



EMIF - European Medical Information Framework



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for health care data intelligence
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diseases and treatments



EMIF consortium



Academic partners



Patient Organisation



SME partners



Efpia partners



- ❖ 56 partners
- ❖ 14 European countries represented
- ❖ 56 MM € worth of resources (in-kind / in-cash)
- ❖ “3 projects in one”
- ❖ 5 year project (2013 – 2017)

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The EMIF project

European Medical Information Framework



❖ Leadership team

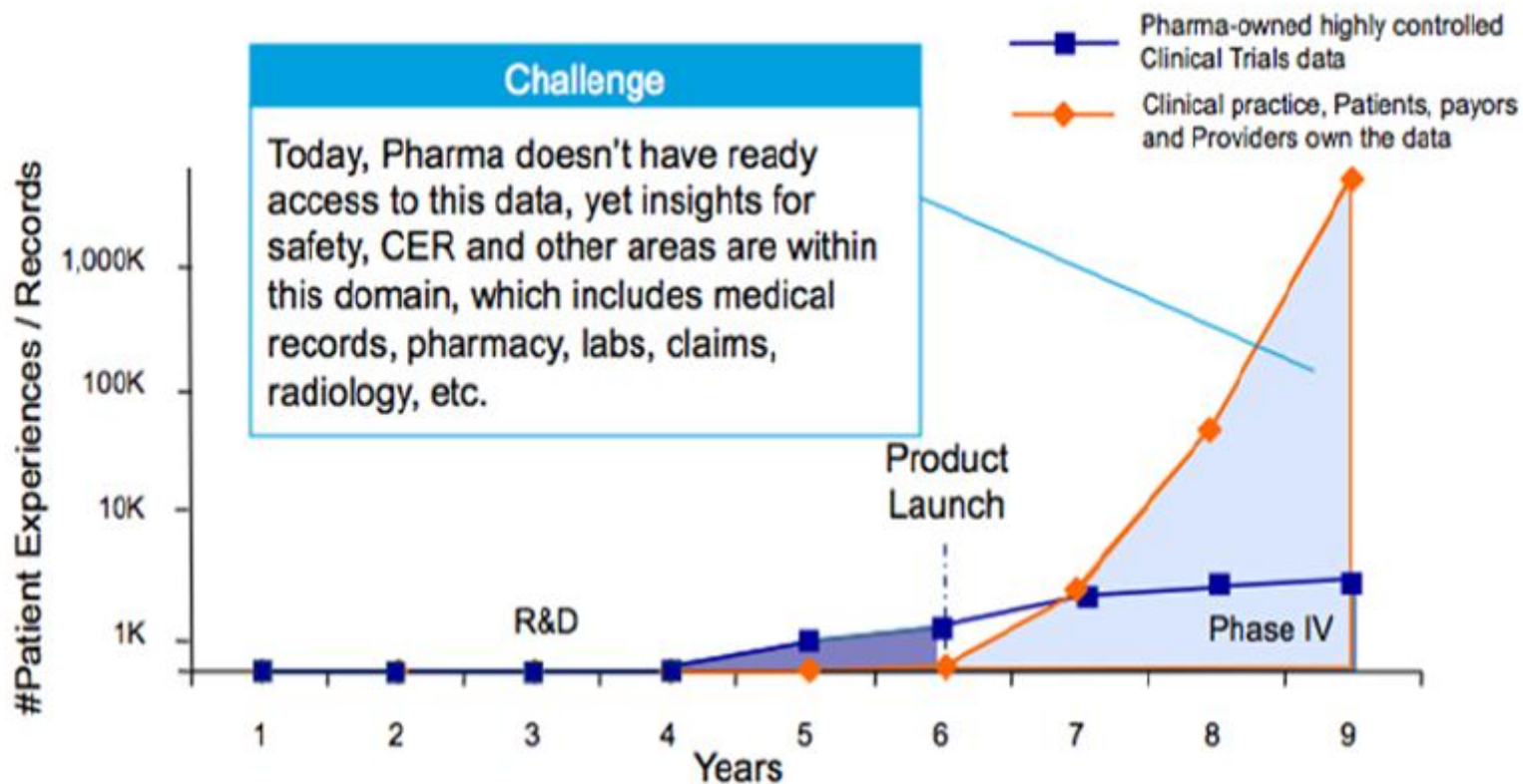
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The "burning platform" for Life Sciences

