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Data standards in audiology: a mixed-methods exploration of community perspectives and implementation considerations

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ABSTRACT

Objective: This study addresses conceptual issues around data standardisation in audiology, and outlines steps towards achieving it. It reports a survey of the computational audiology community on their current understanding, needs, and preferences concerning data standards. Based on survey findings and a panel discussion, recommendations are made concerning moving forward with standardisation in audiology.

Design: Mixed-methods: (1) review of existing standardisation efforts; (2) a survey of the computational audiology community; (3) expert panel discussion in a dedicated session at the 2024 Virtual Conference of Computational Audiology.

Sample: Survey: 82 members of the global community; Panel discussion: five experts.

Results: A prerequisite for any global audiology database are agreed data standards. Although many are familiar with the general idea, few know of existing initiatives, or have actively participated in them. Ninety percent of respondents expressed willingness to follow or contribute to standardisation efforts. The panel discussed relevant initiatives (e.g. OMOP, openEHR, Noah) and explored both challenges (around harmonisation) and opportunities (alignment with other medical fields and conversion among approaches).

Conclusions: Combining conceptual discussion with stakeholder views, the study offers guidance for implementing interoperable data standards in audiology. It highlights community support, key issues to address, and suggests paths for future work.

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A multifaceted approach to advancing data quality and fitness standards in multi-institutional networks

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Abstract

Objective: To construct a data quality (DQ) system that incorporates combinations of methods to evaluate data characteristics and analytic fitness across research questions for multiple uses.

Materials and Methods: Drawing from experience of other data quality programs, network data extraction needs, and recurring study requirements, we developed 5 standards to guide development of a modular, multifaceted data quality system. These included annotation and documentation, ability to measure research readiness, reproducibility across networks, flexibility for the user, and interpretability to research and project teams. Implementation of checks based on these principles focused on reusability and interactive visualization of results.

Results: We identified 10 check types producing over 444 check applications and deployed them in 2 multi-institutional networks. Check types span structural conformance to a data model, utility for common research needs, and study-specific customization. All check types are customizable without dependencies between them. A dashboard visualizes results, permitting adjustments based on number of data sources, need for source masking, and the user's focus. All components can be applied as written to any data source using OMOP and are readily modified for other data models.

Discussion: We have extended previous work through our novel and multifaceted approach to data quality assessment, addressing needs in both network data improvement and research usage. We developed a capable and deployable system rather than tailoring to specific use cases.

Conclusion: Our novel DQ assessment system provides essential components for future standardization and collaboration to improve fitness of clinical data for intended use.

Key words: data quality; electronic health records; clinical research networks; multi-institutional research; learning health systems.



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OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the compatibility of the Society of Critical Care Medicine's (SCCM) Critical Care Data Dictionary (C2D2) with the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP) Common Data Model (CDM) and initiate a set of steps extending OMOP to accommodate specialized critical care data elements.

DESIGN: Systematic analysis and mapping study using a three-tiered semantic matching approach to demonstrate technical feasibility and identify fundamental challenges in critical care data standardization.

SETTING: Critical care medicine informatics research environment.

SUBJECTS: The SCCM's C2D2 elements.

INTERVENTIONS: None.

MEASUREMENTS AND MAIN RESULTS: We evaluated the compatibility of C2D2 clinical variables with the OMOP CDM using a three-tier classification system (full match, partial match, and no match). Our analysis of 226 C2D2 elements revealed that 49.6% of concepts had full OMOP equivalents, 46.4% required modification, and 4.0% had no suitable mapping. Key incompatibilities were identified in ventilator parameters, composite scoring systems, and advanced organ support documentation. A large language model-based semantic matching system yielded a precision of 59.5%, recall of 87.0%, and F1 score of 70.7% at an optimized similarity threshold of 0.90. These

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Abstract:

Background and Significance: Getting patients out of intensive care units (ICUs) is a major goal for acute care clinicians, as prolonged stays increase the risk of complications and strain critical resources such as staff, equipment, and beds. The ICU Liberation bundle or the ABCDEF (A-F) care bundle is an evidence-based framework for improving outcomes in critically ill patients by addressing pain, sedation, delirium, mobility, and family engagement. However, variability in documentation and lack of standardized data elements hinder effective implementation and evaluation of adherence to bundle components.

