Linked Data at Elsevier

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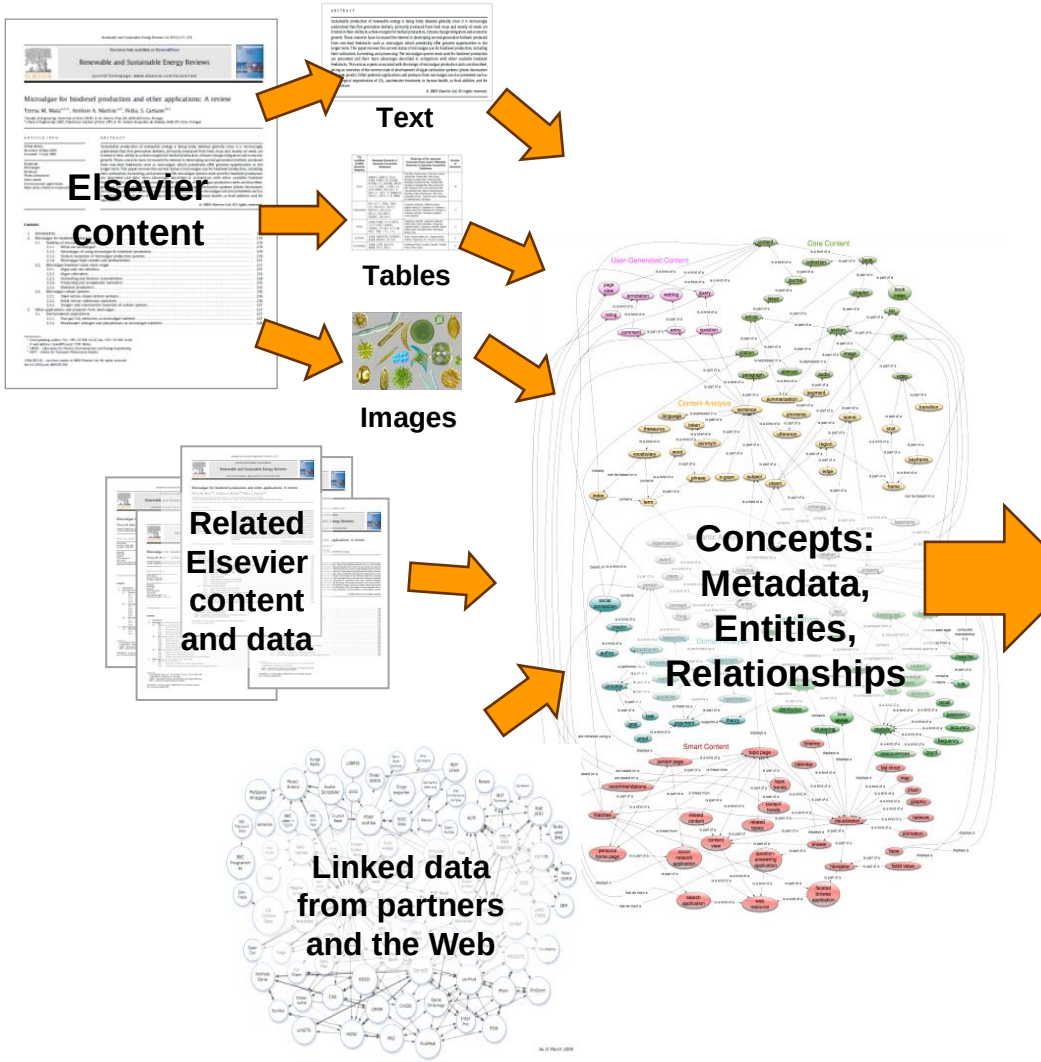
Today's Session

Smart Content Overview

- Linked Data Repository
- Satellites & RDF
- Taxonomy

Some examples

Smart Content: Semantic Enhancements for Scientific Publishing



Applied Smart Content

Better discovery

- Faceted search & browse
- Ontology-driven navigation
- Task-specific results
- Personalized/localized results
- Question answering