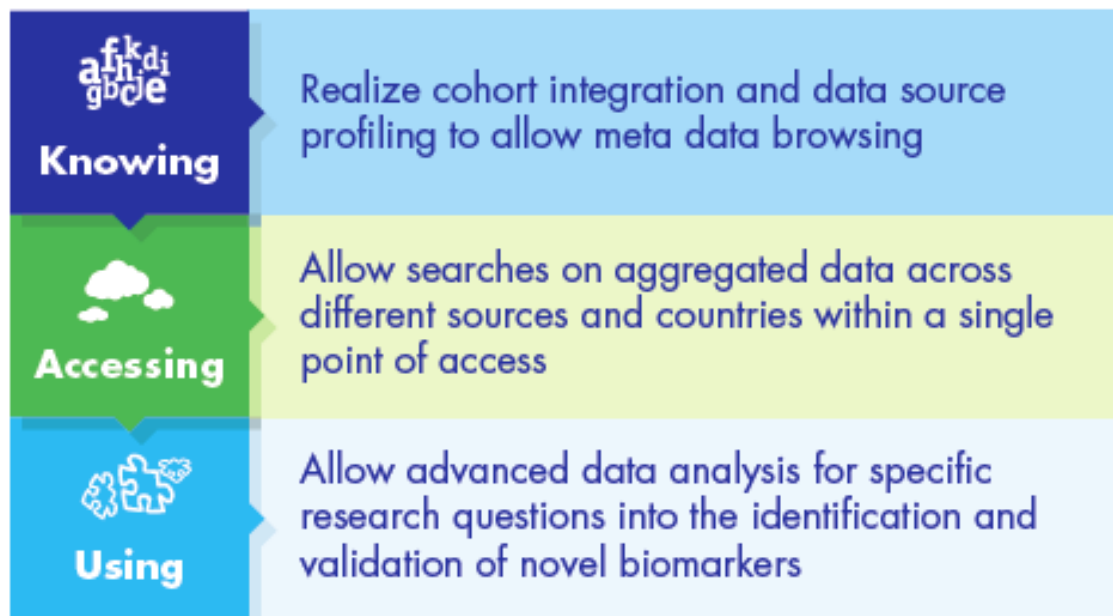


The value of healthcare data for secondary uses in clinical research and development - Gary K. Mallow, Merck, HIMSS 2012