Objectives: This study aims to characterize data elements of the A-F liberation bundle using a large, single-center critical care database and to develop standardized bundle cards that map bundle components to controlled vocabularies.

Methods: We conducted a retrospective analysis of data elements related to A-F bundle using the MIMIC-IV database. Clinical concepts were mapped to standardized vocabularies and aligned with the OMOP common data model. Bundle cards were developed for each component to provide structured, accessible documentation of assessment tools, adherence criteria, and terminology mappings.

Results: Pain assessments were documented in over 11,000 patients, with a median of 23 assessments per day. Sedation levels for nearly 59,000 patients were evaluated, with 37.7% meeting Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) adherence criteria. Delirium assessments followed standardized protocols incorporating RASS and CAM-ICU scores. Components E and F lacked formal compliance specifications; bundle cards for these components identified key activities and highlighted gaps in standardized vocabularies. Adherence analyses revealed variability likely due to non-standardized documentation practices.

Conclusion: We developed and validated six ICU Liberation Bundle cards that map bundle components to standardized vocabularies and common data models, enabling retrospective adherence evaluation in real-world data. These information resources promote consistent documentation, support interoperability, and provide a foundation for prospective monitoring to enhance bundle implementation in critical care.

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2026 Global Symposium

2026 OHDSI Global Symposium Call for Plenary Sessions

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
- Clinical applications

Plenary sessions must also involve three or more on-stage participants across at least two organizations. Sessions may include a combination of keynote talks, panel discussions, interactive activities, and more. We strongly encourage using multiple formats and synthesizing completed research, current perspectives and future calls-to-action to maximize community engagement.

The deadline for proposal submissions is January 30, 2026. Please use the link below to submit your proposal by answering the following questions:

- Name(s) of plenary session organizers:
- 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:

**Deadline to submit
proposals for #OHDSI2026
plenaries or tutorials is
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2026 OHDSI Global Symposium

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2026 OHDSI Global Symposium Call for Tutorials

Tutorial sessions aim to deliver educational content, led by community members who wish to train our global collaborators on scientific, technical, and other skills that can support advancing OHDSI's mission and the effective use of real-world data and the generation and dissemination of reliable real-world evidence. Examples of prior tutorials offered are provided here: <https://www.ohdsi.org/tutorials>.

Tutorial sessions are 4 hours in duration. Registrants for your tutorial will be requested to pay a registration fee. The fees will be used to offset the costs of the symposium and other OHDSI expenses. Sessions may include a combination of talks, interactive activities, and more. We strongly encourage using multiple formats to maximize community engagement. Your session must include at least three people from at least two different organizations.

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2026 Europe Symposium

The 2026 OHDSI Europe Symposium returns to Rotterdam next year and will be held **April 18-20**.

Registration is open on the **OHDSI & OHDSI Europe** web sites.

Time	Symposium Agenda - Monday April 20, 2026	Location
8:00	Registration and Coffee	Queen's Lounge
9:00	Welcome to OHDSI Europe Dr. Renske Los, Department of Medical Informatics, Erasmus MC Dr. Aniek Markus, Department of Medical Informatics, Erasmus MC	Theatre
9:05	Journey of OHDSI Prof. Peter Rijnbeek, Chair Department of Medical Informatics, Erasmus MC	Theatre
9:30	Collaborator Showcase - part 1 Moderated by Dr. Egill Frigeirsson, Department of Medical Informatics, Erasmus MC	Theatre
10:00	Speed networking	Theatre
10:15	Coffee Break & posters National Nodes	Queen's Lounge
11:15	Collaborator Showcase - part 2 Moderated by Dr. Egill Frigeirsson, Department of Medical Informatics, Erasmus MC	Theatre
11:45	Dreaming about the OHDSI journey ahead Dr. Patrick Ryan, Vice President, Observational Health Data Analytics, Johnson & Johnson Dr. Renske Los, Department of Medical Informatics, Erasmus MC	Theatre
12:15	Lunch break & networking & posters/demo's (Early investigator meeting - 13:00-13:45 Queen's Lounge)	La Fontaine & Odyssee Room
13:45	From dreams to reality OHDSI Titan Award winners	Theatre
14:30	Propositions for collaboration from the National Nodes National Node leads	Theatre
14:45	Coffee break & posters/demo's	La Fontaine & Odyssee Room
16:15	The OH Factor To be announced	Theatre
17:00	Closing	Theatre
17:15	Networking reception	Queen's Lounge