Better understanding

- Tag clouds
- Heatmaps
- Streamgraphs
- Scatterplots
- Time series
- Animations

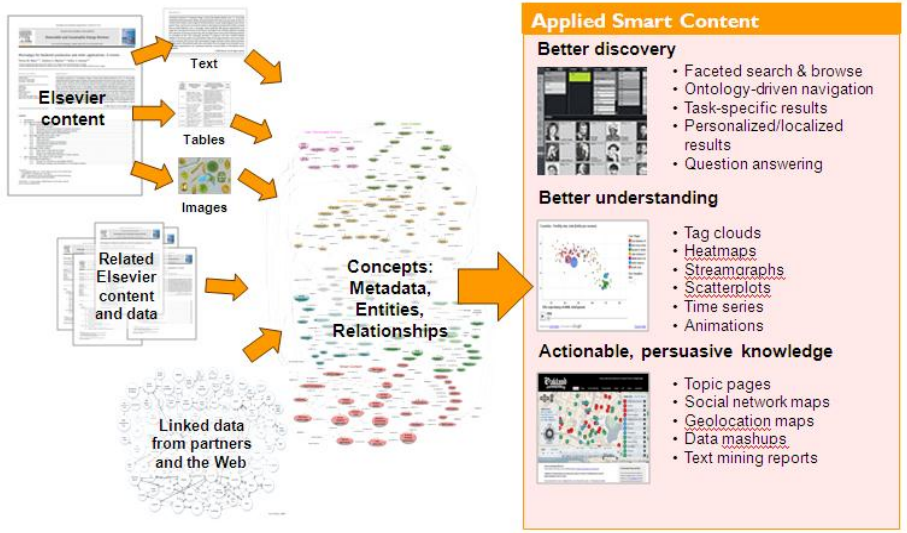
Actionable, persuasive knowledge

- Topic pages
- Social network maps
- Geolocation maps
- Data mashups
- Text mining reports

