

# *Digital Health in the Global South : challenges, opportunities and implementation*

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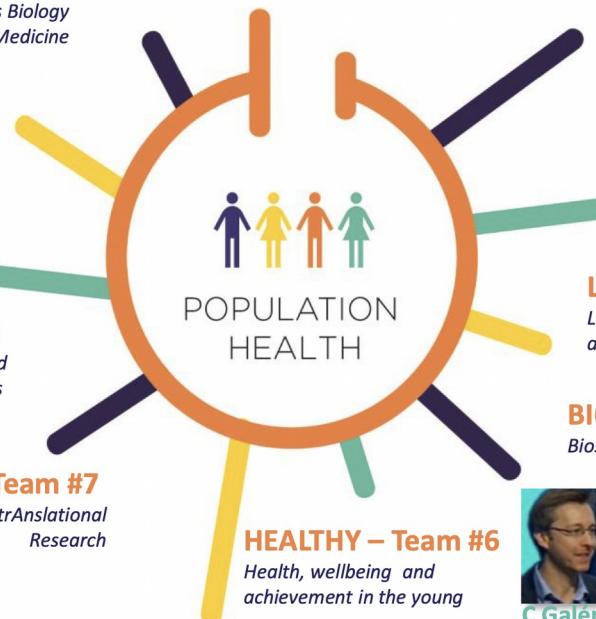


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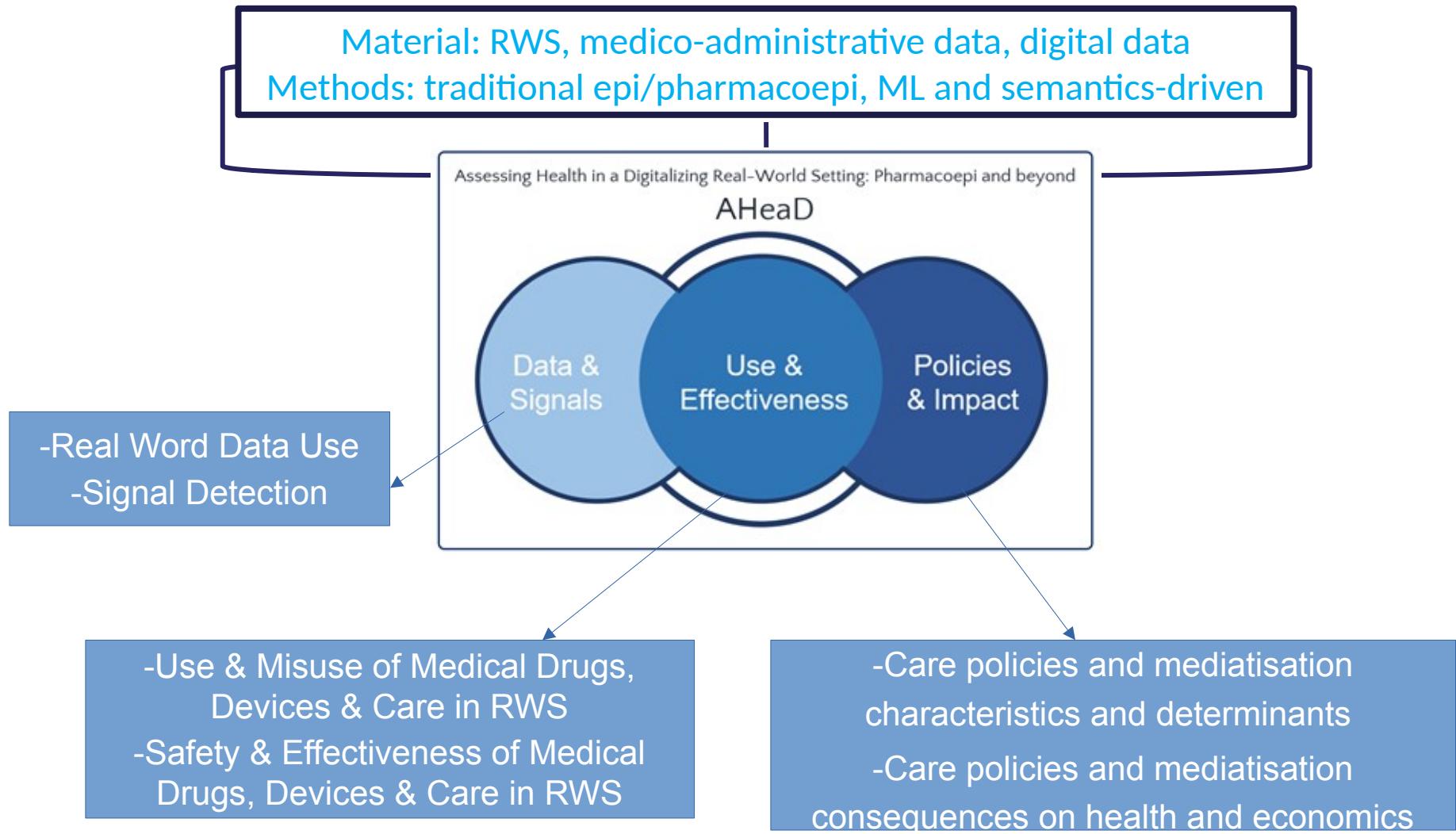