Columbia DBMI Summer School

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

June 22–26, 2026, Columbia Biomedical Informatics

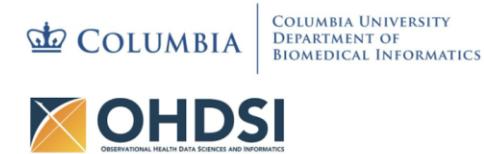
The Columbia OHDSI Summer School provides health professionals, researchers, and industry practitioners with an immersive, hands-on training to working with real-world health data and generating real-world evidence (RWE). Participants will explore the types of healthcare data captured during routine 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 from 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.





#OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

Monday

Australian Health Data Evidence Network (AHDEN): Building a National Data Infrastructure for Standardised, Federated Health Data Research

(Roger Ward, Nicole Pratt, Graeme Hart, Ilan Meyers, Clair Sullivan, Blanca Gallego Luxan, Georgina Kennedy)

The Australian Health Data Evidence Network (AHDEN): Building a National Data Infrastructure for Standardised, Federated Health Data Research

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- Australia's healthcare system generates a vast amount of data, however, data systems are highly fragmented, with information captured across diverse and often incompatible systems (Figure 1).
- This lack of interoperability creates major barriers to the integration and analysis of health data at scale, limiting the nation's ability to conduct efficient, multi-centre research and generate timely, actionable evidence for health policy and clinical care.
- To address this critical need in the Australian context, The University of South Australia (Unisa), with co-investment from the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC), has established the Australian Health Data Evidence Network (AHDEN) to support the implementation of the OMOP CDM across jurisdictional nodes in Australia (Figure 2).

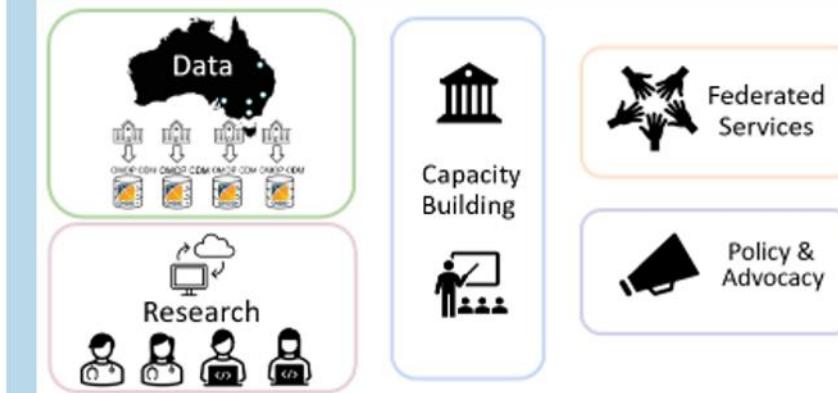
Figure 1: Public Hospital Electronic Medical Records System in Australia



<https://ardc.edu.au/project/australian-health-data-evidence-network-ahden/>

AHDEN

The Australia Health Data Evidence Network



Supporting the transformation of hospital-based Electronic Medical Record (EMR) data to the OMOP CDM to enable researchers to generate insights efficiently without compromising data security or privacy



Figure 2: AHDEN strategy

DATA	Support the implementation of the OMOP CDM across jurisdictional nodes in Australia
RESEARCH	Enable enhanced collaboration across jurisdictional nodes to facilitate a coordinated approach to network research that delivers high priority and high-quality insights from existing EMR data
CAPACITY	Build capacity of researchers and health services in the harmonization, management and use of healthcare data to generate robust and reliable evidence
SERVICES	Facilitate the creation of shared resources, tools and reusable solutions to create efficiency for leveraging health data and to reduce research "waste"
POLICY	Generate policy consistency and coherence in approach to data harmonization and data governance strategies to ensure data security and "trust" in research





