



## Scaling up the big data ecosystem across Europe

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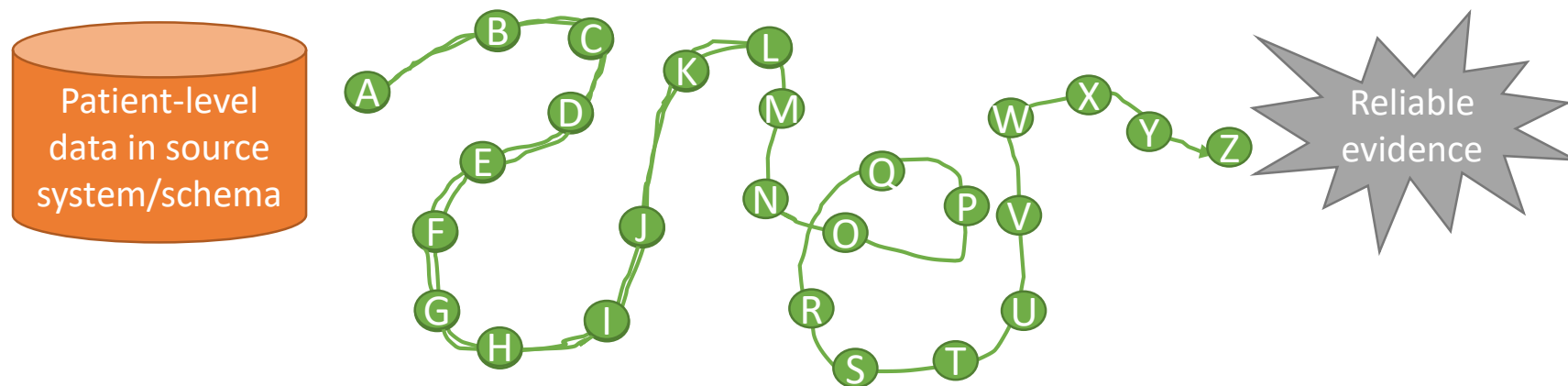


- EHDEN – An Introduction
- The Oxford Study-A-Thon
- The Barcelona Study-A-Thon (if time allows...)

# ALL TOO OFTEN REAL WORLD RESEARCH IS A CHALLENGING JOURNEY....

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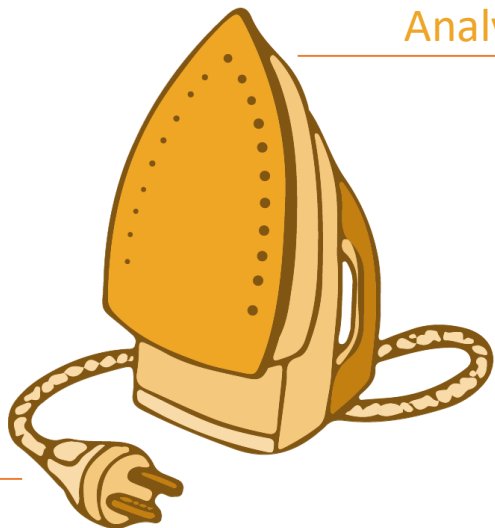




We need fully transparent and reproducible pipelines that enable large-scale federated analyses across Europe.

# WHY IS THIS NOT CURRENT PRACTICE?

Link to data

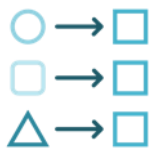


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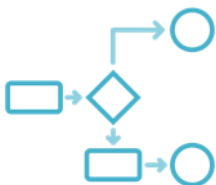
The data...



## What will it require?



Data interoperability



Standardised analytics

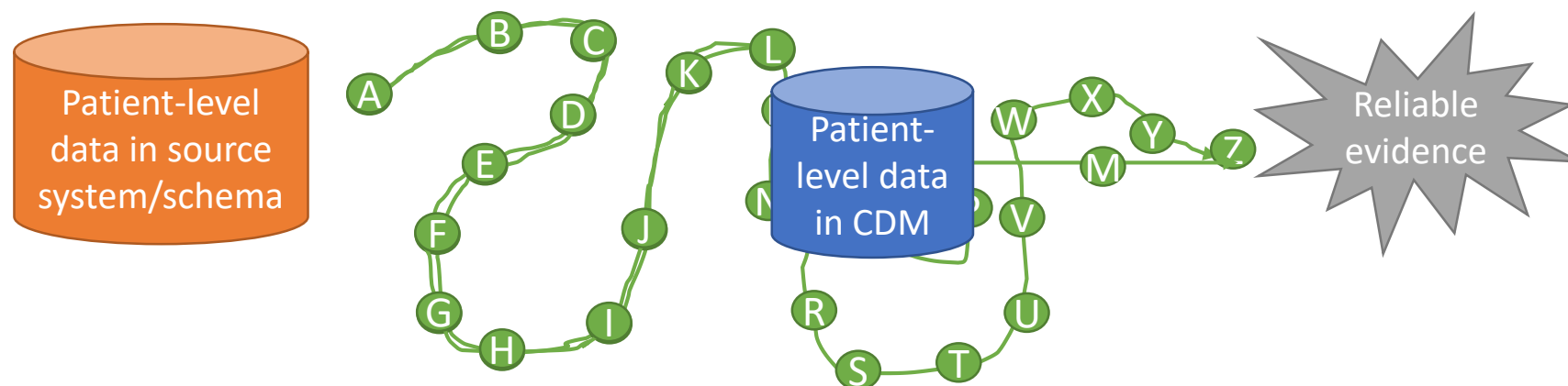


Data network



Strong community





EHDEN will build on expertise and tools from prior IMI projects, such as EMIF, and will collaborate intensively with the global OHDSI community.





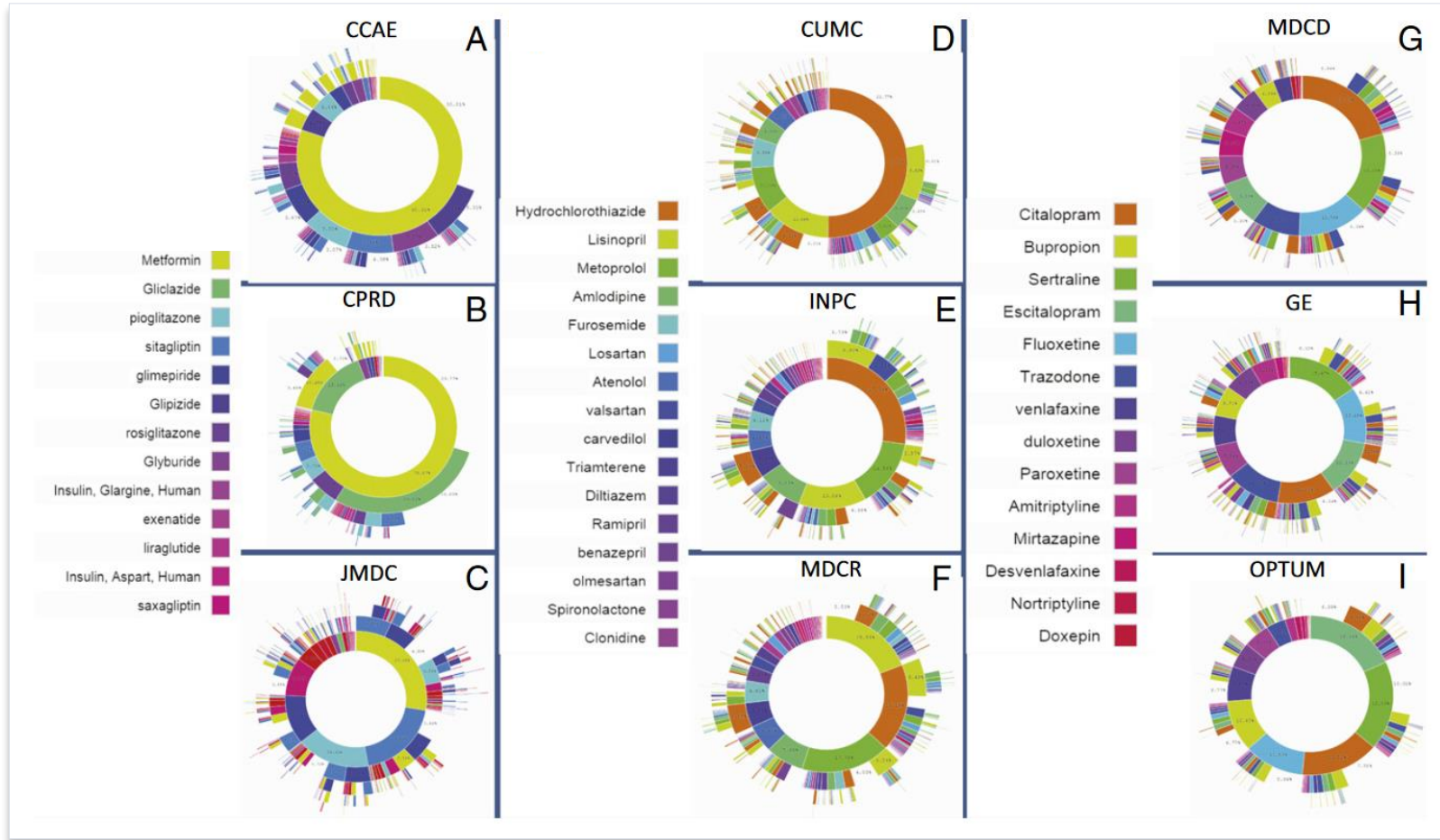
# LARGE-SCALE OBSERVATIONAL RESEARCH IS FEASIBLE