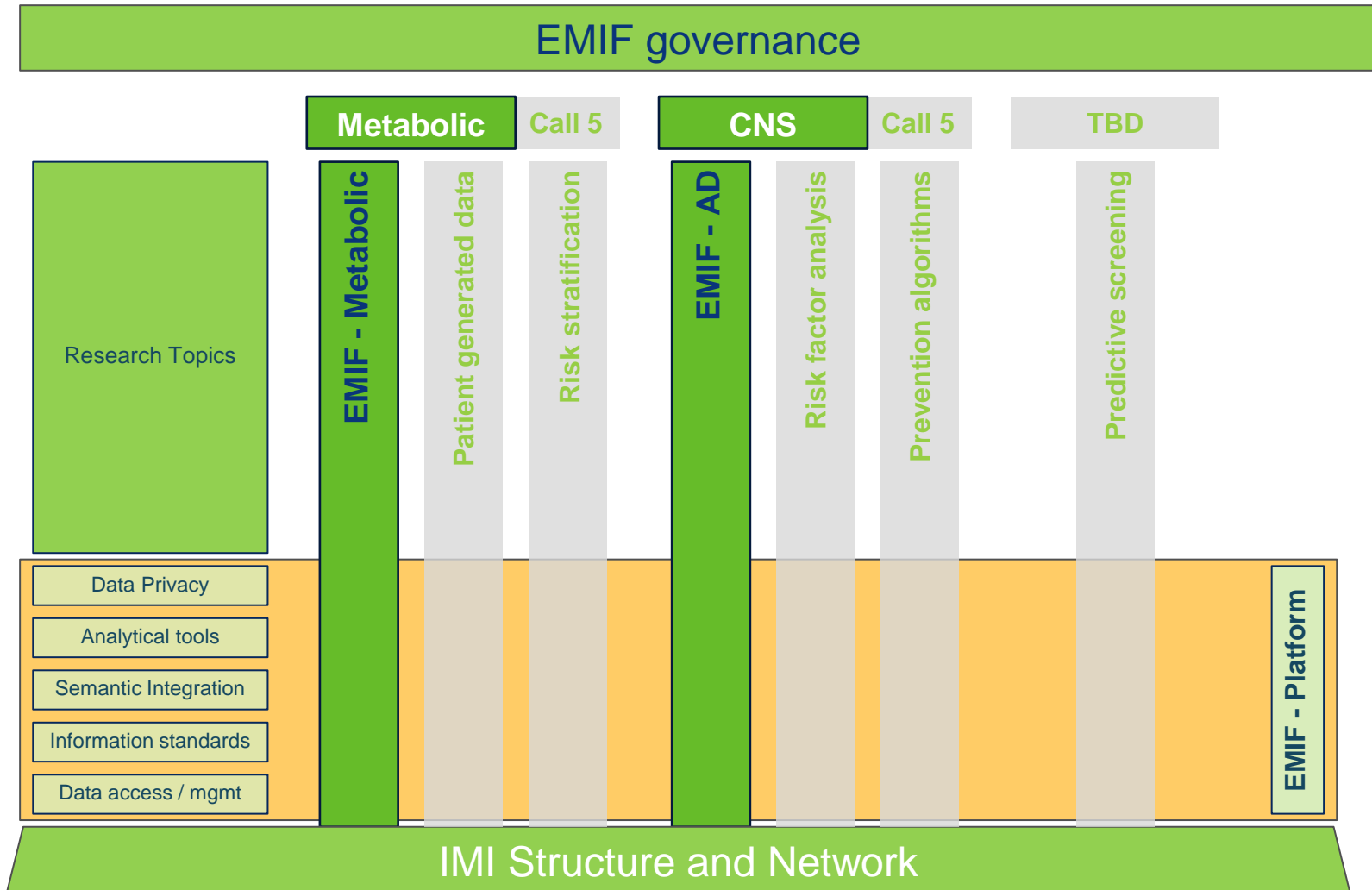


Mission

The EMIF project aims to improve access to human health data for life sciences research - this will be achieved via a 3 phased approach:



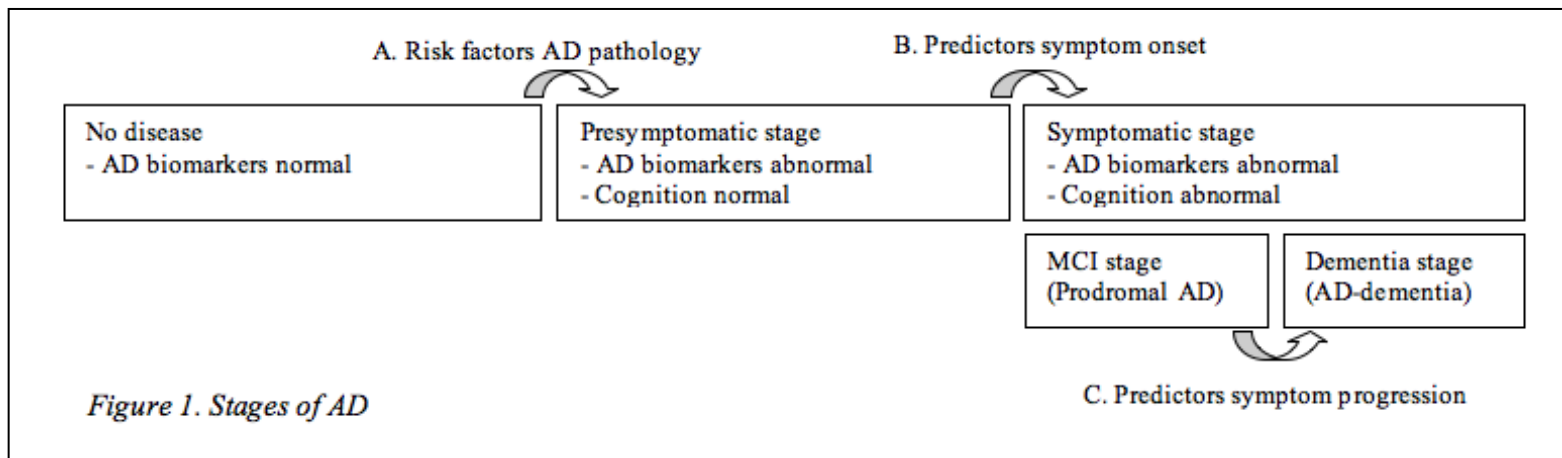
EMIF – platform for modular extension



EMIF-AD – Overall approach



- ❖ Use existing datasets through data platform
- ❖ Use extreme phenotypes as an outcome
 - Amyloid pathology
 - APOE4 negative/positive
 - Hippocampal atrophy
 - Cognitive decline