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Tuesday

Standardized use of PNGs/JPEGs for AI-Based Detection of Thyroid Eye Disease via Federated Learning

(Michael Lau, Vishwanath Prathikanti, Angela McCarthy, Ye Tian, Christopher Nielsen, Sina Gholami, Andrea Kossler, Eric Brown, Minhaj Alam, Lora Dagi Glass, Kaveri A. Thakoor)

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Motivation & Contribution

Background: Thyroid eye disease (TED) is an autoimmune disorder caused by the same antibody as autoimmune thyroid disorder, causing inflammation, swelling, excess and scarring¹. Diagnosis based on clinical appearance, and radiologic imaging can be used for confirmation/ preparing for surgery. Early diagnosis via Artificial Intelligence (AI) can help quickly identify TED.

Motivation: Hard to obtain a large and diverse dataset of facial images for training deep learning models. Federated training (FL) enables collaboration across different institutions while preserving data privacy.

Reduces inhomogeneity and manual errors arising from variations in data collection methods, formats, and quality that can threaten the development of robust AI models.

The Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI) initiative is working to address this issue by promoting the use of the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP) Common Data Model (CDM) to standardize data across institutions².

Park and colleagues³ developed robust image feature tables for the use of DICOM metadata, but it remains untested. With the development of new medical technology such as portable OCT devices, it is necessary to have robust data standardization for image file types outside of DICOM, such as PNGs and JPEGs.

Contribution: Our work represents the first effort to integrate ophthalmic imaging into the OMOP CDM and address the sensitivity of eye images. To test the tables and their use for PNGs and JPEGs, we leveraged the OMOP CDM and deep learning to predict Thyroid eye disease (TED) in a federated learning setting.

In this work:

- We propose FedTED, real-world federated learning (FL) with masked autoencoder (MAE) for TED
- We conduct extensive experimentation across sites to show utility of personalized vs global FL
- We systematically compare different widely adopted pretraining strategies, including on an open-source facial dataset to identify the most effective training regimes
- We developed an OMOP-like schema to generate sample queries across multiple institutions and build cohorts for site comparisons

Dataset

• Our study includes two clinical sites, **Columbia** and **Stanford**

• **Columbia** dataset contains more diverse control population, with more eyelid lesions and epiphora

• **Stanford** dataset contains a higher proportion of eyelid aging/malposition and asian population

Category **Attribute** **Columbia (N=333)** **Standard (N=100)** **Columbia (N=16)** **Standard (N=10)**

Sex	Female	TED		CONTROL	
		113 (34%)	86 (26%)	12 (75%)	16 (94%)
Male	24 (7%)	14 (4%)	3 (18%)	2 (14%)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
Asian	8 (9%)	40 (40%)	12 (75%)	32 (75%)	
Black or African American	18 (21%)	2 (2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0 (0%)	4 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
White	59 (44%)	25 (25%)	8 (50%)	42 (42%)	
Age	31 (9%)	24 (8%)	31 (19%)	11 (11%)	
Decade	35 (26%)	5 (2%)	23 (14%)	9 (9%)	
Hispánic or Latino	15 (11%)	16 (16%)	20 (12%)	12 (12%)	
Not Hispanic or Latino	85 (63%)	76 (79%)	107 (69%)	79 (79%)	
Eye	12 (9%)	20 (20%)	19 (12%)	10 (10%)	
Thyroid eye disease	135 (39%)	100 (99%)	—	—	
Eye lid lesion	—	—	36 (26%)	0 (0%)	
Eye lid aging/epiphora	—	—	30 (20%)	0 (0%)	
Epiphora	—	—	40 (26%)	0 (0%)	
Non-structural ocular issues	—	—	5 (3%)	5 (5%)	
Other	—	—	11 (7%)	0 (0%)	

FL + AI: We divided our experiment into two stages: local and FL. From our local experiments we found that the same methods applied to both sites yielded different results, with highest AUC across methods being 88.35% for the Columbia dataset and 97.17% for the Stanford dataset with personalized FL MAE. The difference in model performance shows that datasets have different difficulties, with the Columbia dataset having more diverse control conditions, further motivating the need of FL. Due to this reason, we focused on personalization in FL, fine tuning FL models to better fit the needs of each site while benefitting from collaborative training. MAE combined with FL yielded the best results with 89.26% AUC and 98.70% AUC for Columbia and Stanford, respectively.