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## T2 Diabetes Mellitus

## Hypertension

## Depression



11 Data sources



4 Countries (incl **Japan**)



> 250 million patients

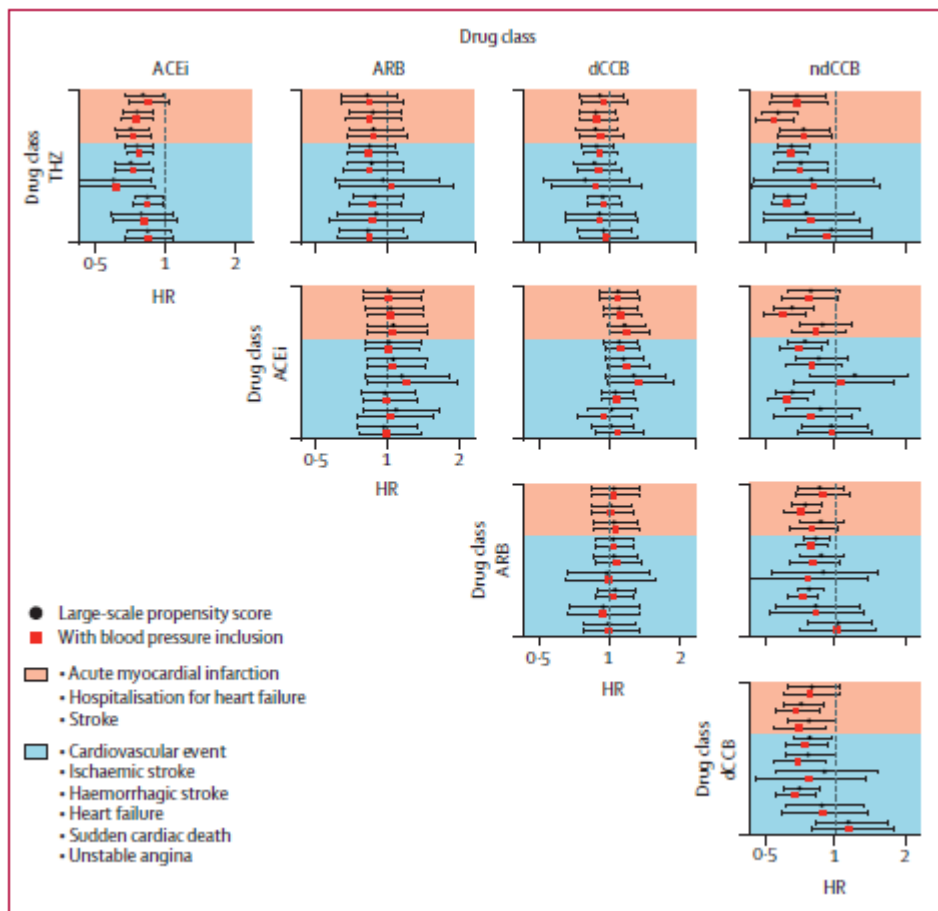
*“Characterizing treatment pathways at scale using the OHDSI network.”*

George Hripcsak et al. - PNAS (2016)27:7329–7336



# LARGE-SCALE OBSERVATIONAL RESEARCH TO INFORM GUIDELINES

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## LEGEND-HTN

- Systematic, large-scale study
- New-user cohort
- 3 primary outcomes
- 6 secondary
- 46 safety outcomes



9 Data sources  
6 Claims  
3 EHR



4 Countries



4.9 million patients



Equivalent to 22,000  
observational studies

*“Comprehensive comparative effectiveness and safety of 1<sup>st</sup> line antihypertensive drug classes.”*

Suchard MA, et al. – Lancet (2019): online 24 Oct







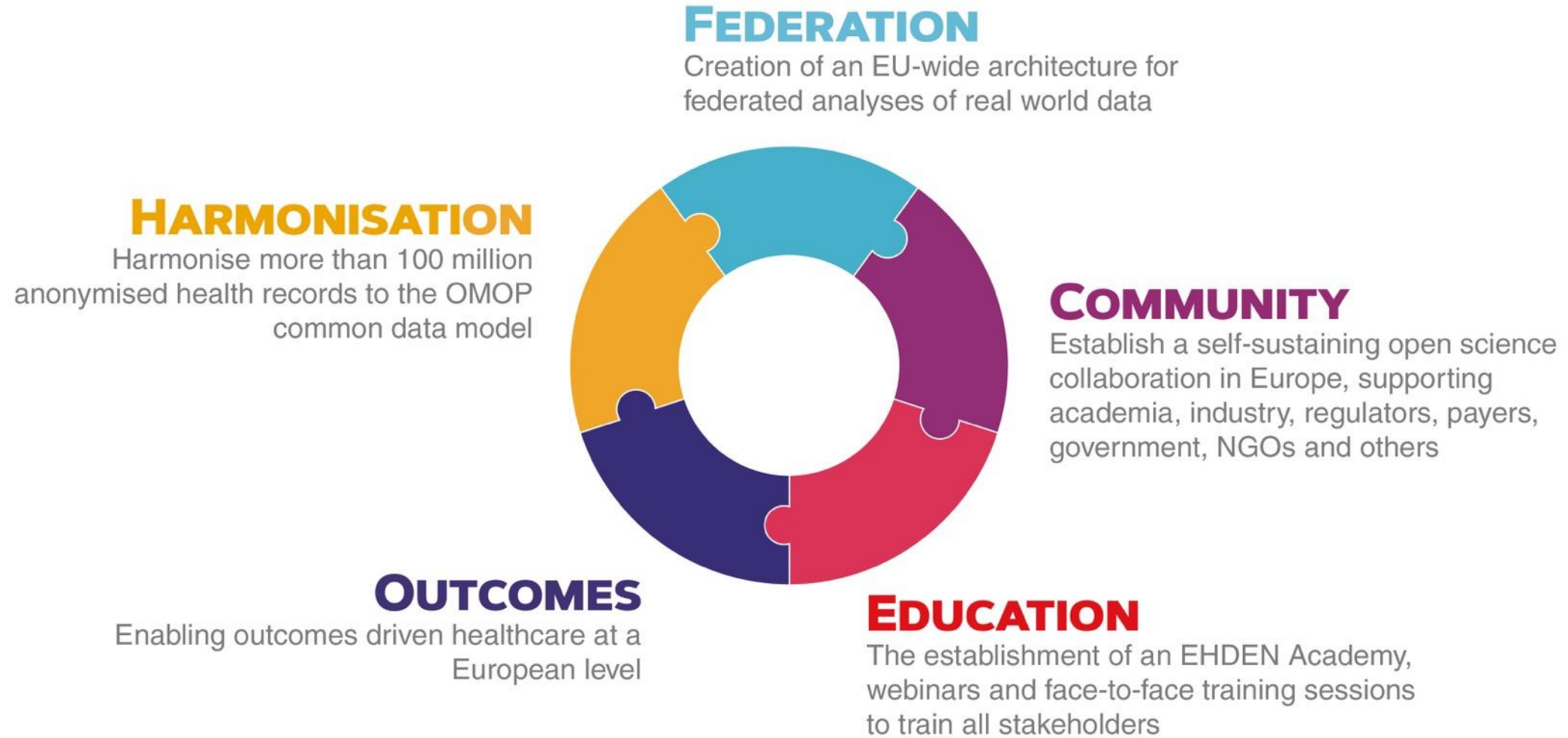
## Vision

The European Health Data & Evidence Network (EHDEN) aspires to be the trusted observational research ecosystem to enable better health decisions, outcomes and care

## Mission

Our mission is to provide a new paradigm for the discovery and analysis of health data in Europe, by building a large-scale, federated network of data sources standardized to a common data model