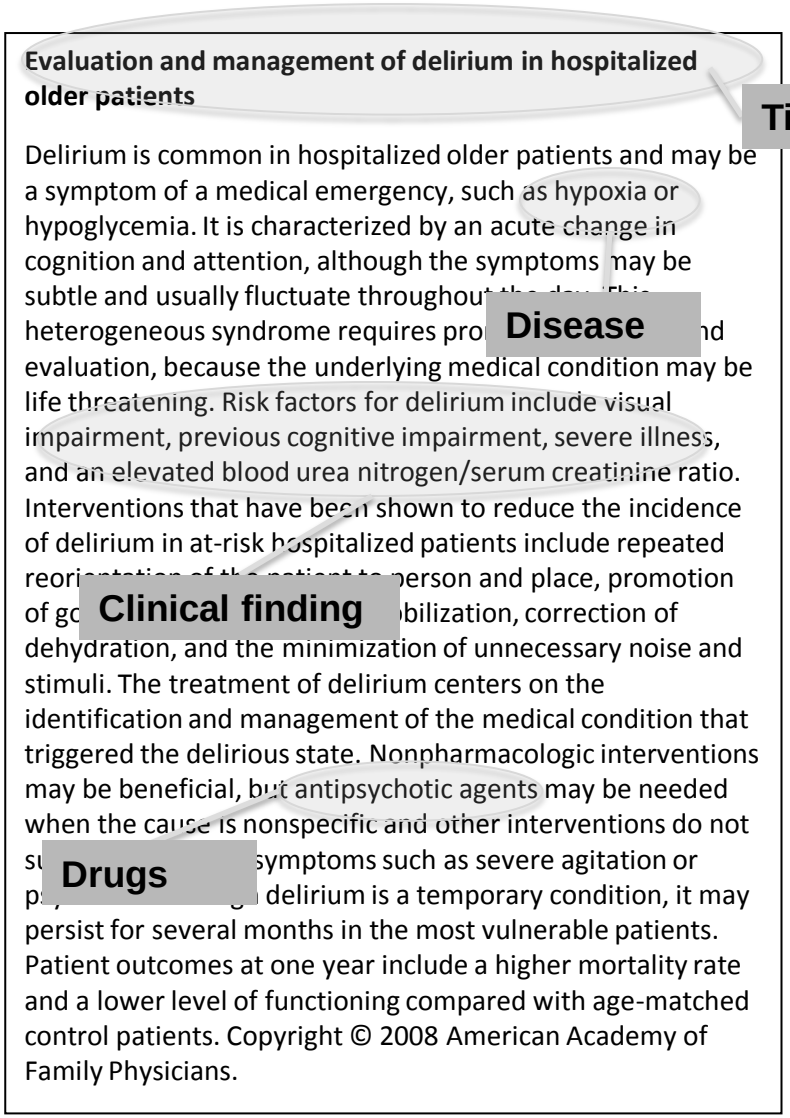
The Challenge

How to do semantic enhancement at scale for STM publishing?

- In harmony with our culture and legacy,
- Across the breadth of our content,
- Within an ecosystem of authors, institutions, libraries, repositories, publishers, content suppliers, and funding agencies.



Content Enrichment



- Concepts are identified in text, compared to Concepts and relations in a controlled vocabulary or semantic model, and stored as RDF in annotation files
- The storage mechanism for this information is the Linked Data Repository (LDR)

Linked Data Repository

Infrastructure that supports storing and linking of semantic annotation of content, supports apps that enable discovery and semantic search via an API.

- Used to store and structure data & relations derived from content.

- Interlinks data with other related sources of content (documents, sections of documents, data, multimedia).

- Provides service layer APIs for ease of interaction with both suppliers and internal processes.

Optimized for high-volume read and write access to RDF graphs.

Satellites

Linked Data compliant format that is used to capture, store and expose metadata objects.

Standards based, including DCMI, SKOS, and SWAN

Contains:

Metadata for the resource that the satellite is related to.

Provenance information of the metadata.

(Provenance & version based on Harvard SWAN standard)

Configurable for use case-specific information:

- Relevance and confidence numbers

  e.g. Medical integrity or tagging score

- Document fragment identification

EMMeT (Elsevier Merged Medical Taxonomy)

EMMeT Background

- Founded upon UMLS and utilizes standard vocabularies including, MeSH, SNOMED-CT, RxNorm, and ICD-9
- Structured around major classes (semantic types) including: diseases, procedures, drugs, symptoms, anatomy
- > 600,000 preferred terms
- ~ 2 million synonyms

Ontological Support

- Validate and update relationships against Elsevier sources
- Initial focus on disease, symptoms, and treatments

Internationalization

- Regionalization of EMMeT for key countries

EMMeT Components

Taxonomy relations:

- BT, NT
- Variants: synonyms, acronyms, abbreviations, other term types
- Scope notes & definitions

Ontological relations:

- Priority relations are declared between classes

Disease has Associated Drug
Disease has Treatment
Disease has Symptoms

SKOS-XL representation stored in the Linked Data Repository to support annotation formats for Elsevier content

EMMeT Components

Each Concept Includes	Example
Preferred Term	Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
Class	Procedures
Variants (synonyms, jargon & vocabulary terms)	CABG; Bypass anastomosis for heart revascularization
Parent Relationships	Cardiovascular Surgery Procedures
Child Relationships	Bypass of Three Coronary Arteries
UMLS code	ICD9CM-2010, 36.1

EMMeT Components

Classes have defined relations:

- Disease has Associated Drug
- Disease has Treatment
- Disease has Symptom

Disease	isTreatmentProcedure	Procedure
Coronary Artery Bypass	treatmentProcedureFor	Acute Coronary Syndrome
Coronary Artery Bypass	treatmentProcedureFor	Acute Myocardial Infarction
Coronary Artery Bypass	treatmentProcedureFor	Angina Pectoris