OMOP: To assess the practical utility of the schema, we simulated the process of building cohorts using the data collected. Cohorts built on various demographic data such as race, ethnicity, age and gender allowed us to understand generalizability based on patients from different sites. Furthermore, by connecting diagnosis data from non-TED patients, we are able to understand how different diagnoses may affect parameters. The image extension tables afforded convenient storage of metadata and accessibility for retrieval.

FL Main Findings:

1. Personalized-FL with MAE performs the best, with 89.26% (**Columbia**) and 98.70% (**Stanford**)
2. MAE pretraining on large facial image dataset, around 70,000 images, does not improve performance on TED classification

OMOP Main Findings:

1. Generated cohorts across multiple disease severities and standardized queries shown as use cases for OHDSI



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Wednesday

Transforming Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Data into the OMOP CDM: Early Implementation Insights from Senegal

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Transforming Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Data into the OMOP CDM: Integrating Clinical and Genomic Insights from Senegal

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Background

- Breast and cervical cancers remain major health burdens in LMICs, where screening coverage is limited and late-stage diagnoses are common.
- In Senegal alone, recent estimates reported about 2 000 new cervical cancer cases and nearly 1 800 breast cancer cases in 2022, making them the two most frequent cancers among women.
- Annual Pink October campaigns have become essential for raising awareness and providing community-based screening, yet the large volumes of data generated during these initiatives are rarely exploited for research or long-term follow-up.
- The OMOP Common Data Model (CDM), developed by the OHDSI community, offers a standardized framework to harmonize such data and enable reproducible, collaborative research.
- This study represents the first implementation in West Africa mapping cancer screening data into OMOP CDM while also integrating genomic and microbiome results, demonstrating feasibility in a low-resource setting and opening opportunities for future multi-omic cancer research in the region.

Methods

- This study analyzed data from 491 women who participated in a community-based breast and cervical cancer screening campaign jointly organized by IRESSEF and Diamniadio Children's Hospital.
- Dataset included demographics, clinical outcomes, HPV PCR results, lesion status, comorbidities, and metagenomic profiles of the vaginal microbiome and virome.
- Data transformation followed the OHDSI ETL framework using White Rabbit (profiling), Rabbit-in-a-Hat (ETL design), and Usagi/Athena (concept mapping), with implementation in PostgreSQL.
- Variables originally collected in French were translated into English to ensure OMOP compatibility.
- Data were mapped to core OMOP domains (person, observation, condition_occurrence, measurement, procedure_occurrence...), and microbial/viral abundances were captured as quantitative measurements—representing one of the first attempts to integrate multi-omic data into OMOP CDM in West Africa.

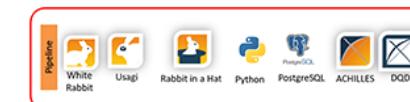


Figure 1 : ETL pipeline

Results

- The transformation achieved ~80% overall mapping to OMOP domains, with full coverage of demographic variables, 85% of clinical conditions, and 75% of laboratory and measurement data.
- Some specific variables, such as PCR-specific tests and genomic data required manual curation due to missing OMOP equivalents.
- Study population (n=491) ranged in age from 14–71 years (mean 35), with frequent comorbidities including diabetes and hypertension.
- Integration of microbiome and genomic data revealed distinct patterns: *Gardnerella vaginalis*, *G. piotii*, and *G. swidsinskii* were enriched among women with precancerous lesions and positive HPV tests, while *Lactobacillus* variants were more common in women without lesions, suggesting a potential protective role.
- Oncogenic HPV types (e.g., *Alphapapillomavirus 7*) and co-infections such as *Human gammaherpesvirus 4* were also detected, demonstrating OMOP CDM's ability to support integrative multi-omic analyses in this setting.