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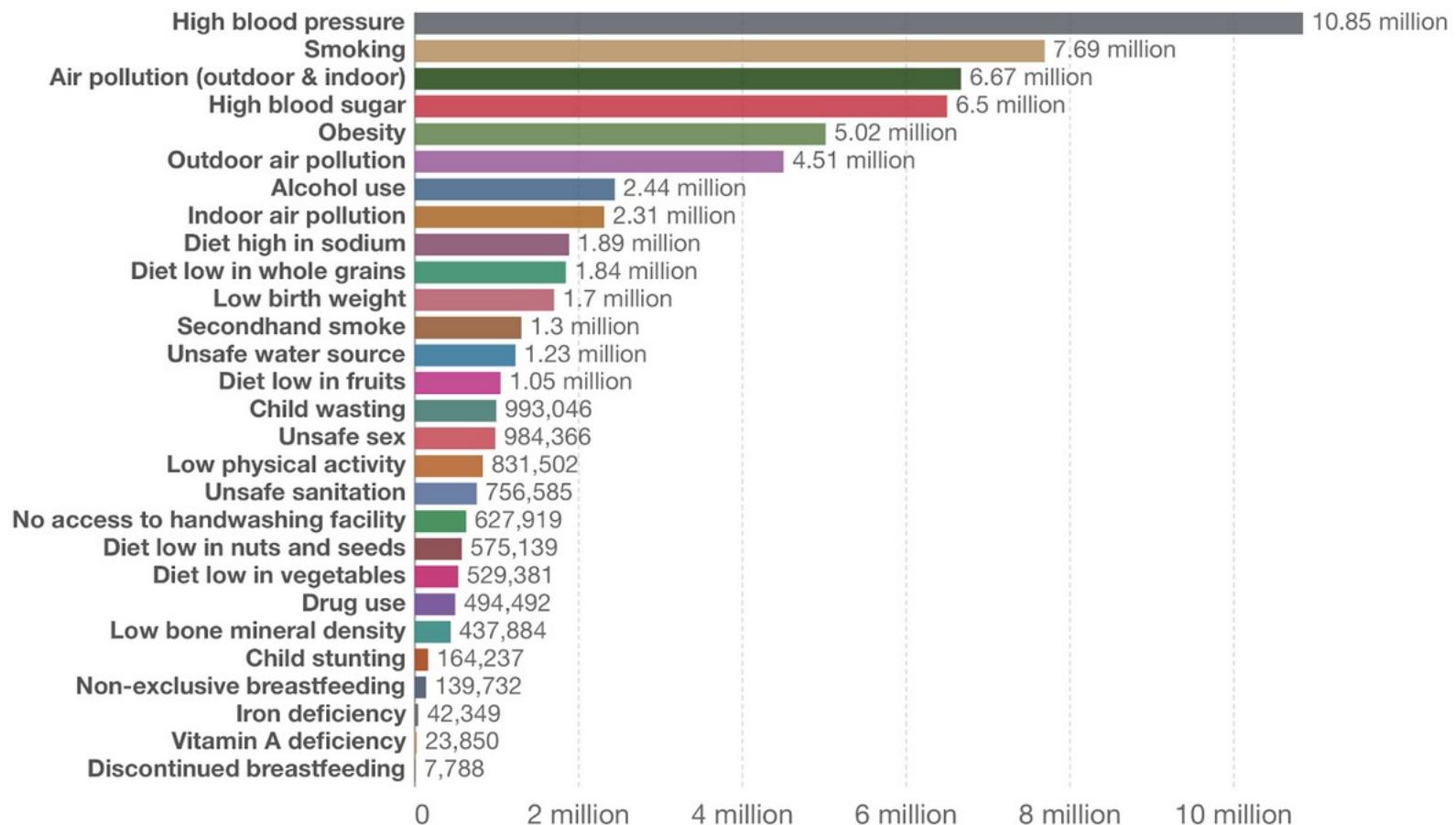
# Digital Health