EMMeT Example

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Disorders of endocrine system

Abnormal metabolic state in diabetes mellitus

Abnormal Sense of Taste

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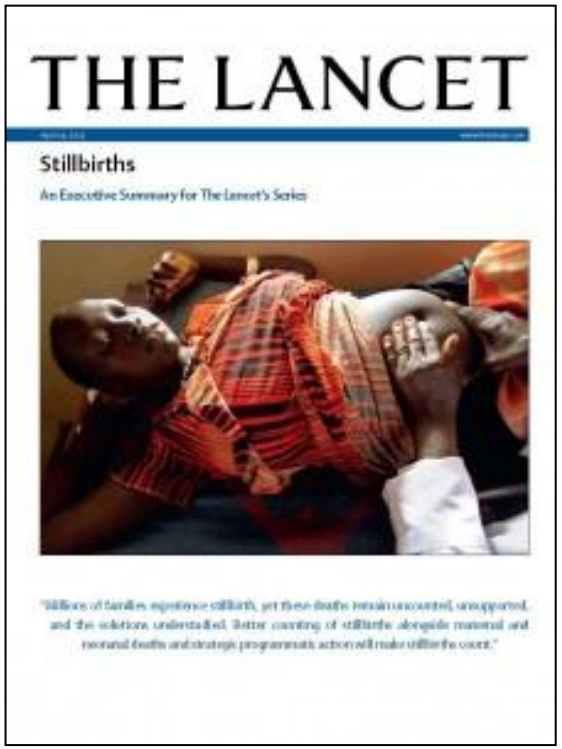
Special feature associated with *The Lancet* special issue: "Stillbirths" (Vol 377; Number 9774; April 14, 2011)



Creation LDR-enabled interactive application using:

- *The Lancet* content
- Datasets from *The Lancet* editorial research
- Datasets from The World Bank
- Subject (EMMeT) tagging from vendor
- Map

Prototype for *The Lancet*

The Lancet and World Bank datasets loaded into the LDR as triples.

EMMeT concept tagging results loaded into LDR.

Countries	Stillbirth rate 2009 (per 1000 total births)	Rank for stillbirth rate 2	Numbers of stillbirths 2009	Rank for numbers of stillbirths 2009	Stillbirth rate 1995 (per 1000 total birt	Rank for stillbirth rate 1995	Numbers of stillbirths 1995	Rank for numbers of stillbirths 1995	Change in total stillbirth numbers 1995 2009 (%)	Change in stillbirth rate 1995-2000 (%)	Average annual rate reduction 1995 - 20	Rank for average annual rate reductio
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ANGOLA	25	168	20210	172	31	186	19307	170	2	-18.1	1.4	44
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	7	61	10	12	11	72	13	11		-35.5		
ARGENTINA	5	50	3510	125	8	60	5917	137	-41	-39.1	3.5	5
ARMENIA	15	122	700	85	17	118	932	86	-25	-16.8	1.3	51
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BARBADOS	9	70	30	22	9	65	31	20		-1.0		
BELARUS	3.5	35	340	66	5	40	547	73		-30.2		
BELGIUM	3.1	22	370	68	4	19	446	64		-18.8		
BELIZE	12	103	90	34	14	99	105	32		-12.4		
BENIN	24	165	8710	150	26	157	6653	139	31	-6.0	0.4	94
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BOTSWANA	16	133	780	87	19	134	941	87	-17	-17.3	1.3	49

Lancet Prototype – Mock-up

Stillbirth
Top Related Concepts:

- Pneumonia (1245)
- Mortality (1217)
- Measles (1177)
- Diphtheria (1172)
- Influenza (1172)
- Typhoid fever (1143)
- Scarlet fever (1125)
- Diarrhea (1110)
- Cholera (1060)
- Enteritis (1037)
- Brill-Zinsser disease (1020)

Project on the Map:

- GDP per Capita ☐
- Maternal Mortality ☐
- Fertility Rate ☐
- Pregnant Women Receiving Prenatal care ☐
- Births Attended by Skilled Health Staff ☐

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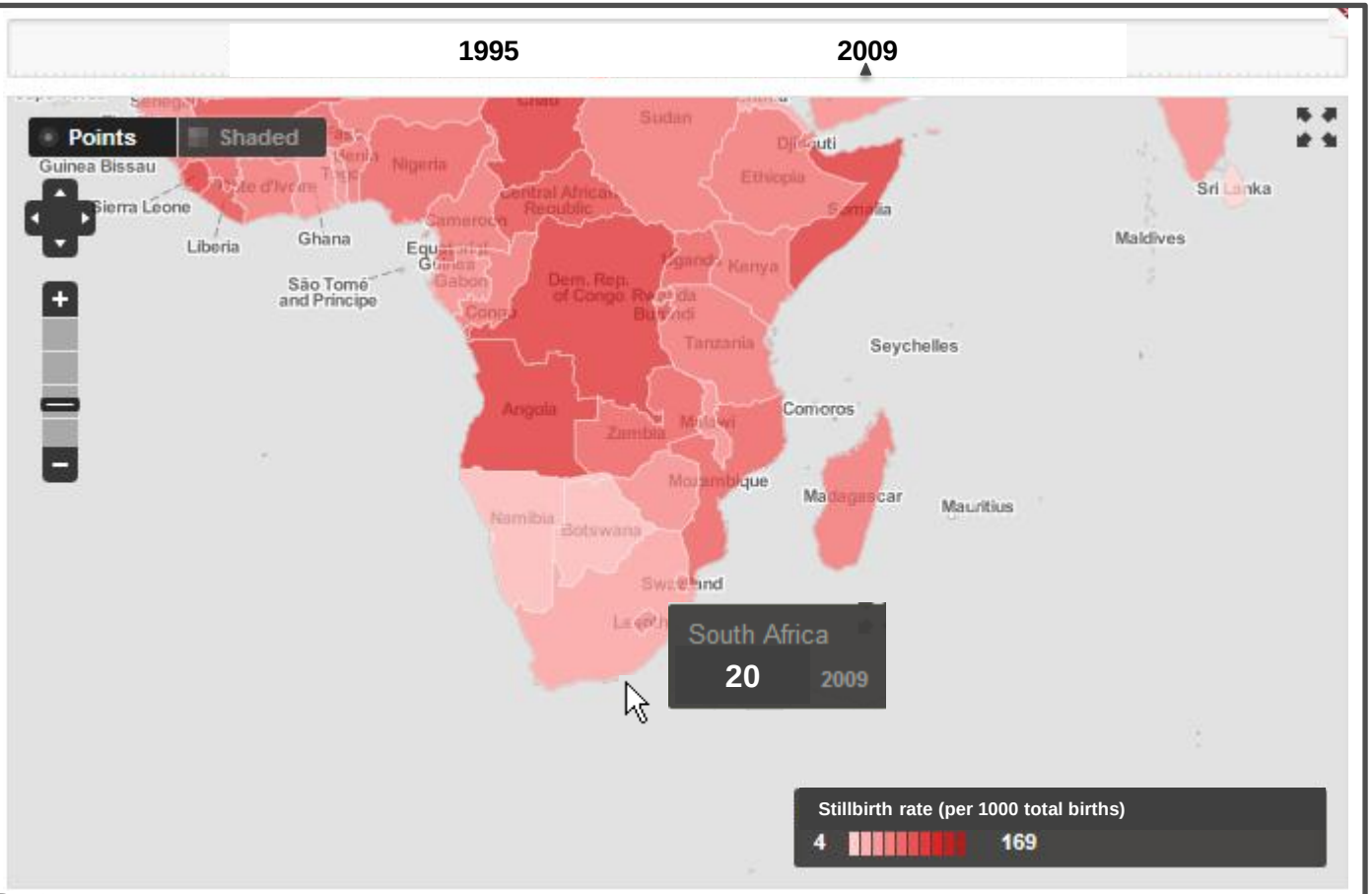

