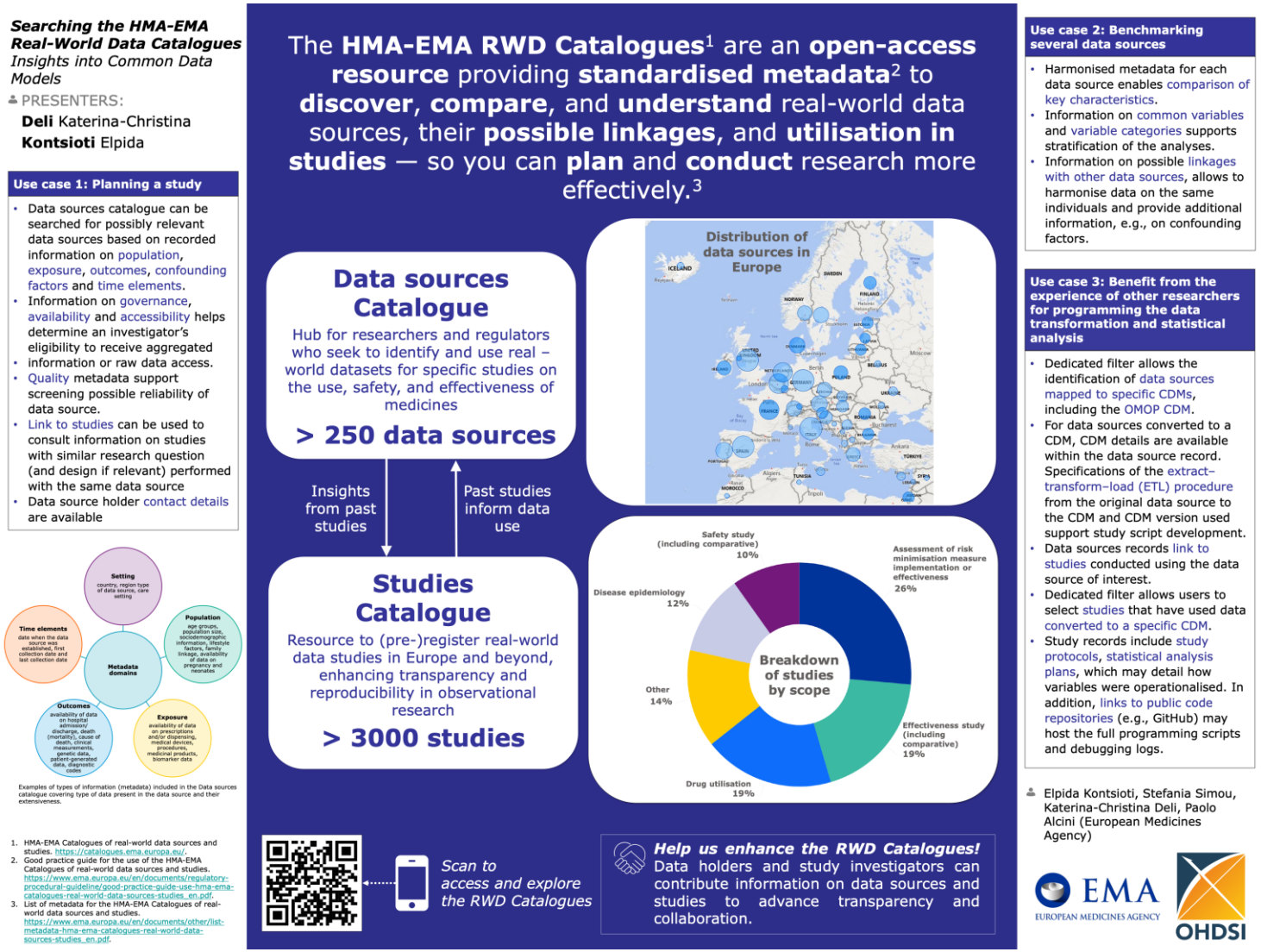

Where Are We Going?

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?

Dec. 2: OHDSI/OMOP Research Spotlight

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Semiautomatic mapping of a national drug terminology to standardised OMOP drug concepts using publicly available supplementary information (*BMC Medical Research Methodology*)

Marta Pineda Moncusí

Postdoctoral Researcher In Health Data, University of Oxford

Changes in use and utilisation patterns of drugs with reported shortages between 2010 and 2024 in Europe and North America: a network cohort study (*The Lancet Public Health*)

Lucía Bellas

Real World Evidence Epidemiologist, IMI_EHDEN

Secular Trends in the Use of Valproate-Containing Medicines in Women of Childbearing Age in Europe: A Multinational DARWIN EU Network Study (*Pharmacoepidemiology & Drug Safety*)

Hanieh Razzaghi

Associate Director, PEDSnet Data Coordinating Center

A multifaceted approach to advancing data quality and fitness standards in multi-institutional networks *(JAMIA)*

The weekly OHDSI community call is held every Tuesday at 11 am ET.

Everybody is invited!

Links are sent out weekly and available at:

ohdsi.org/community-calls-2025