# Digital Health : example of indicators

## Number of deaths by risk factor, World, 2019

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in Data

Total annual number of deaths by risk factor, measured across all age groups and both sexes.



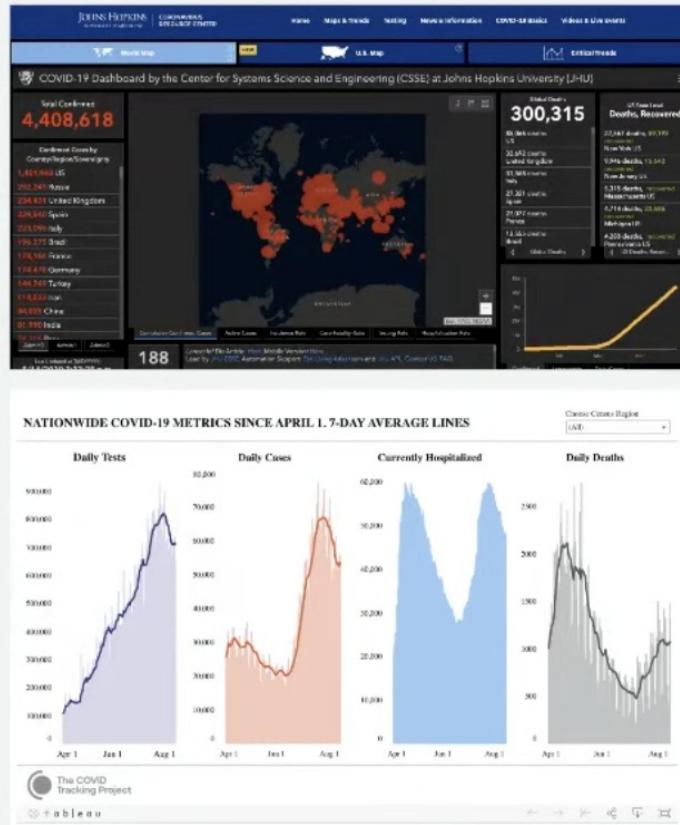
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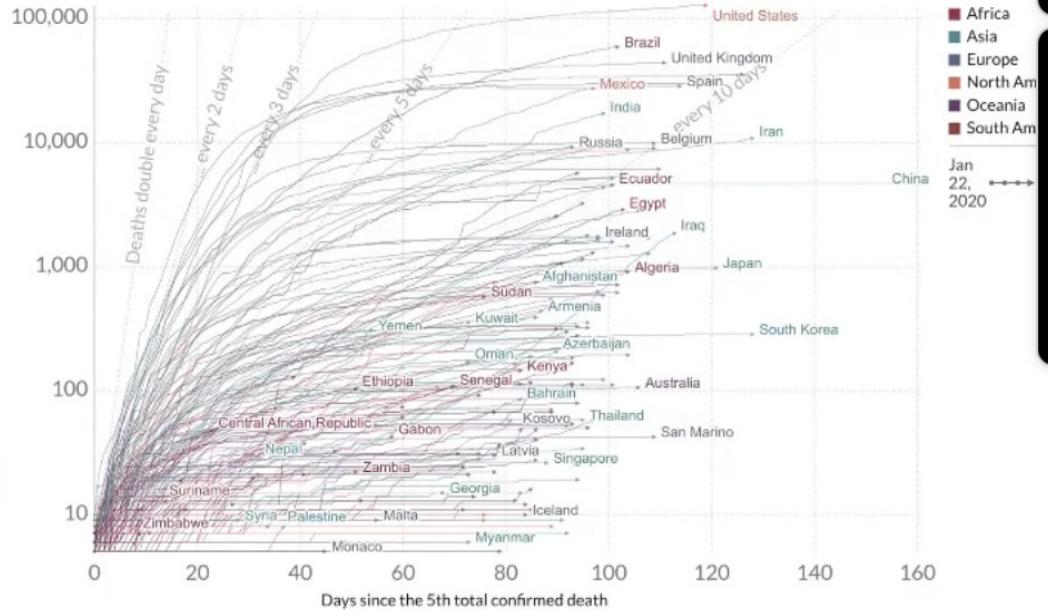
# Digital Health : example of indicators