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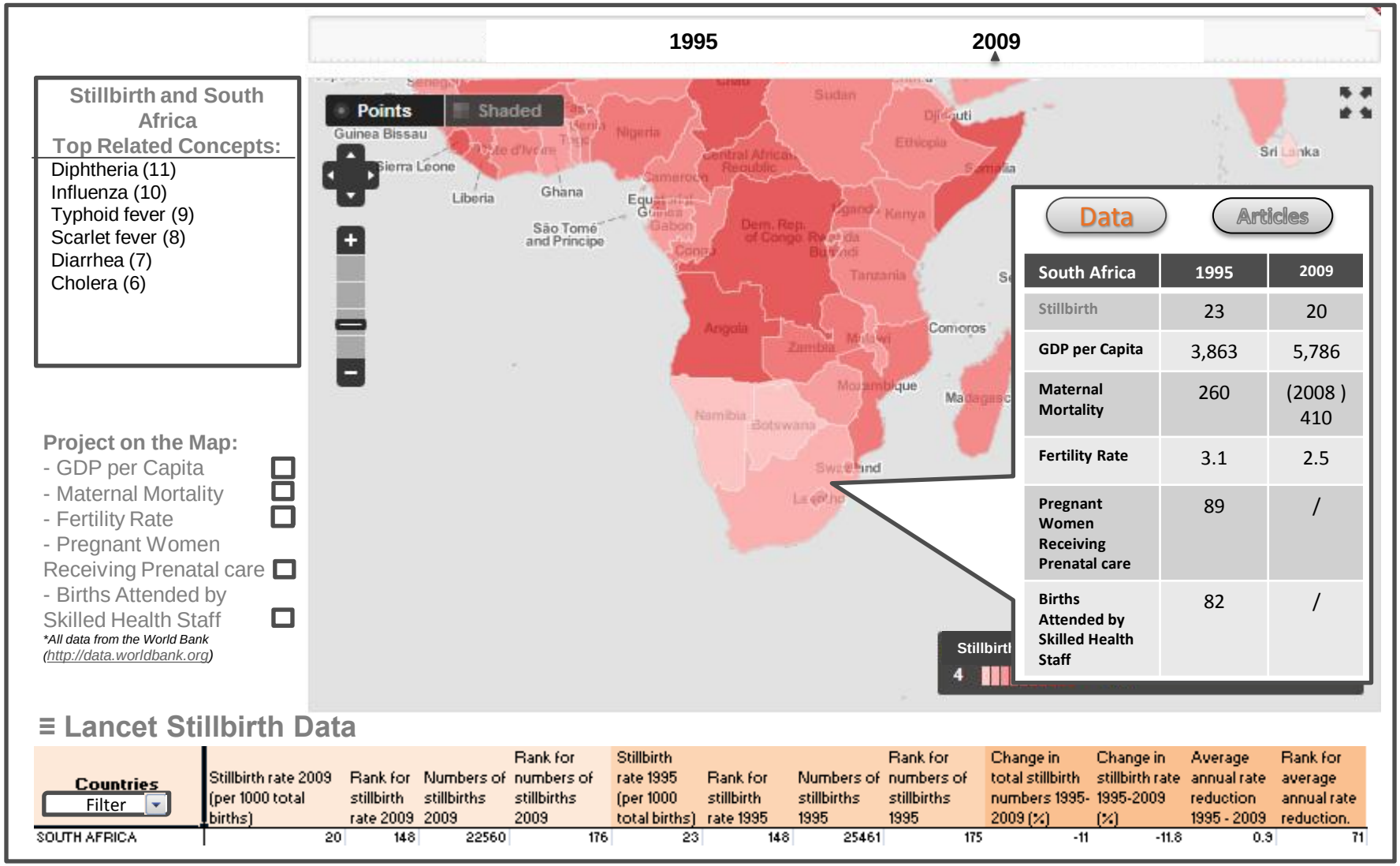