## Infrastructure



Creation of an **EU-wide** federated network architecture

**Privacy** by design

**Data harmonisation** to the OMOP common data model

Training & certification of **SMEs**

## Research & Outcomes



**Use cases** to evaluate the EHDEN federated network

Collaboration on consistent **methodologies**

Collaboration with the global **OHDSI** research network

Incorporation of the **ICHOM** health outcome standards

## Education & Community

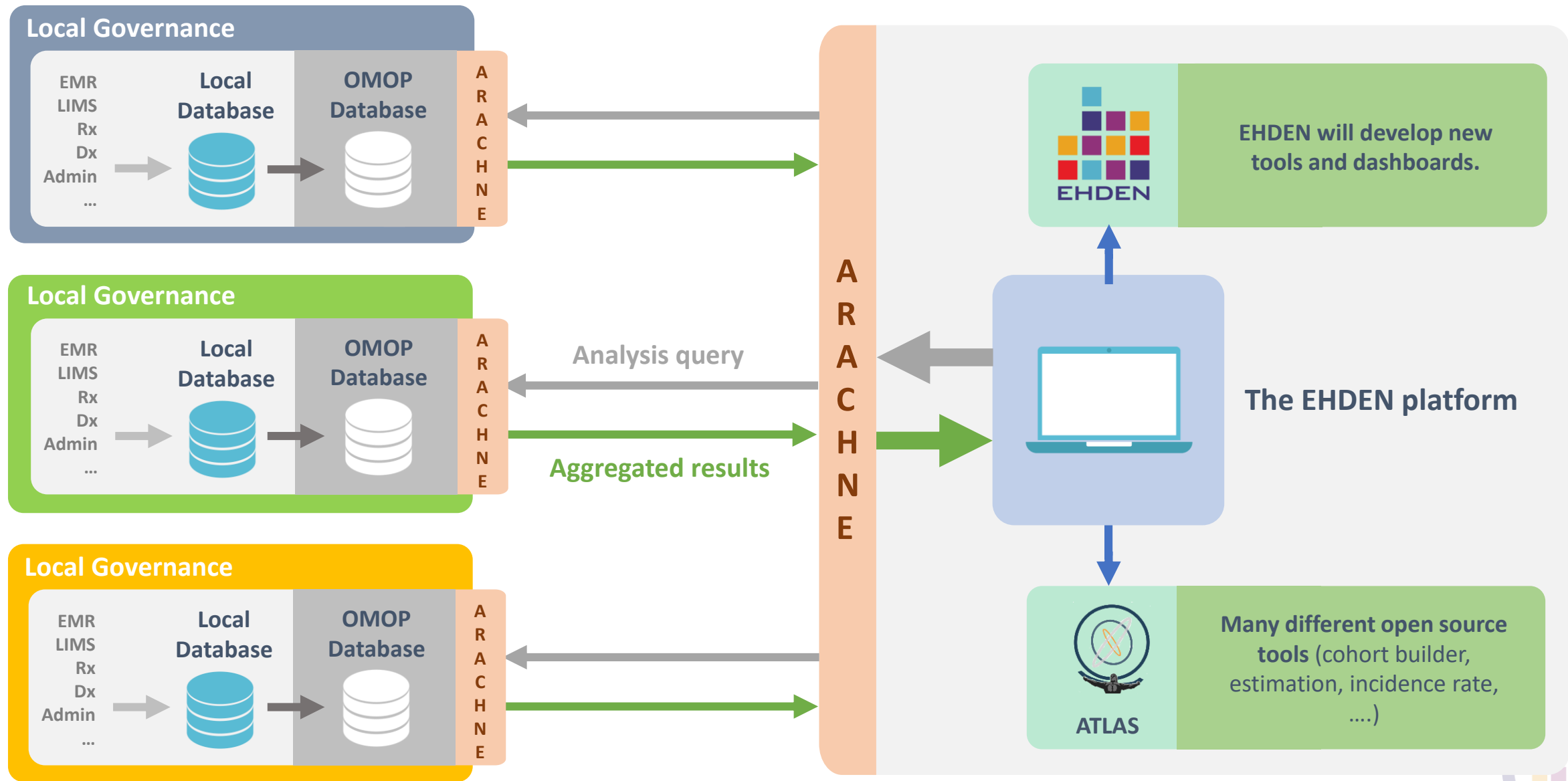


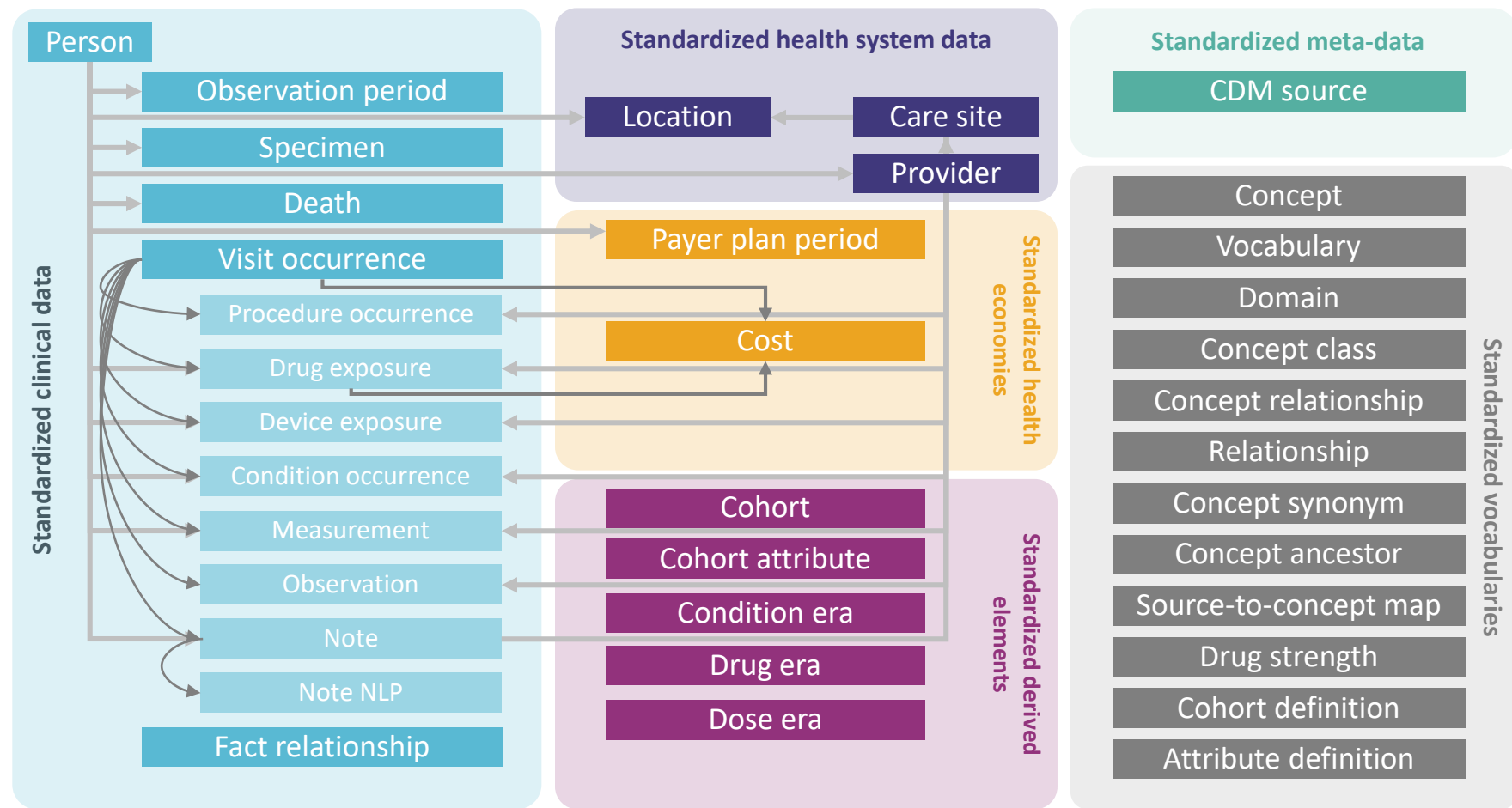
Establishment of an **EHDEN Academy**

Expansion of the **OHDSI** network in Europe

Collaboration on **collective memory** for research use cases



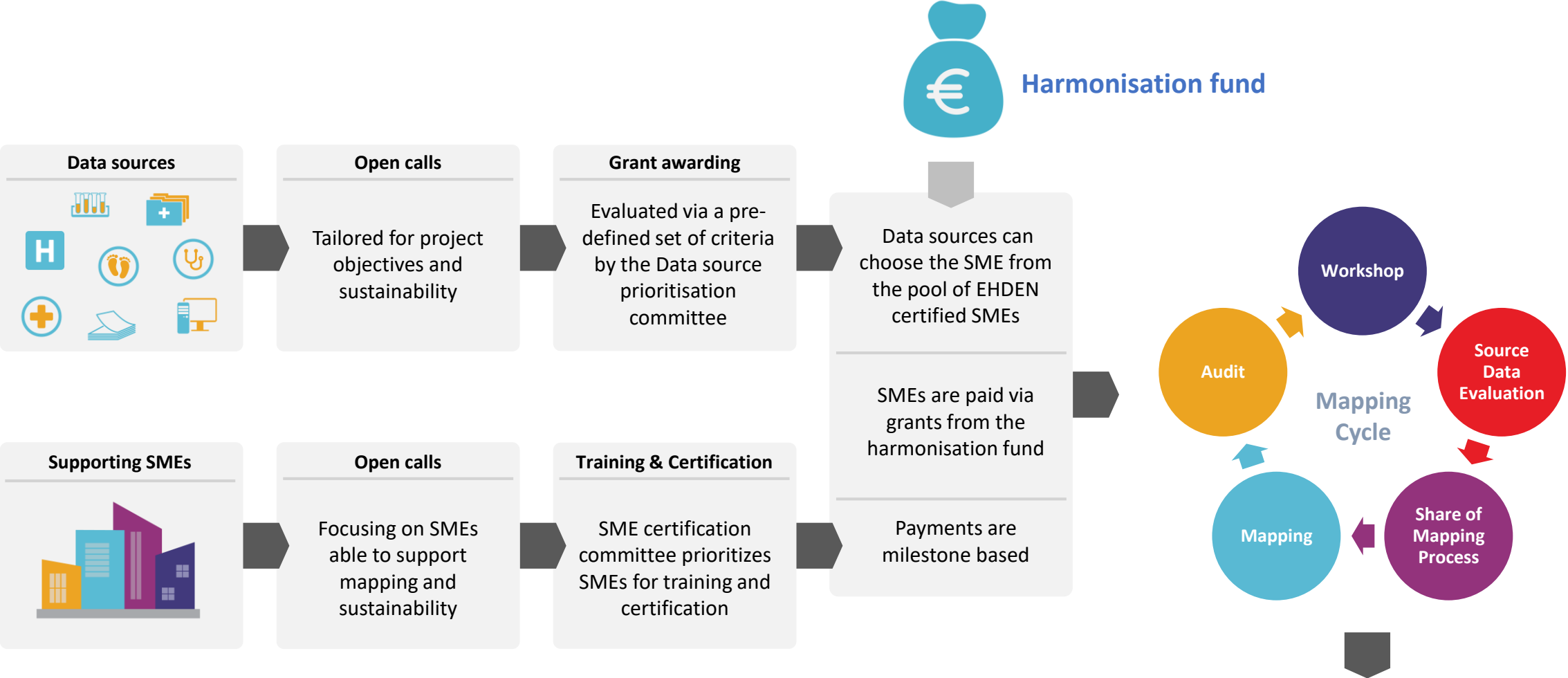




Patient-centric  
Tabular  
Extendable  
Built for analytics  
Relational design

v 5.0.1





Mapped data sources are encouraged to be active members of the **EHDEN community**, participating in **research studies**.



# SME PILOT CALL

## Open Call



Submission of applications for the open call for SMEs from the 1st of April until the 1st of May (17h00) via the EHDEN website.

## Evaluation

Following an eligibility check, applications were evaluated by the SME certification committee.

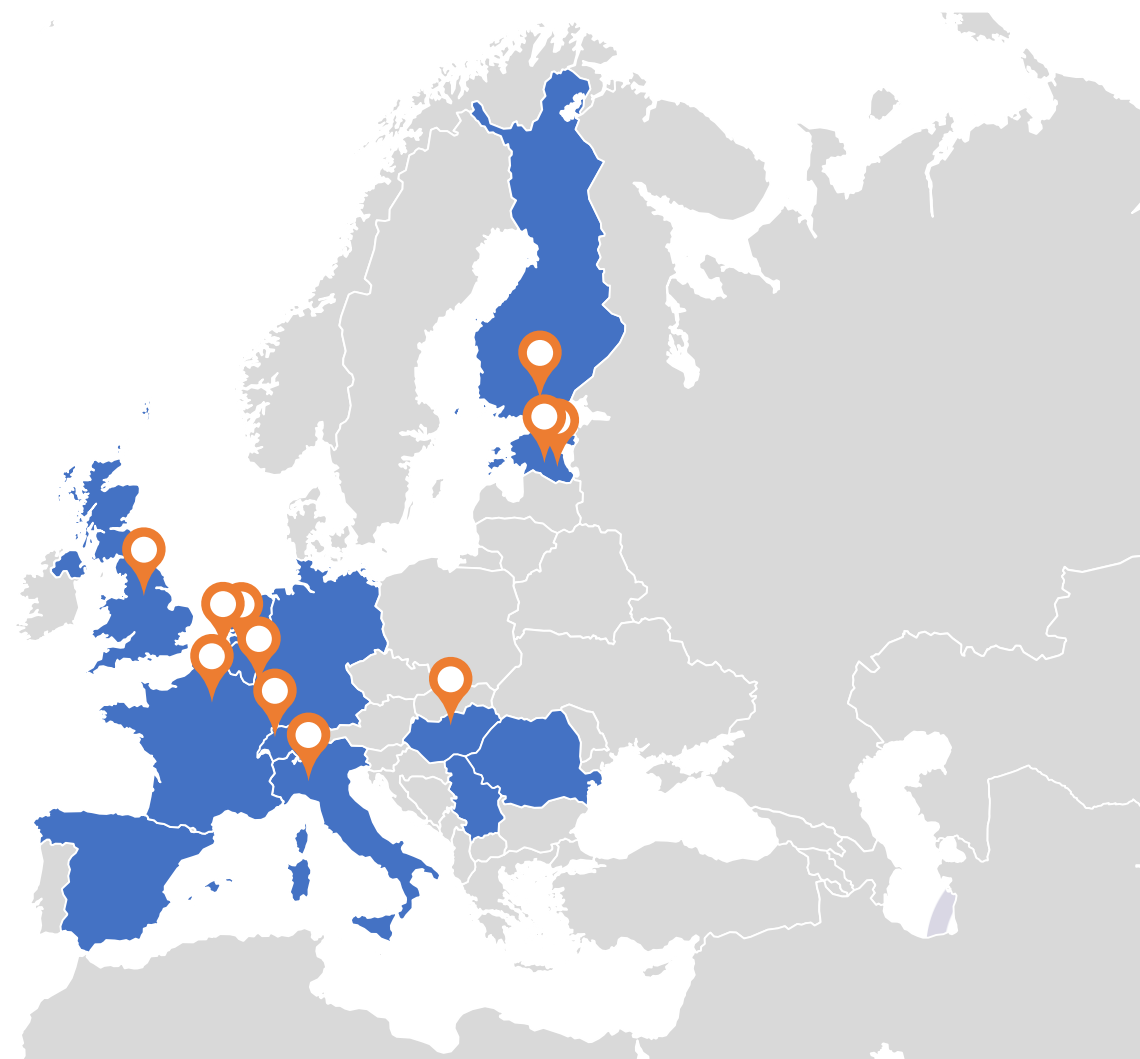
## Training & Certification

Certification and training of selected SMEs in all necessary competencies.