Figure 2 : Summary statistics

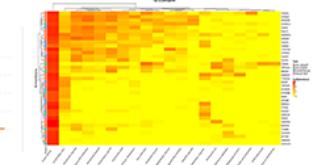


Figure 3 : Heatmap pathogens

Conclusions

This initiative represents the first implementation in West Africa that integrates clinical, demographic, and genomic cancer screening data into the OMOP CDM. By aligning local data with international standards, it lays the foundation for reproducible and comparable analyses across settings and fosters opportunities for collaborative research.

Early insights from the microbiome analysis, particularly the associations between *Gardnerella* species, *Lactobacillus* variants, and precancerous cervical lesions, point to potential biomarkers that warrant further investigation. Ultimately, this work illustrates how data standardization can bridge clinical research and bioinformatics in LMICs, enabling the development of more precise, context-specific strategies for cancer prevention and control. By sharing ETL scripts and mappings, this work can serve as a reusable template for other African institutions adopting OMOP CDM.

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#OHDSISocialShowcase This Week

Thursday

Thematic Classification of Articles Using Graph Representations

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Thematic Classification of Articles Using Graph Representations

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INTRO:

- Tracking community-driven impact on scientific literature is difficult
- Keyword-based retrieval of articles are often insufficient for topic identification
- Article retrieval through standard methods (APIs) are frequently limited to abstracts and metadata
- Our team aimed to identify scientific articles influenced by the OHDSI community, allowing for more flexible search criteria to capture related articles within a broader reach.

METHODS

1. 704 known OHDSI pre-determined articles and 877 non-OHDSI-related articles retrieved from PubMed, spanning 2010 to 2025 were used for training/testing. An 80:20 test/train split was used for model development
2. Preprocessing strategies evaluated:
 - a. Numeric
 - b. Removal of numeric tokens
 - c. Stemming (Porter algorithm)
 - d. Lemmatization (WordNet-based)
 - e. Stop-word removal (standard NLTK list)
3. A graph was constructed using the DOI, author name, and journal name as nodes. Directed edges were created for cited articles, authorship, and the journal they were published
4. PageRank, degree, related-author count, and citation overlap were calculated as features, in addition to extracted TF-IDF features from the abstract, title, and keywords
5. XGBoost/Logistic Regression were compared for discriminatory power

A system for classifying topic-related articles

Preprocessor	Pipeline	Precision	Recall	F1	Accuracy
Raw	TF-IDF	0.944	0.912	0.928	0.937
Raw	SciBERT	0.918	0.926	0.922	0.930
No numbers	TF-IDF	0.944	0.912	0.928	0.937
No numbers	SciBERT	0.915	0.918	0.916	0.925
Stemming	TF-IDF	0.950	0.909	0.929	0.938
Stemming	SciBERT	0.908	0.910	0.909	0.919
Lemma	TF-IDF	0.947	0.908	0.927	0.936
Lemma	SciBERT	0.913	0.922	0.917	0.926
Stopwords	TF-IDF	0.949	0.915	0.931	0.940
Stopwords	SciBERT	0.934	0.925	0.929	0.937

Table 1: Performance comparison of abstract only preprocessing strategies and pipelines

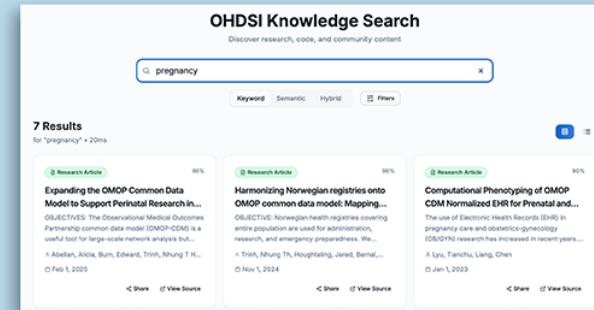


Figure 1: Visual demonstration of article retrieval post-classification



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RESULTS

- In evaluating preprocessing strategies, TFIDF + LogisticRegression pipeline yielded the strongest overall scores:
 - Precision: 0.949
 - Recall: 0.915
 - F1 score : 0.931
 - Accuracy : 0.940
- XGBoost model achieved the best performance:
 - Accuracy: 0.953
 - Precision (PPV): 0.986
 - Recall (Sensitivity): 0.920
 - F1-score: 0.952
 - Specificity: 0.987
 - (TN = 148, TP = 138, FP = 2, FN = 12)