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Stillbirth and South Africa
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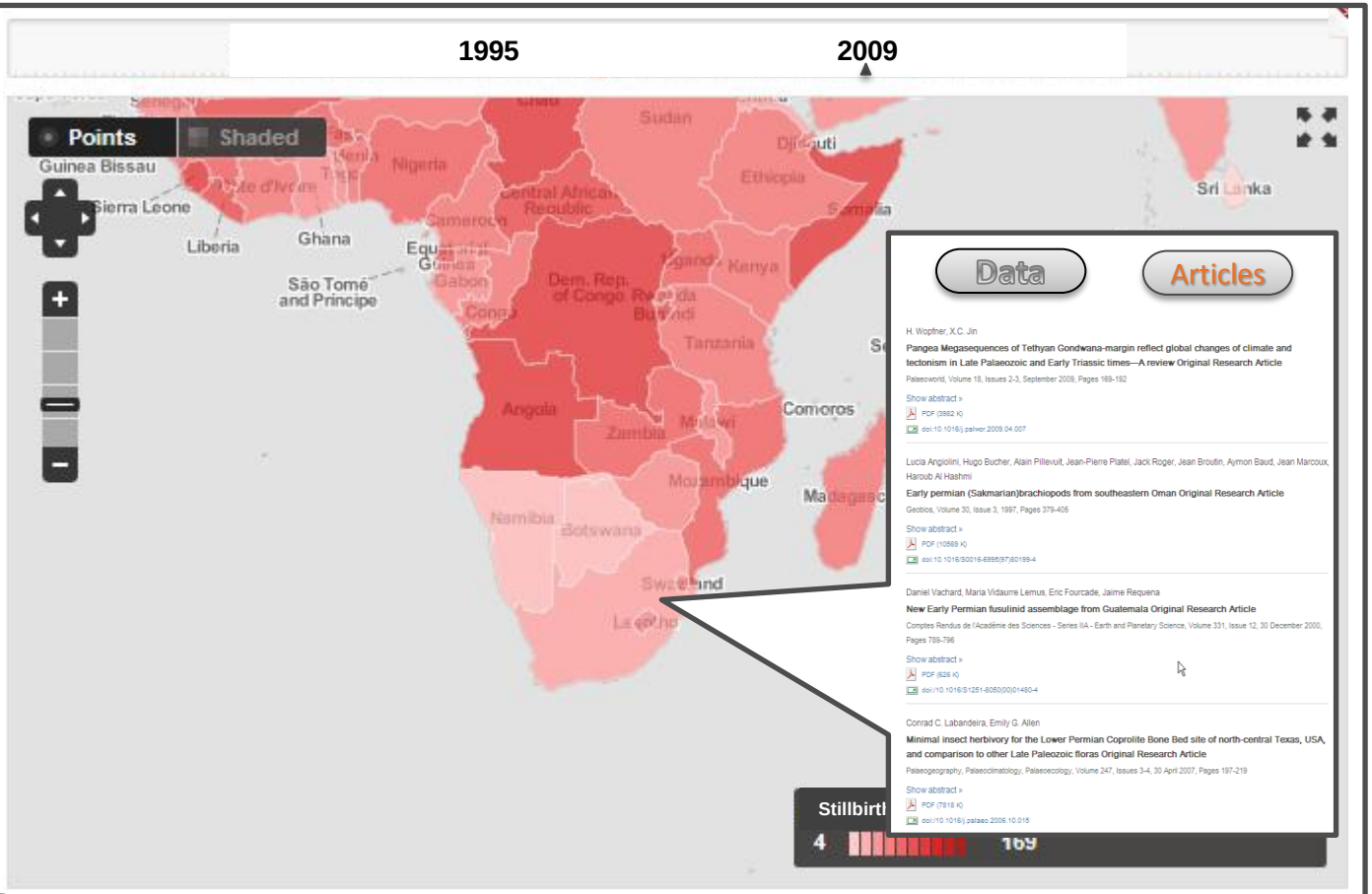

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‘Data to Semantics’ Research Project

Background: Proper implementation of clinical decision support systems (CDS) can:

- Reduce errors in medical care
- Bring research results faster to the front-line clinician
- Significantly improve patient outcome.