 **Selected SMEs**  
 **Applicant countries**

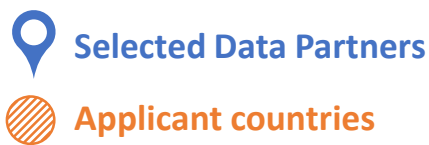
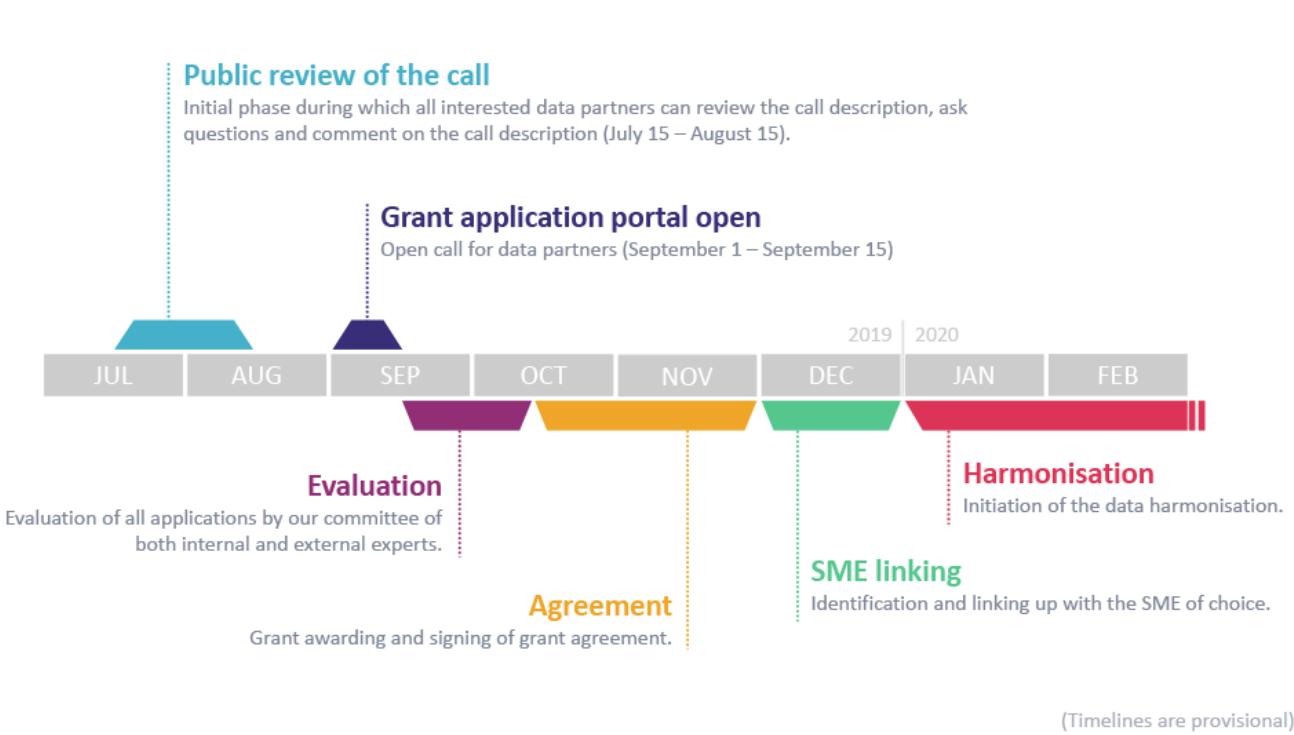


**34** SME profiles made  
**28** Eligible applications  
**11** SMEs initially selected

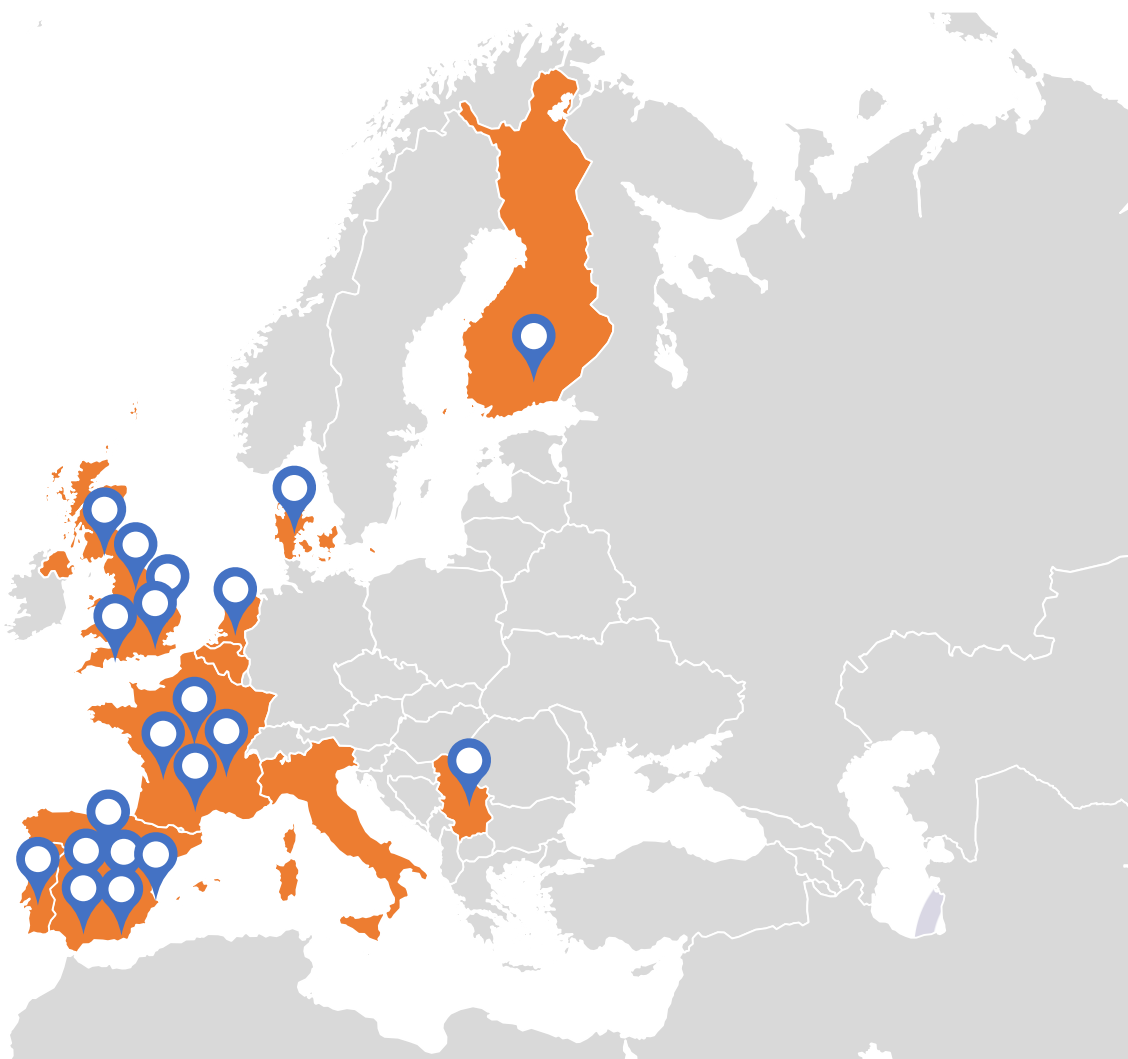


# DATA PARTNER PILOT CALL

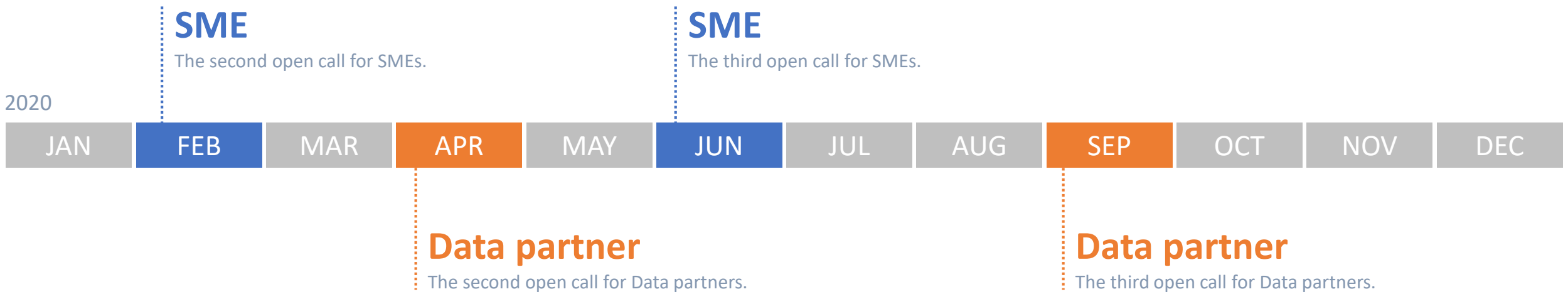
(Preliminary results)



**20** Data Partners  
**>120 million** patient records



# 2020 CALL TIMELINES





## Use Case 1 – Drug utilisation study

Validate the OMOP CDM in European data sources comparing results from source versus OMOP data



## Use Case 2 – Drug and device safety study

Test and further develop existing (OHDSI) population-level estimation and population-level prediction packages in EU Data sources



## Use Case 3 – HTA study

Assess whether data commonly used for HTA purposes can easily be measured and analysed using the OMOP CDM



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## Aim

To develop an **e-learning** environment to **train all stakeholders** on the use of the tools and processes that are being adopted within EHDEN and OHDSI.