## New generation of public health platforms



### Total confirmed COVID-19 deaths: how rapidly are they increasing?

Limited testing and challenges in the attribution of the cause of death means that the number of confirmed deaths may not be an accurate count of the true number of deaths from COVID-19.



Source: European CDC – Situation Update Worldwide – Last updated 30th June, 11:00 (London time)



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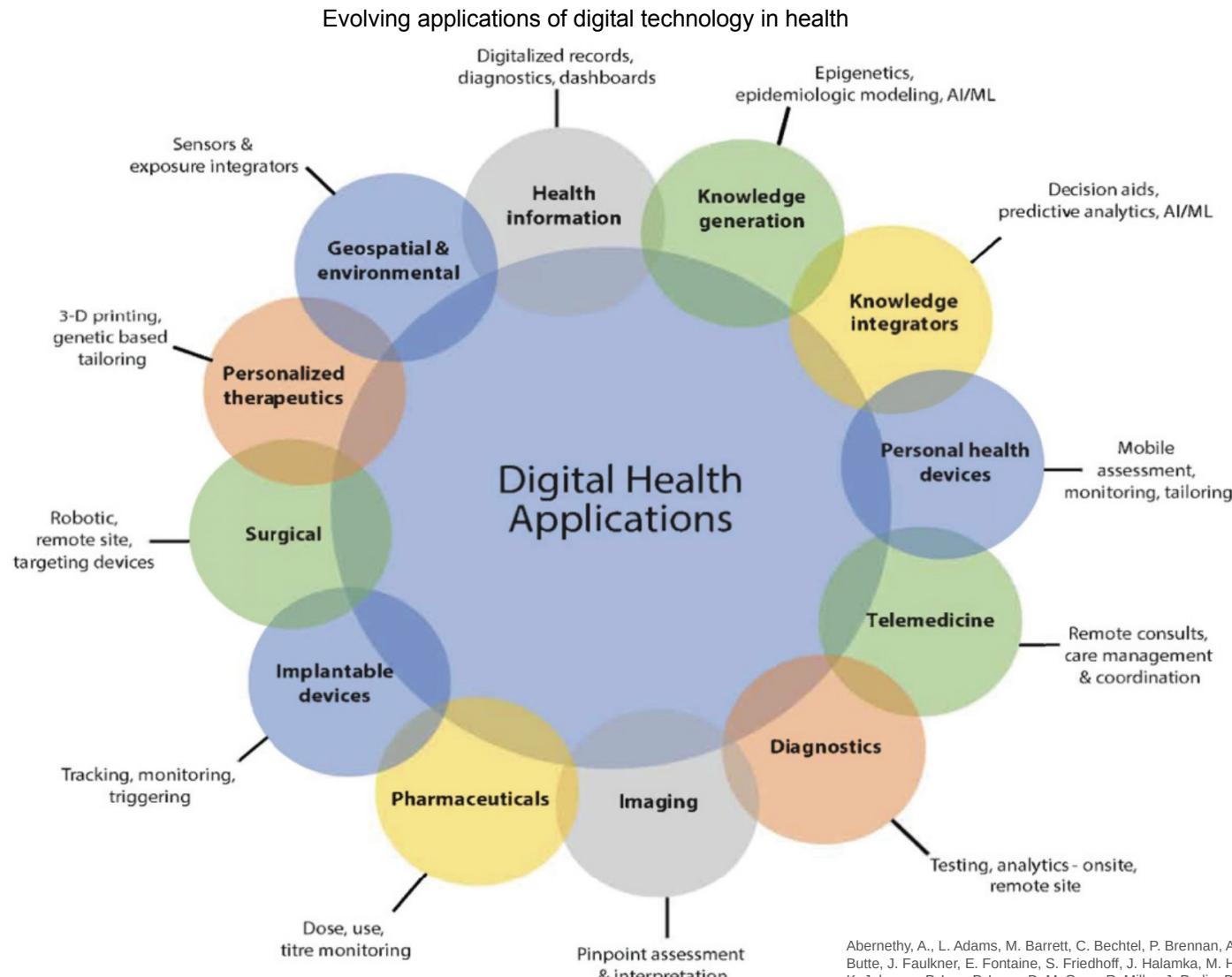
# Digital Health : definition