Overall budget:

5.2 M Euros over 4 years, paid by Dutch government (Ministry of Economic Affairs, Innovation and Agriculture)

Partnership:

Elsevier, Philips, Free University Amsterdam

‘Data to Semantics’ Research Project

Requirements:

Be able to answer complex questions

Aggregate data from multiple sources, combining complex patient specific data with information from external sources

Be semantically aware

Be continually updated with the latest validated research results.

Components:

Flexible frameworks supporting the development of such applications

Integration of relevant, high quality content

Tools enabling the extraction and aggregation of such content.

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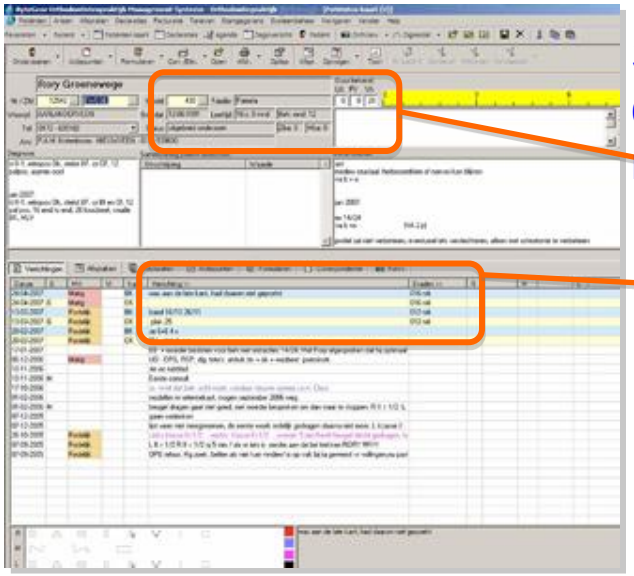

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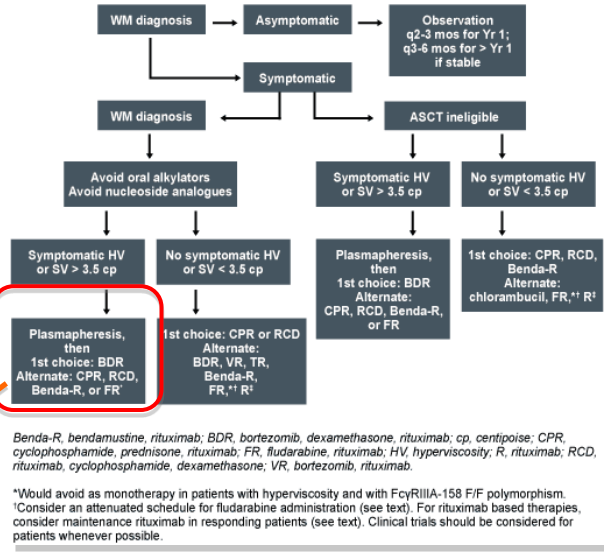

A. Philips’ Electronic Patient Records

B. Elsevier-published Clinical Guideline

Table VI Variation with time of parameters associated with UK oncology research: authorship, A; funding, F; foreign collaboration, DF and research level, RL

Period	Papers	Mean A	Mean F	Mean DF	Mean RL
1988-1990	6,549	4.06	1.17	0.36	2.28
1991-1993	7,550	4.50	1.40	0.53	2.34
1994-1996	8,116	5.07	1.54	0.73	2.44
1997-1998	4,974	5.37	1.66	0.94	2.47

C. Elsevier (or other publisher’s) Research Report or Data

Step 2: Guideline recommendation links to research report/data

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