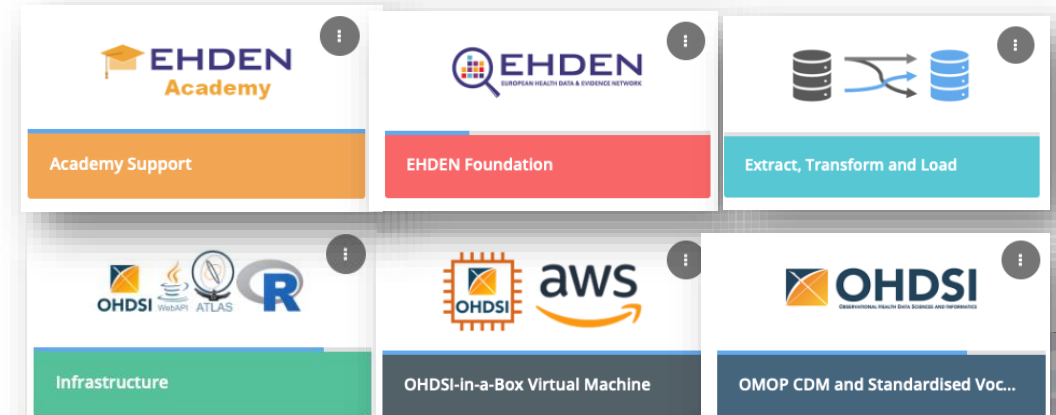
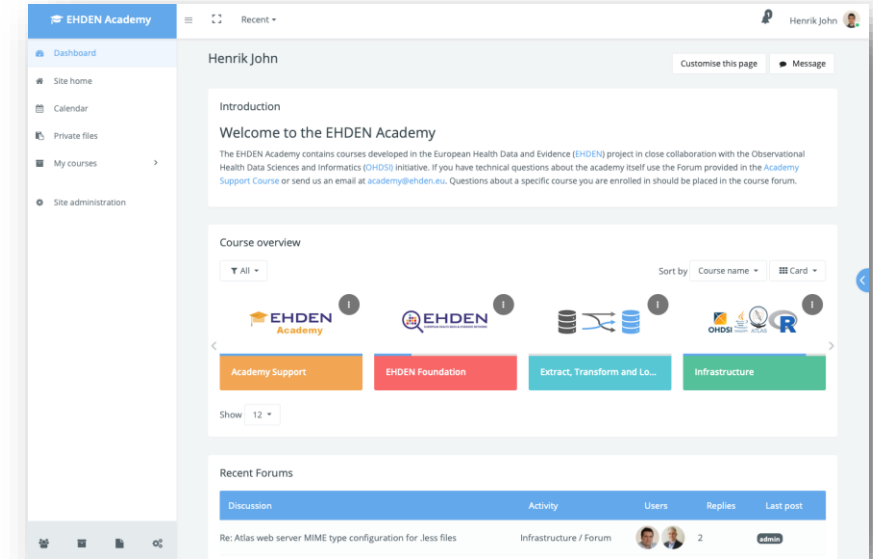
## Collaboration

**Course development** on the OMOP Common Data Model and the rich set of OHDSI tools that are being developed in collaboration with the **OHDSI community**.



## Infrastructure

The EHDEN Academy is developed in **Moodle** and is hosted in the **Amazon AWS cloud**. We use virtual machines for assignments.







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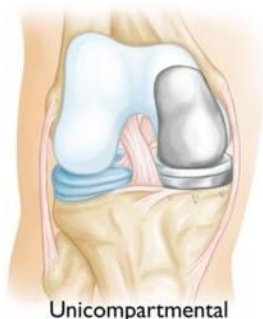
# OUR JOURNEY WITH OHDSI AND EHDEN TO REAL-WORLD USEFUL EVIDENCE



Important  
clinical  
question



Total



Unicompartmental



Data partners  
standardized to  
OMOP CDM:  
Iqvia  
Janssen



Standardized  
analysis tools  
from OHDSI



Valuable clinical  
answers  
disseminated to  
medical decision-  
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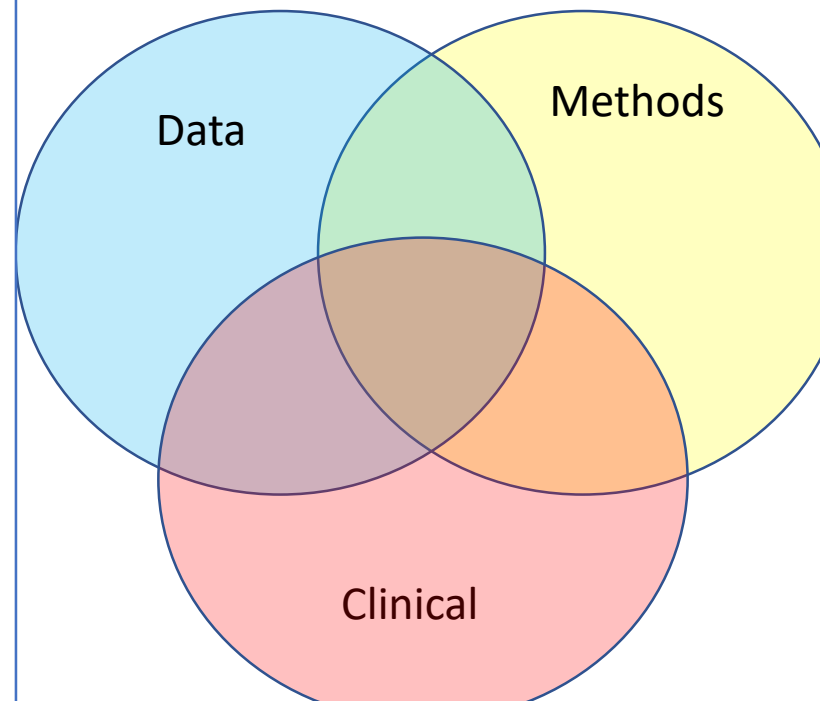




# WHAT WE NEEDED IN THE MIX ...

## Hands-on knowledge of 1+ data source/s,

including its structure and content, the provenance of the underlying population and data capture process, data quality issues and temporal variability, so that you can responsibly use the data to generate reliable evidence and recognize its limitations



**Hands-on knowledge in designing studies and executing statistical methods to generate aggregate summary statistics from patient-level data.** Different expertise required for clinical characterization, patient-level prediction, and population-level effect estimation

**Direct knowledge of the diagnosis, treatment, and management of severe knee OA,** including healthcare delivery, natural history and patient prognosis



# EXPERTISE REQUIRED

- Clinical knowledge in knee oa/arthroplasty?
- UK electronic health records (THIN)?
- US claims (MarketScan, Optum, PharMetrics)?
- OHDSI tools?
- R programming?
- Literature review?
- Publication writing?

Who has all of these prerequisites?



## THE VOTED RESEARCH QUESTION...

**“To compare the risk of post-operative complications (infection, venous thrombo-embolism, mortality) and long-term implant revision between unicompartmental vs total knee replacement.”**





# WHAT WE KNEW BEFORE WE STARTED

- N = 60 quality studies
- From 1998 to 2018 (20 years of research!!)
- Reduced risk of VTE w UKR

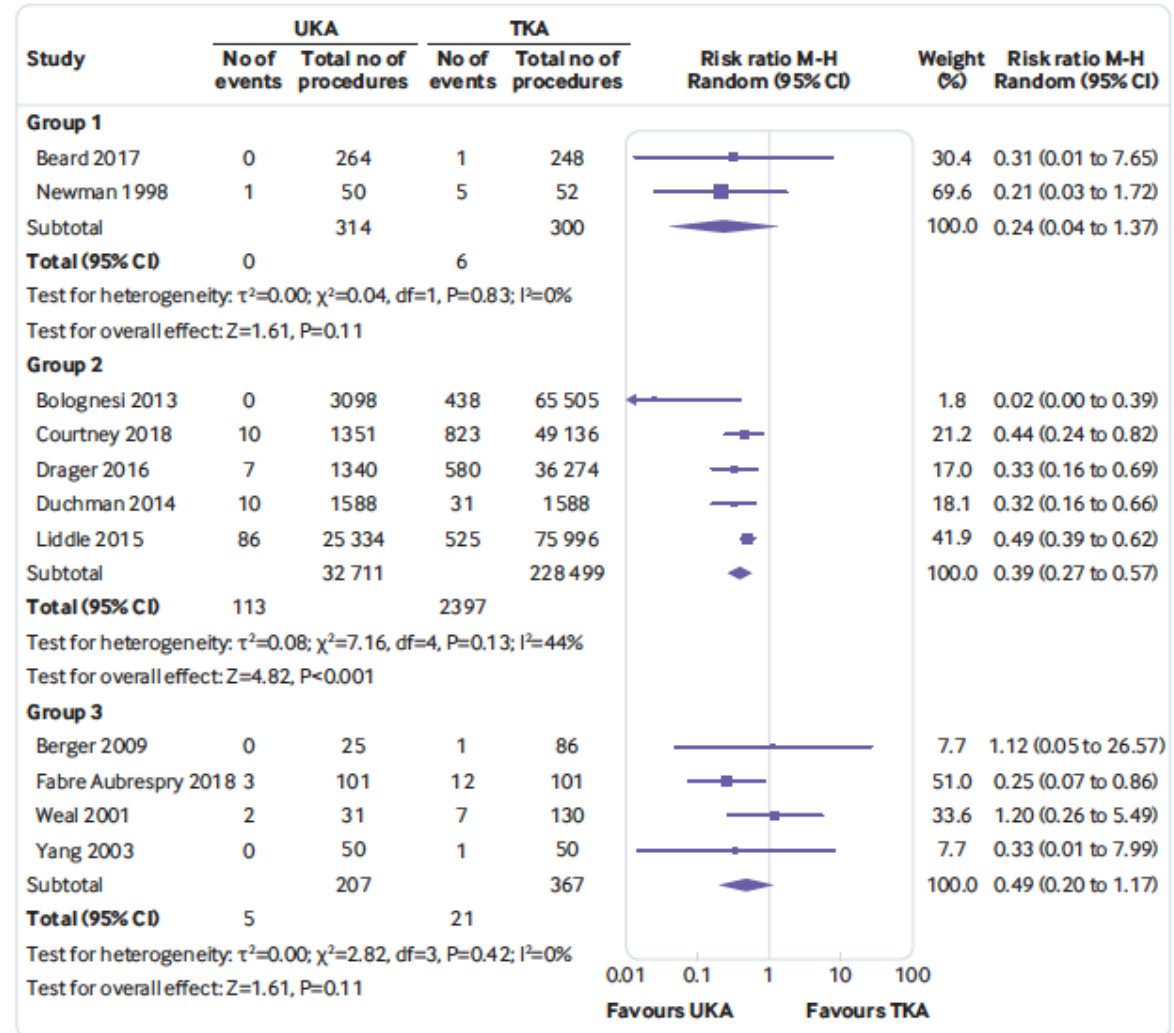
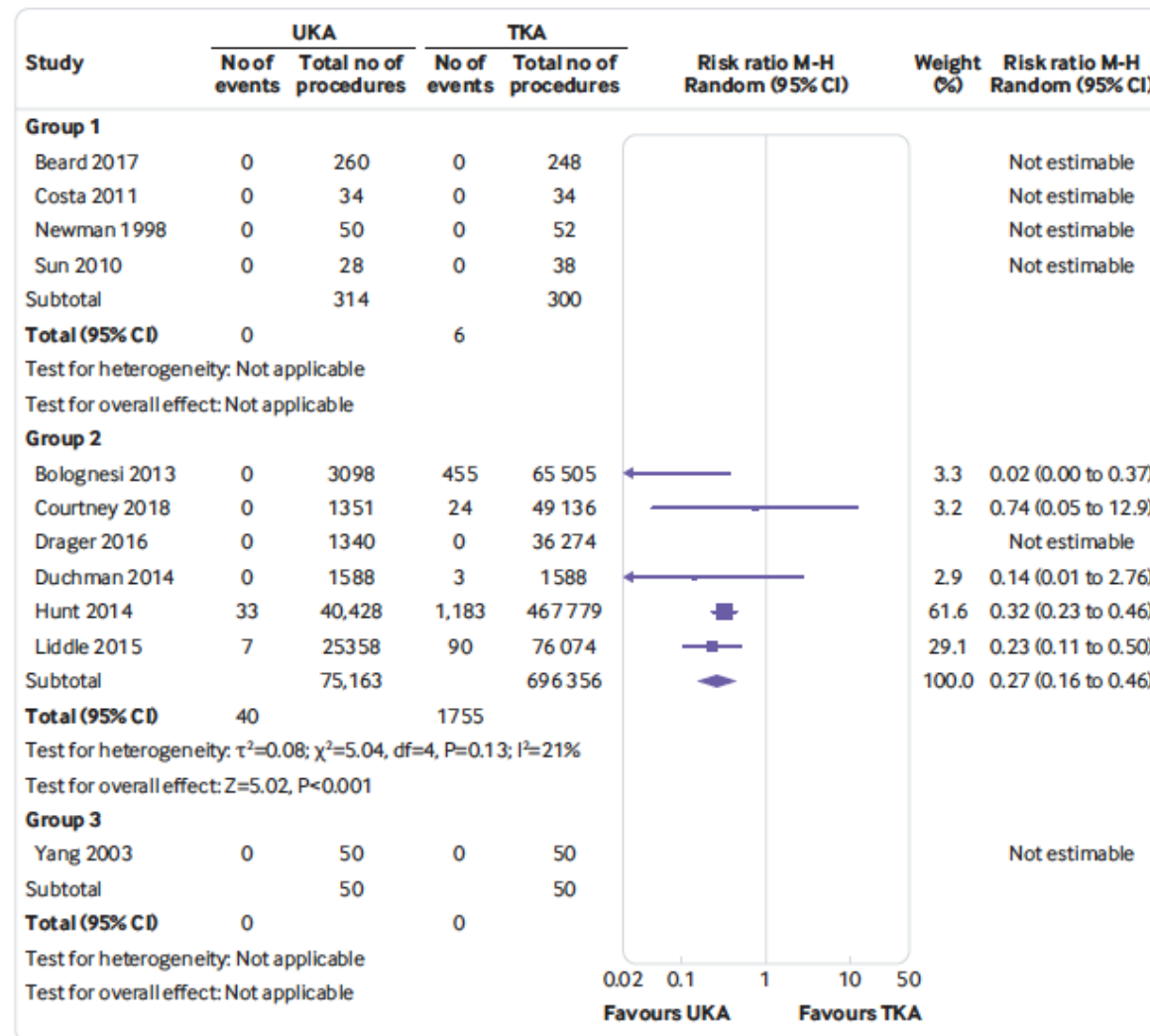