A broad term applied to a range of digital tools to record, organize, store, analyze, link, and share information—text, images, signals—for use in observing, assessing, learning, managing, and improving the healthcare of individuals and populations.

Digital health technologies encompass a broad range of tools, including "mobile health (Health), health information technology (IT), wearable devices, telehealth and telemedicine, and personalized medicine. Digital health technologies use computing platforms, connectivity, software, and sensors for health care and related uses."

SOURCE: U.S. FDA. n.d. What is Digital Health? <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/digital-health-center-excellence/what-digital-health>

# Digital Health : ecosystem

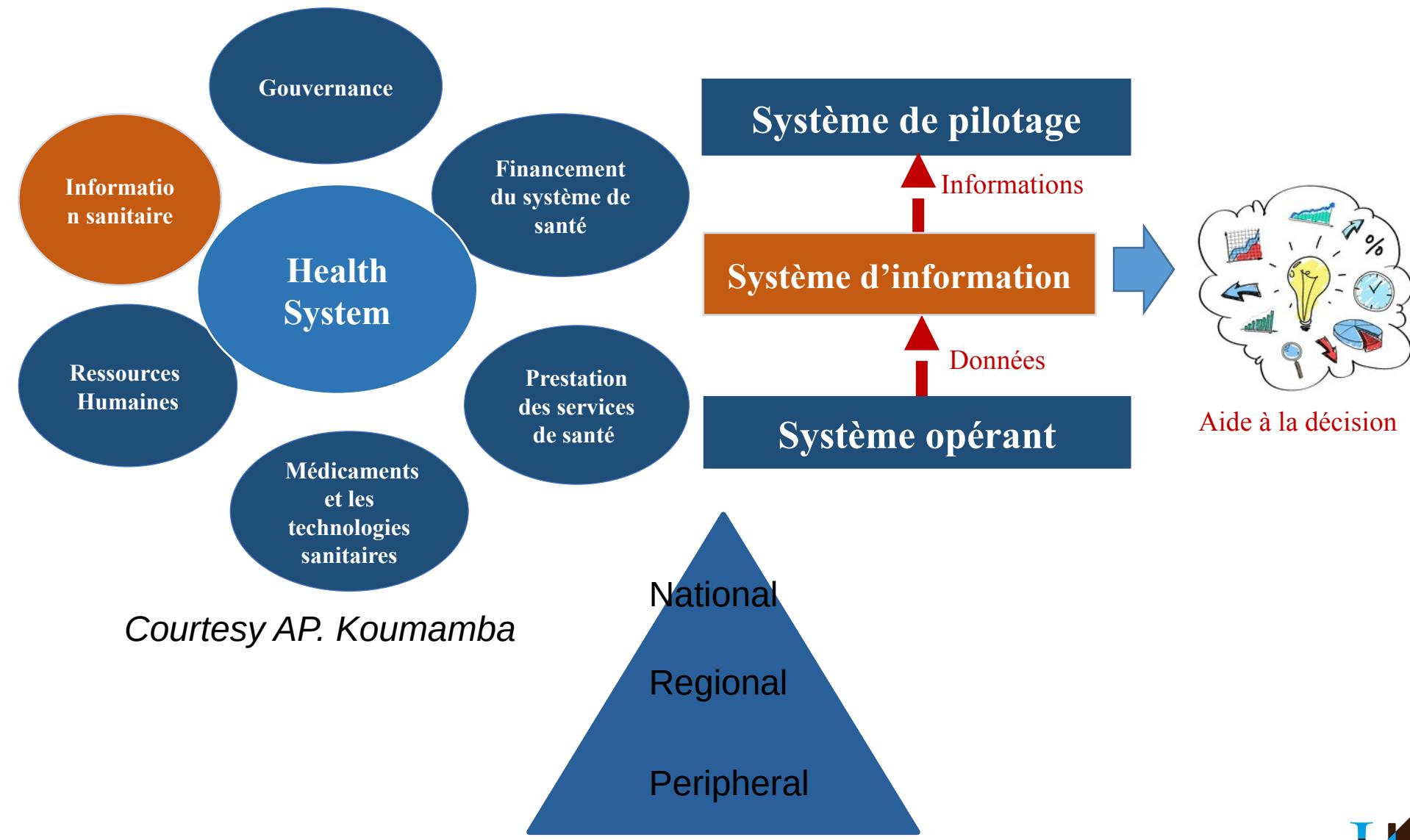


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<https://doi.org/10.31478/202206>.

# Digital Public Health

- Context: Public Health
  - Enabling population level health
  - Collecting, processing, analyzing and reporting health related data
  - Manual and repetitive tasks
- Opportunities
  - Increase of digital data availability
  - Standardization of coding systems
  - Advances in Artificial Intelligence and ICT technology
- Issues and Challenges
  - Heterogeneity & about 80% of unstructured data
  - Implicit and imprecise meaning of data
  - Enabling trustworthy public health decision from meaningful data
- ==> Digital Public Health
  - Relying on ICT technology
  - Automated collecting and health data processing
  - Use of Medical Coding Systems and Terminologies: knowledge resources

# Health Information System in the Health System



# Digital Health in the global south

## Health information systems in developing countries: case of African countries

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BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making 21, Article number: 232 (2021) | [Cite this article](#)