Feature importance analysis
(mean decrease in impurity) was primarily driven by:

- OHDSI-related-author count
- Citation-overlap
- TF-IDF-derived signals such as "OMOP" and "common data model"

CONCLUSION

- Demonstrates high specificity/sensitivity classification of OHDSI-related articles
- Improved value in classification through graph-derived features
- Vocabulary coverage and preprocessing methods are critical for model success
- Potential for topic agnostic process for classification

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Friday

Replicating Alzheimer's Research using standardized phenotyping with the OMOP common data model imaging extension

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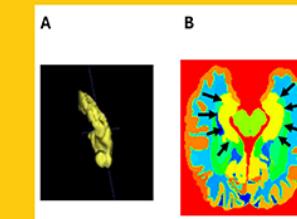
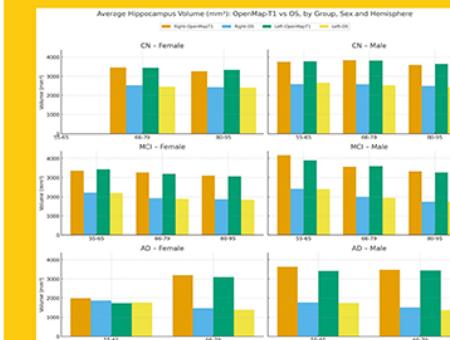
INTRODUCTION:

- We implemented the OMOP Medical Imaging extension (MI-CDM) on the public ADNI research database (phase 4), harmonizing MRI metadata and clinical measures to support imaging-enhanced computable phenotypes.
- This is the first in our knowledge to replicate the published AD study to test reproducibility of imaging research.

METHODS

1. We extracted Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) metadata around the imaging acquisition parameters for magnetic resonance imaging.
2. This metadata was added to the OMOP CDM for DICOM vocabulary concepts. Demographic and neuropsychiatric data were transformed from the ADNI dataset and organized into OMOP CDM tables.
3. Inclusion/exclusion criteria were established for the patients with T1-weighted brain MRI scans and neuropsychiatric inventory scores. The images meeting this criteria was used to obtain volumetric values of brain regions using the OpenMap-T1 ML segmentation algorithm.
4. We replicated a published ADNI study correlating hippocampal volumes with varying degrees of dementia and AD.

MI-CDM Enables Imaging-enhanced Computable Phenotypes, Advancing Reproducible Alzheimer's Disease Research.



BRAIN SEGMENTATION ALGORITHM COMPARISON

The figures illustrates the differences in segmentation patterns between the original study and OpenMap-T1.

CORRELATION ANALYSIS RESULTS

- We stratified by age, sex, and neurological condition to compare the right and left hippocampal volume from our algorithm and published work.
- Both models found reduced brain volume in AD groups compared to brain volumes with other neurological conditions.



RESULTS

- We extracted and loaded 545 studies (4,756 series, 14,816 images) from 289 patients, plus 4,152 demographic records and 88,819 neuropsychiatric scores mapped to the Measurement table.
- By using the DICOM metadata and neuropsychiatric inventory (NPI) on ATLAS, we found patients meeting the criteria of having done volumetric T1 series with NPI survey completed.
- 100% of DICOM series identified from the cohort definition were able to run OpenMap algorithm.
- The results of brain segmentation algorithm was loaded to the MI-CDM Measurement table, so that the correlation analysis could be done on ATLAS characterization tab by neurological condition.
- Results showed hippocampal volume decline with dementia and age.
- Visual review revealed that OpenMap-T1 segments the entire hippocampus, unlike the original study's focus on the hippocampal head and limited brain areas.

DISCUSSION

- We replicated a published imaging study that used the same research database (ADNI) with our internal brain segmentation algorithm.
- By organizing file-based database into standardized common data model, MI-CDM, we developed a system to replicate imaging research in computable and reproducible manner.
- Future studies should further evaluate reproducibility of imaging algorithms using MI-CDM.

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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?

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Where Are We Going?



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