Fig 3 | Forest plot comparing risk of venous thromboembolism after unicompartmental (UKA) versus total knee replacement (TKA). Also appears in the supplementary material as supplementary figure 5. M-H=Mantel-Haenszel test



# WHAT WE KNEW BEFORE WE STARTED (2)

- Possibly a reduction in post-operative mortality ...
- [although little data available on this]



g 4 | Forest plot comparing risk of early mortality (at 45 days) after unicompartmental (UKA) versus total knee replacement (TKA). Also appears in the supplementary material as supplementary figure 7. M-H=Mantel-Haenszel test



# WHAT WE KNEW BEFORE WE STARTED (3)

- ... BUT
- An increase (around double) in long-term revision risk

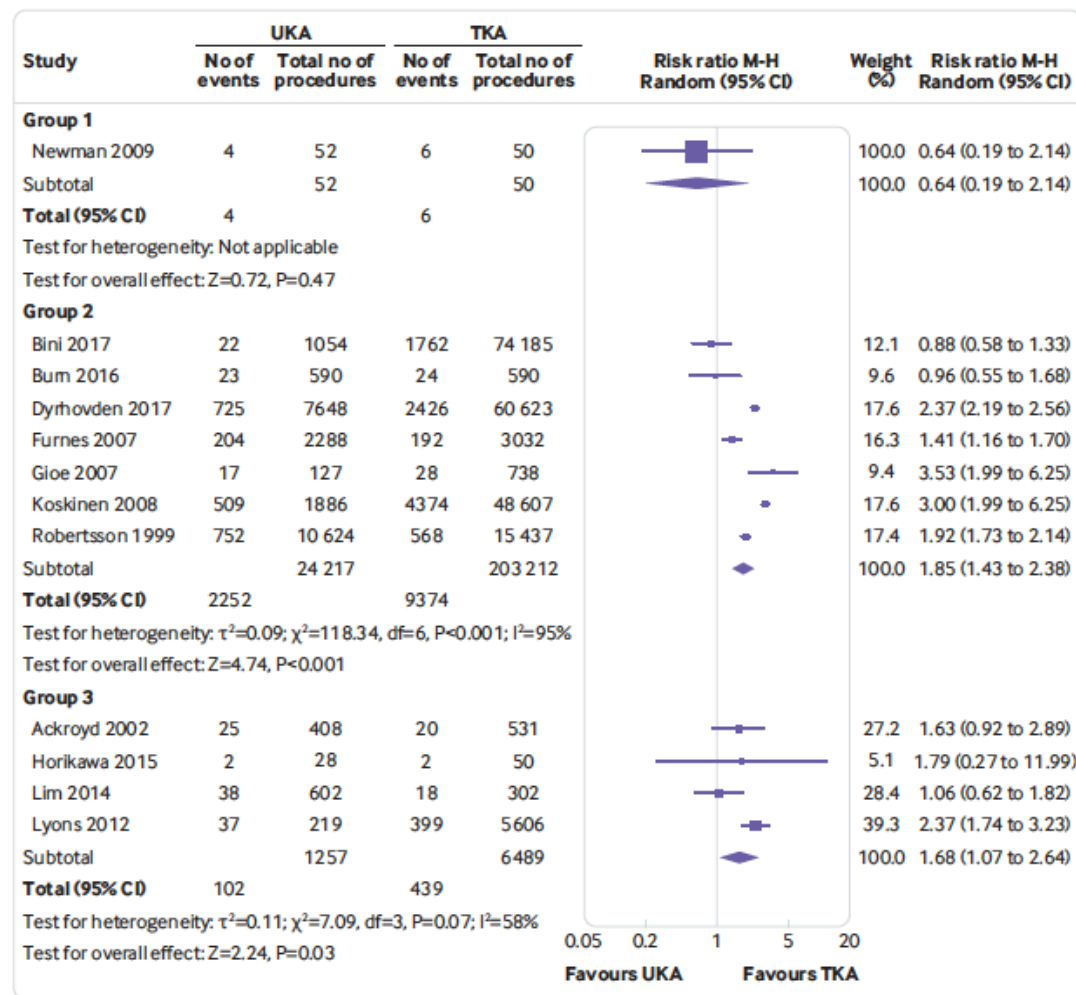


Fig 7 | Forest plot comparing incidence of revision at 10 years after unicompartmental (UKA) versus total knee replacement (TKA). Also appears in the supplementary material as supplementary figure 16. M-H=Mantel-Haenszel test

- Caveats with quality of these 60 papers (and 20y) of data (mostly observational and from different sources)
- NIHR UK-funded
  - 1 surgical RCT (TOPKAT)
  - 1 observational study (UTMOST)



The clinical and cost-effectiveness of total versus partial knee replacement in patients with medial compartment osteoarthritis (TOPKAT): 5-year outcomes of a randomised controlled trial



David J Beard, Loretta J Davies, Jonathan A Cook, Graeme MacLennan, Andrew Price, Seamus Kent, Jemma Hudson, Andrew Carr, Jose Leal, Helen Campbell, Ray Fitzpatrick, Nigel Arden, David Murray, Marion K Campbell, for the TOPKAT Study Group\*

HTA - 15/80/40

**Risk-benefit and costs of unicompartmental (compared to total) knee replacement for patients with multiple co-morbidities: a non-randomised study, and different novel approaches to minimise confounding.**

**Project title:** Risk-benefit and costs of unicompartmental (compared to total) knee replacement for patients with multiple co-morbidities: a non-randomised study, and different novel approaches to minimise confounding.

**Call to action:** 15/80 15/80 HTA Efficient Study Designs

**Research type:** Primary Research

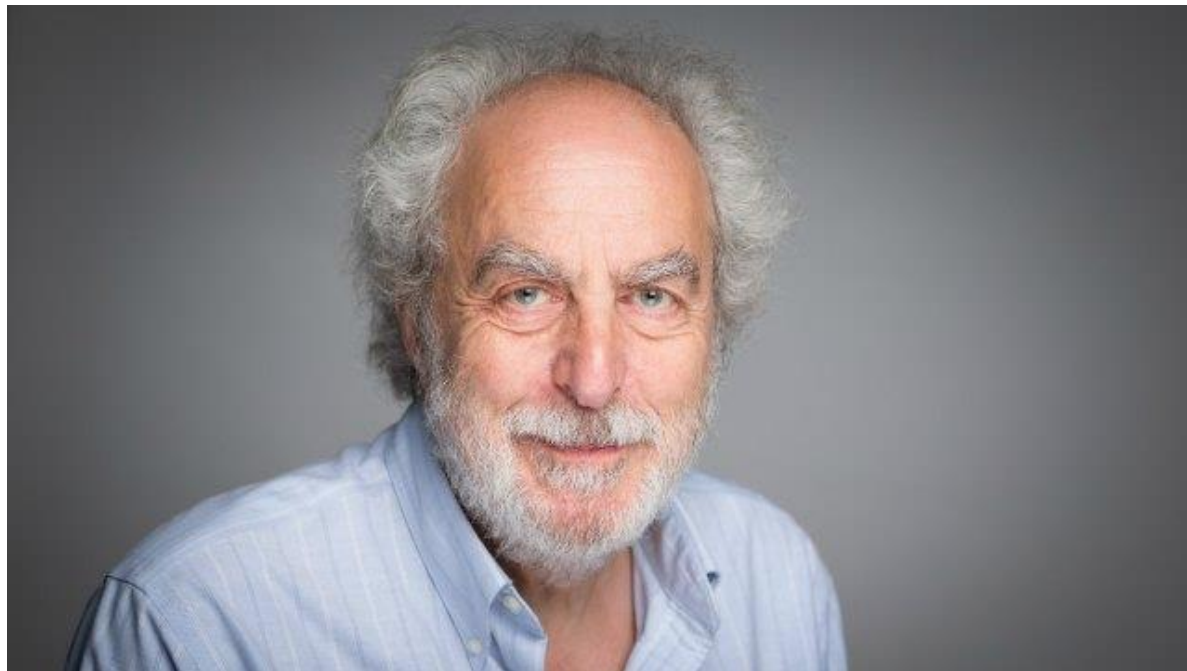
**Chief investigator:** Professor Daniel Prieto-Alhambra  [orcid.org/0000-0002-3950-6346](https://orcid.org/0000-0002-3950-6346)

**Contractor:** University of Oxford

**Cost:** £268,076.76

**Co-investigators:** Dr Irene Petersen, Dr Rafael Pinedo-Villanueva, Ms Susan Thwaite, Professor Alan Silman, Professor Andrew Carr, Professor Andrew Judge, Professor David Beard, Professor David Murray, Professor Ian Douglas, Professor Jeremy Wilkinson, Professor Jose M Valderas, Professor Nigel Arden, Professor Sarah Lamb.