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### Abstract

#### Background

In developing countries, health information system (HIS) is experiencing more and more difficulties to produce quality data. The lack of reliable health related information makes it difficult to develop effective health policies. In order to understand the organization of HIS in African countries, we undertook a literature review.

#### Methods

Our study was conducted using the PubMed and Scopus bibliographic se

inclusion criteria were: (i) all articles published between 2005 and 2019, in their title the keywords "health", "information", "systems", "system", "santé", "pays en développement", "Afrique", (iii) articles that Chaulagai CN et al., 2005 English or French, (iv) which deals with organizational and technical issu Abou Zahr C et al., 2005 African countries. Glèlè Ahanhanzo Y et al., 2014 Alwan A et al., 2016 Amidou B-M et al., 2012

#### Results

Fourteen retrieved articles out of 2492 were included in the study, of which 13 were qualitative. All of them dealt with issues related to HIS in 12 African countries. Sæbø J et al., 2011 (100.0%) had opted for a data warehouse approach to improve their HIS. Seitio-Kgokgwé O et al., 2015 supported by the DHIS2 system, has enabled providing reliable data. However, Aqil A et al., 2009 countries (92.0%) frameworks were aligned with funding donors' strategies Bakar A et al., 2012 Braa J et al., 2010 Mutale W et al., 2013 Ly O et al., 2018

#### Conclusion

This study suggests that the lack of a national health information management strategy will always be a threat to HIS performance in African countries. Ideally, rigorous upstream thinking to strengthen HIS governance should be undertaken by defining and proposing a coherent conceptual framework to analyze and guide the development and integration of digital applications into HIS over the long term.