Cohorts linked



- ❖ Preclinical AD studies
 - Barcelona study (Spain)
 - SIGNAL study (Spain)
 - GAP study (Spain)
 - Leuven study (Belgium)
 - Geneva study (Switzerland)
 - EMIF-AD 60-80 cohort (Netherlands/UK)
 - EMIF-AD 90+ cohort (Netherlands/UK)
- ❖ Population studies
 - Heinz-Nixdorf recall study (Germany)
 - LOLIPOP (UK)
 - CFAS-1 (UK)
 - Manchester and Newcastle longitudinal study of cognitive aging (UK)
 - Rotterdam study (Netherlands)
 - Maastricht Aging study (Netherlands)
 - SNAC-K (Sweden)
 - CAIDE study (Finland)
- ❖ Single centre memory-clinic based studies
 - Finger study (Finland)
 - Athens study (Greece)
 - VUmc (Netherlands)
 - Milan (Italy)
 - Perugia (Italy)
 - Brescia (Italy)
 - London-SlaM (UK)
 - Antwerp (Belgium)
 - Erlangen (Germany)
 - Kassel (Germany)
 - Barcelona (Spain)
 - Vaudois (Switzerland)
 - Aveiro (Portugal)
 - Oslo (Norway)
- ❖ National memory-clinic based multi-centre studies
 - Brainpower (Sweden)
 - String of Pearls (Netherlands)
 - PreAL (France)
 - Memento (France)
- ❖ European memory-clinic based multi-centre studies
 - Pharma-Cog
 - Addneuromed
 - DESCRIPA
 - EDAR
 - DiMi
 - NEST-DD
 - PredictAD
 - EADC FDG PET study
 - EADC prodromal AD study
- ❖ International multi-centre studies
 - ADNI
- ❖ Prodromal AD trials
 - Lipididiet
 - MCI Donepezil study
- ❖ EHR

**Diverse data ownership
and availability**

One Example AddNeuroMed



	Subjects recruited	Subjects scanned
Alzheimer' s Disease	247	136
Mild Cognitive Impairment	242	129
Normal controls	208	119
Total	697	384

Clinical assessments, MRI and blood based biomarkers

Baseline plus three assessments year 1 ; follow up for three – eight years

Clinical and imaging Work package: Simon Lovestone (London), Hilkka Soininen (Kuopio), Patrizia Mecocci (Perugia), Bruno Vellas (Toulouse), Magda Tsolaki (Thessaloniki), Iwona Kłoszewska (Lodz), Christian Spenger (Karolinska)

45 publications to 2006-2014



Fingerprinting



- ❖ A detailed questionnaire to characterize AD cohorts was sent to cohort owners of 52 European AD cohorts
- ❖ Information on 27 AD cohorts made available in the EMIF browser

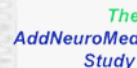
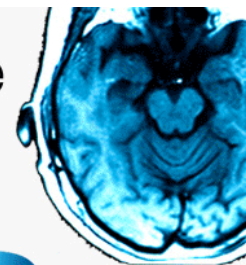
	Control	SCI	MCI	AD
All	4147	1469	5245	2725
Cognitive data	3261	1394	4969	1940
Plasma	1402	511	1504	962
Serum	3704	227	766	1272
DNA	1853	511	1607	1594
RNA (blood)	963	341	1077	185
CSF	195	342	1513	1048
Urine	306	0	85	0
MRI	1872	950	3643	1345
PET-FDG	45	103	801	71
PET-amyloid	115	0	72	0
SPECT	0	24	143	21
EEG	61	757	648	1015
MEG	0	100	100	100

Selection of data based on Research questions



- ❖ Combination of EHR and Cohort studies from the same region
- ❖ Collection of samples for biomarker discovery/confirmation
- ❖ Pooling of epidemiologic cohorts and/or EHR for risk factors

Alzheimer's Disease Big Data DREAM Challenge



Scientific Advisory Board

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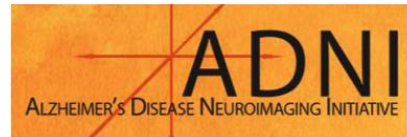
Challenge Organizers

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Subchallenge 1: Predict the change in cognitive scores 24 months after initial assessment.

Scientific Rationale: Answers to this question will help predict cognitive trajectory and potentially provide new approaches for early diagnosis of AD. This earlier identification would allow for more efficient selection of samples for clinical trials and possibilities for earlier disease treatment.

Training Set



Ancillary Data



Test Set

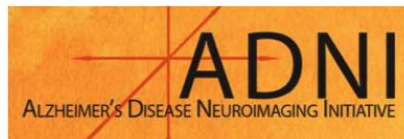


ROS/MAP

Subchallenge 3: Classify individuals into diagnostic groups using MR Imaging.

Scientific Rationale: If a single MR image could be used to differentiate AD patients from people with mild cognitive impairment or from healthy individuals, research can focus on the specific anatomical structures that are different between the groups. Currently, MRI data are acquired routinely in hospitals: thus a winning algorithm could potentially be retrospectively applied to existing archives of clinical data as well as to future scans without requiring additional resources or expertise.

Training Set



Test Set

The
AddNeuroMed
Study

Data aggregation and access

– US and Europe



- ❖ Phase 1
 - Exchange and mapping of meta-data ('fingerprints')
 - 24 attributes in GAAIN; >200 in EMIF
 - Cross programme mapping underway
- ❖ Phase 2
 - “search on GAAIN = search on EMIF” and vice versa
 - Access to cohorts across Europe and USA
- ❖ Phase 3
 - Joint analysis
 - Data-standardisation