**Started:** June 2017 | **Status:** Research in progress



“We need less research, better research,  
And research done for the right reasons”

i.e., can we do in a week a study what has  
taken so far 20+ years, 60+ papers and loads of cash?

Intended for healthcare professionals

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# OUR AIMS!

- Can we 'predict' the TOPKAT results (on complications) before they publish?
- And more:
  - can we report on the results of UKR (vs TKR) in the older, more complex patients, excluded from TOPKAT?
  - Can we predict who is likely to have a post-operative complication following knee replacement surgery





# WE CAN DO THIS IN ONE WEEK (STUDY-A-THON)??

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# LET'S START COLLABORATING!

- Open the shared group notes: [Link](#)
- Ground rules:
  - During group exercises, take all your notes here together
  - During breakout exercises, assign one person in your team to make sure notes are recorded so other groups can learn from our experience



# LET'S START WRITING OUR PAPERS!

- Patient-Level Prediction: [Link](#)
- Population-Level Effect Estimation: [Link](#)



# LET'S START LEARNING ATLAS!

- Public version from OHDSI (v2.6, simulated data), go to: <http://ohdsi.org/web/ATLAS>
- Private version from IQVIA (v2.4, THIN data), go to: <https://training.atlasplus.imshealth.com>



# SO WHAT DID WE LEARN (BY FRIDAY!!)

- Population-level effect estimation:

<http://data.ohdsi.org/UkaTkaSafetyEffectiveness/>

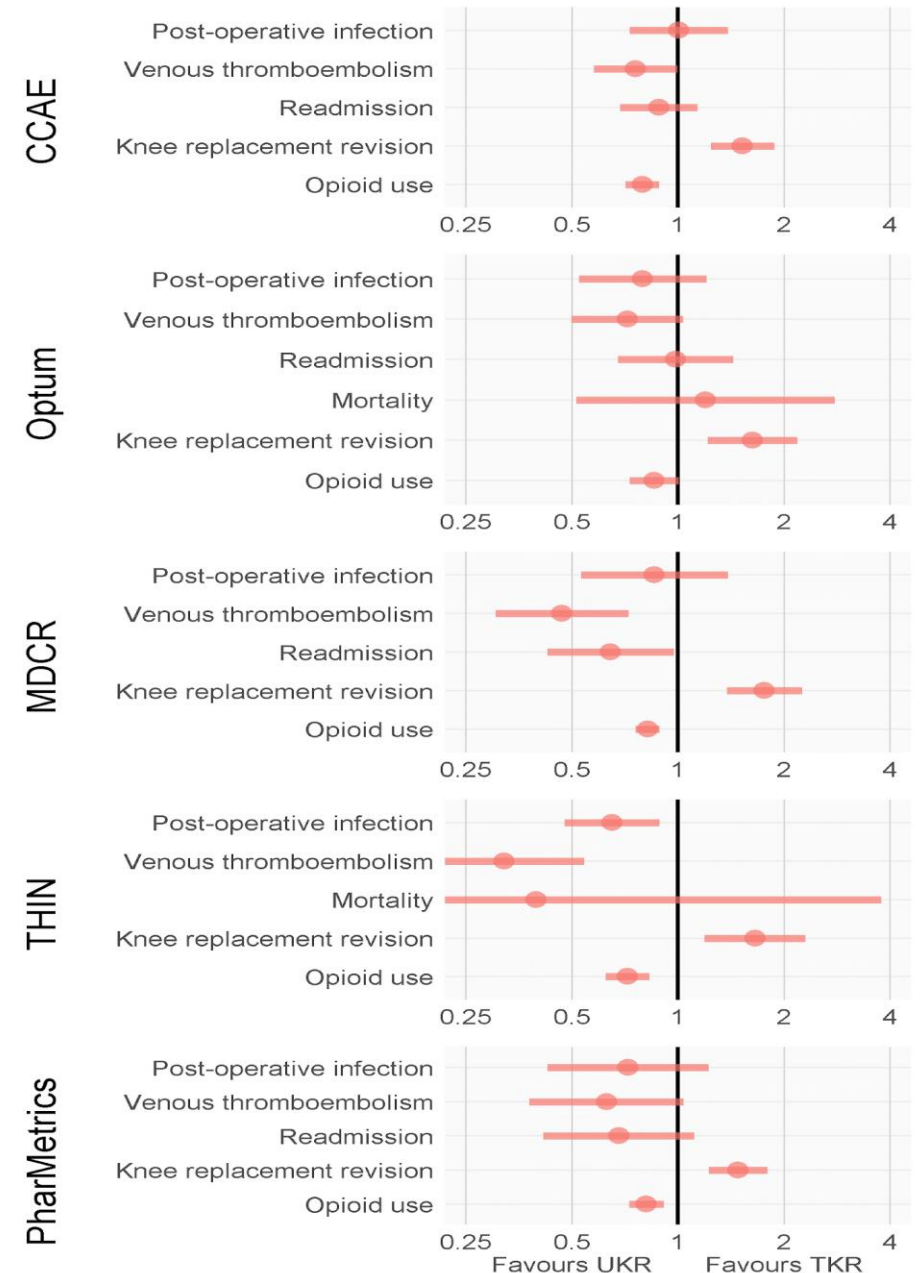
- Patient-level prediction

<http://data.ohdsi.org/TKROutcomesExplorer/>



# OUR WEEK vs 20Y OF RESEARCH OX STUDY-A-THON vs BMJ SYST REV

- VTE
  - RR 0.49 [0.20 to 1.17] (20 y)
  - vs HR 0.62 [0.36-0.96] (1 week)
- Long-term revision
  - RR 1.68 [1.07 to 2.64] (20y)
  - vs HR 1.51 to 2.16 (1 week)







# OUR WEEK VS A £3M TRIAL [D BEARD ET AL. LANCET 2019]

- Small improvement in pain/function with UKR in TOPKAT
- = Small reduction in opioid/s use in Study-a-thon
- No power for safety in TOPKAT
- Findings compatible w 20y of data in Study-a-thon

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# PREDICTION... PREDICTING POST-OP MORTALITY

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Multiple PLP Viewer ☰

Summary

Performance

Model

Log

Help

**Filters**

**Development Database**

Optum

**Validation Database**

All

**Target Cohort**

Oxford studyathon Day2 Patients with total knee replacement

**Outcome Cohort**

Oxford studyathon Mortality

**Time-at-risk start:**

0

Results Model Settings Population Settings Covariate Settings

Show 10 entries Search:

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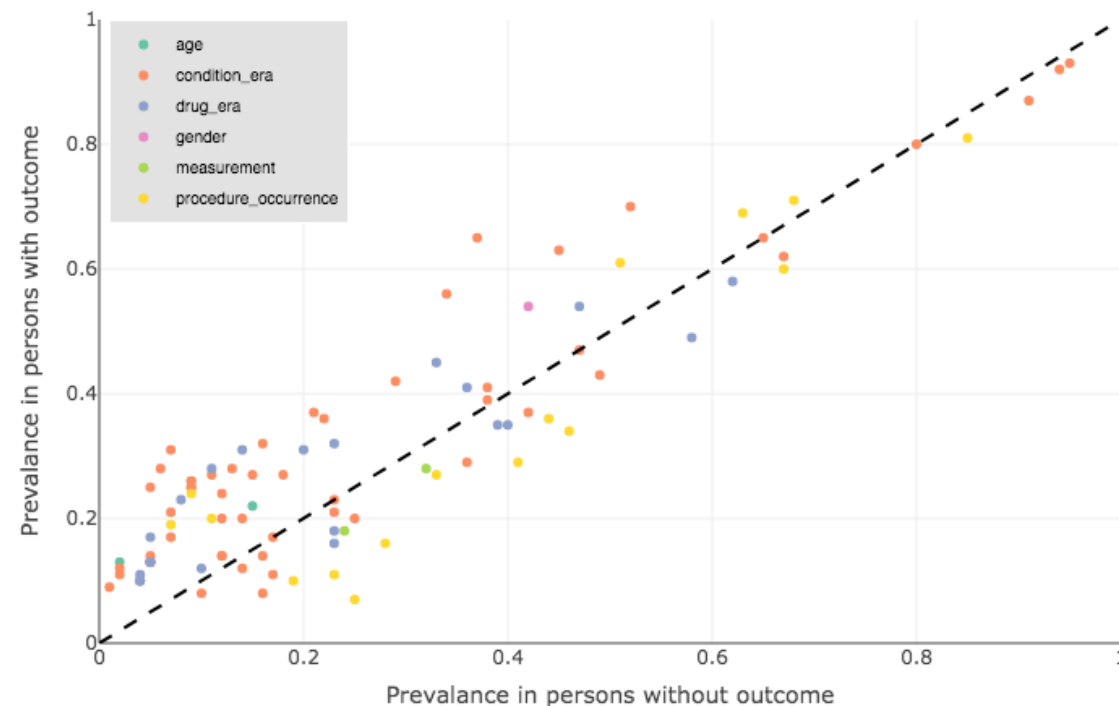
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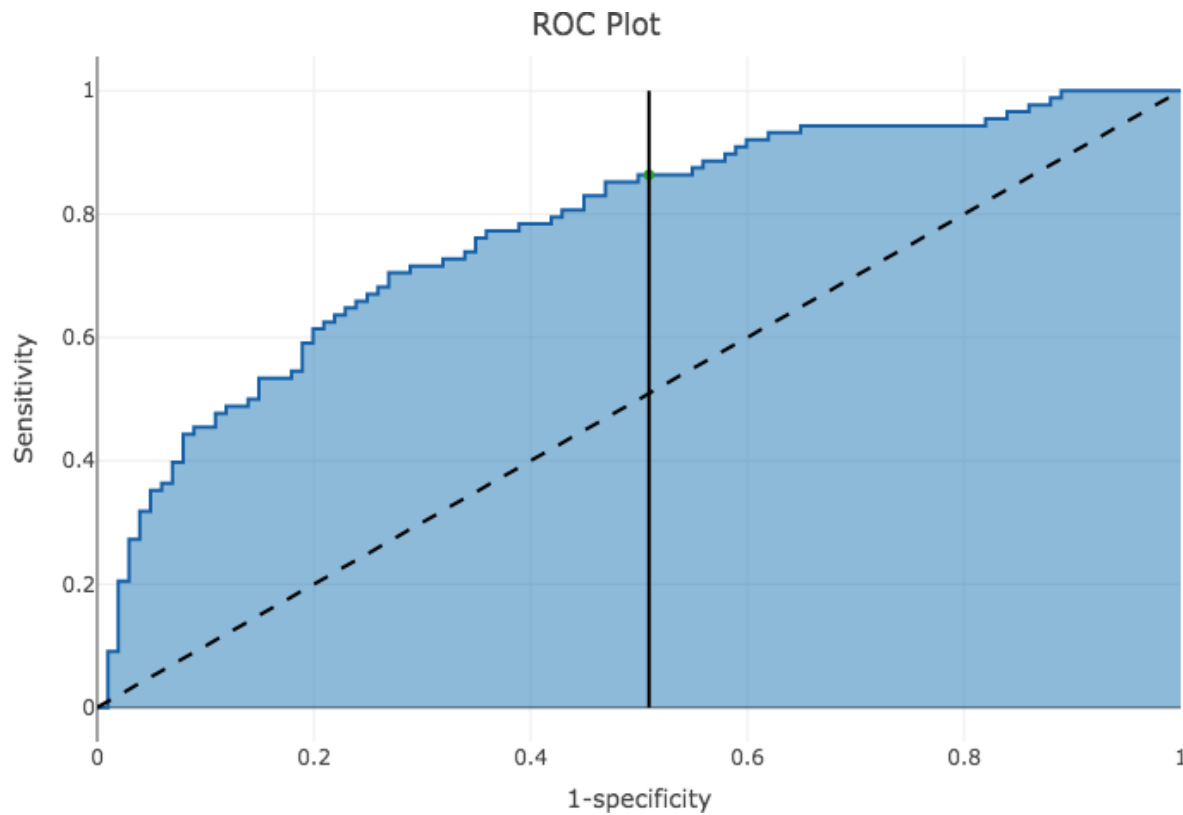
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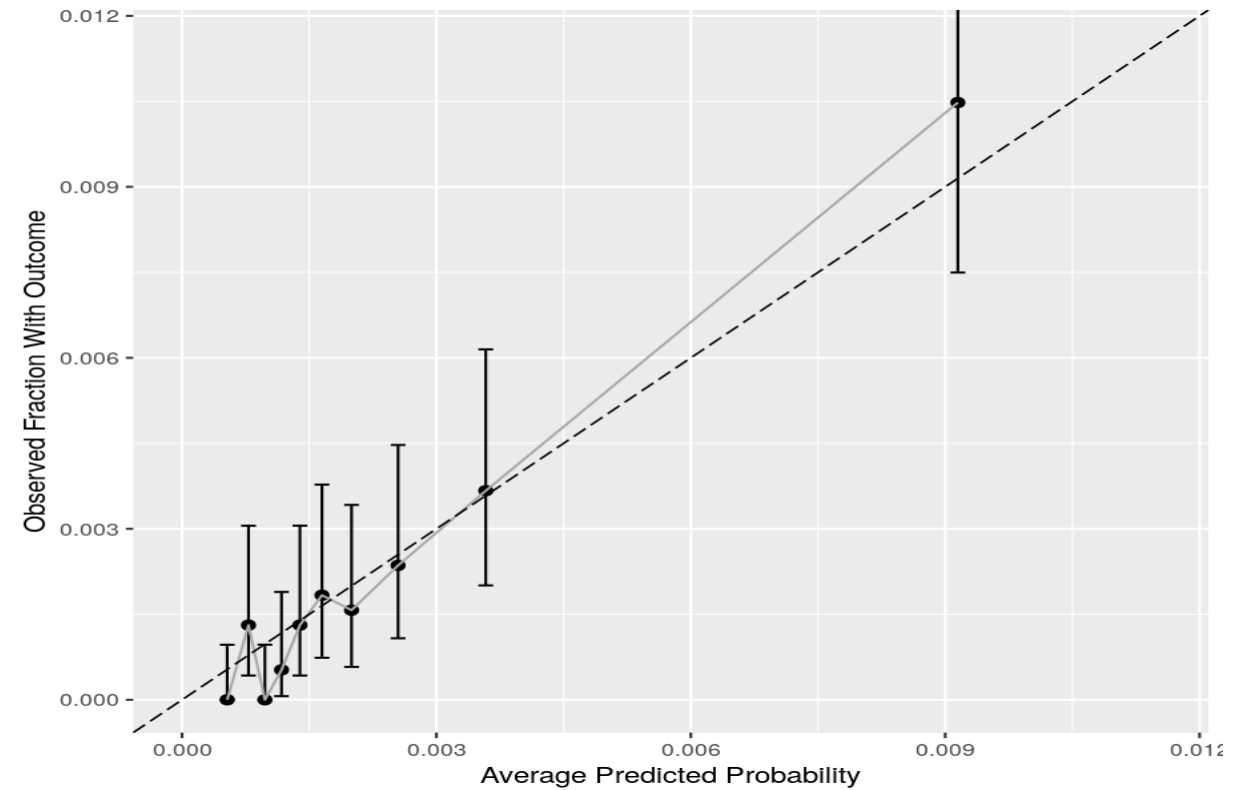
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3	Diabetes Comorbidity Severity Index (DCSI)	0	3.71	1.96
4	CHADS2	0	2.54	1.57
5	CHADS2VAsC	0	4.18	2.94
6	visit_occurrence concept count during day -1095 through -1 concept_count relative to index	0	71.99	50.13
7	visit_occurrence concept count during day -365 through -1 concept_count relative to index	0	32.46	24.26
8	index month: 2	0	0.1	0.08
9	index month: 3	0	0.1	0.09
10	index month: 4	0	0.08	0.08



## DISCRIMINATION



## CALIBRATION



- **Conference/s**
  - 1 Podium ppt at IOF/ESCEO Paris'19 (>3,000 researchers)
  - 1 Podium ppt and Press Release at EULAR Madrid '19 (>15,000 rheumatologists)
  - 1 Podium ppt and 1 Spotlight poster at ICPE'19 (>1,500 epidemiologists)
- **Scientific journal manuscripts**
  - PLE = Major review at Lancet Rheumatology
  - PLP = Submitted to JAMA Surgery



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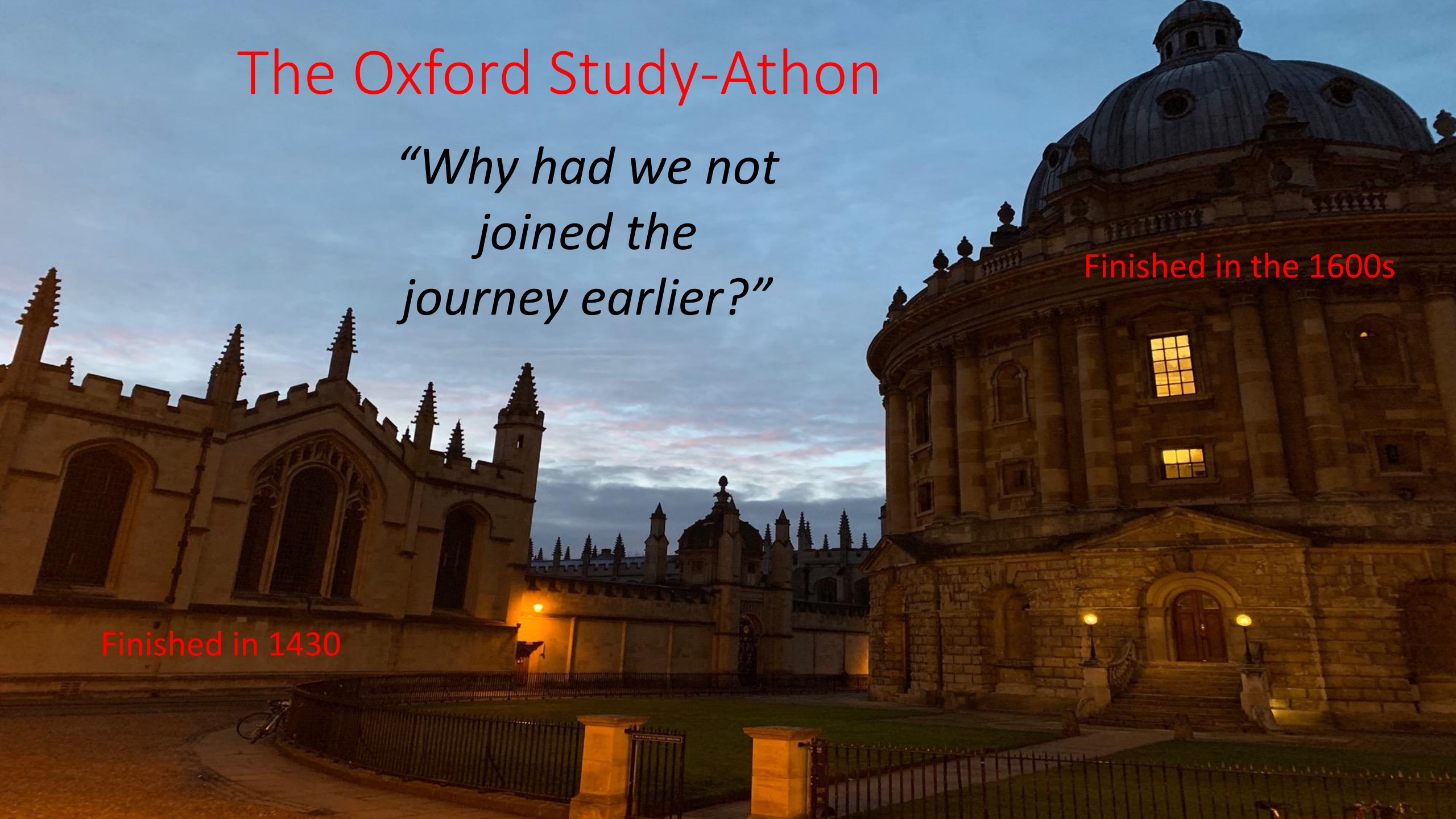


# The Oxford Study-Athon

*“Why had we not  
joined the  
journey earlier?”*

Finished in 1430

Finished in the 1600s





# BACKGROUND

# eular

fighting rheumatic & musculoskeletal  
diseases together



We knew this was coming...  
After 7 years of silence ...

EULAR recommendations for the management of  
rheumatoid arthritis – 2019 Update  
Smolen J et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2020 Feb





# QUESTIONS ???