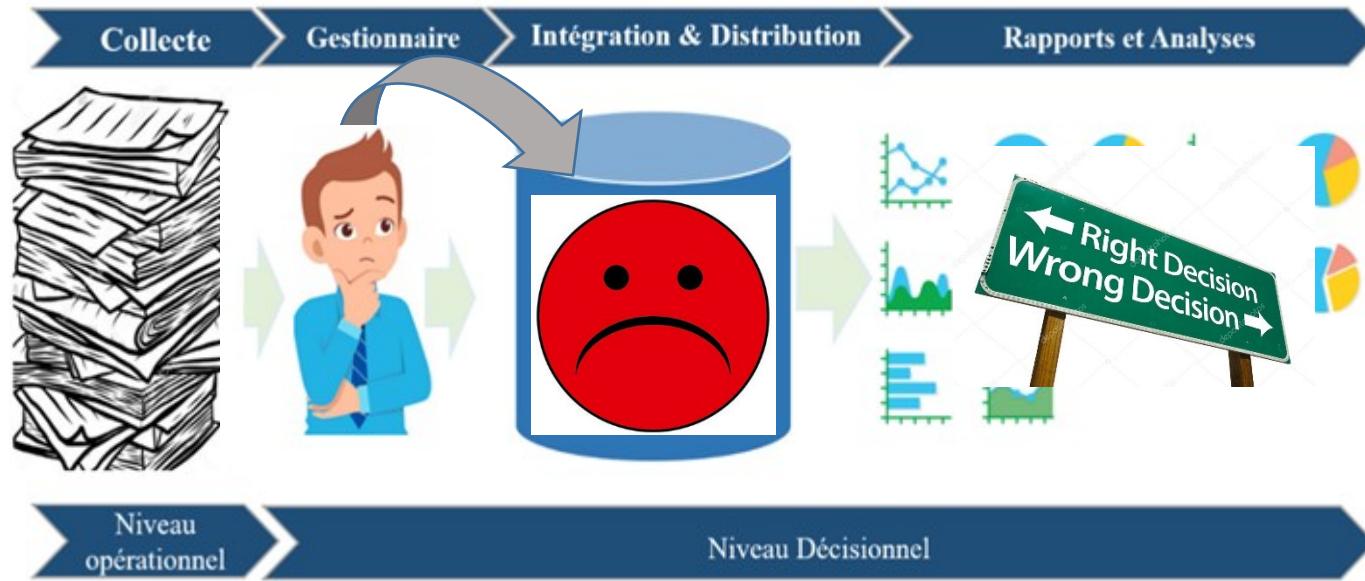
AP. Koumamba, PhD thesis in health informatics,  
Joint degree between Univ. Bordeaux FR & ED  
Sciences de la Santé Gabon, 2021

First author, year	Articles		Themes covered					Type
	HIS Governance (6/14)	Quality of data (3/14)	IT (2/14)	HIS Evaluation (2/14)	DHIS (8/14)	Data Warehouse (10/14)		
Karuri J et al., 2014	X	X			X	X	X	Qualitative
Chaulagai CN et al., 2005							X	Qualitative
Abou Zahr C et al., 2005	X							Qualitative
Glèlè Ahanhanzo Y et al., 2014	X	X		X			X	Quantitative
Alwan A et al., 2016						X	X	Qualitative
Amidou B-M et al., 2012	X							Qualitative
Cline GB et al., 2013								Qualitative
Sæbø J et al., 2011	X		X		X	X	X	Qualitative
Seitio-Kgokgwé O et al., 2015		X			X		X	Qualitative
Aqil A et al., 2009						X		Qualitative
Bakar A et al., 2012						X	X	Qualitative
Braa J et al., 2010	X		X		X	X	X	Qualitative
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Ly O et al., 2018	X	X				X	X	Qualitative



# Digital Health in the global south

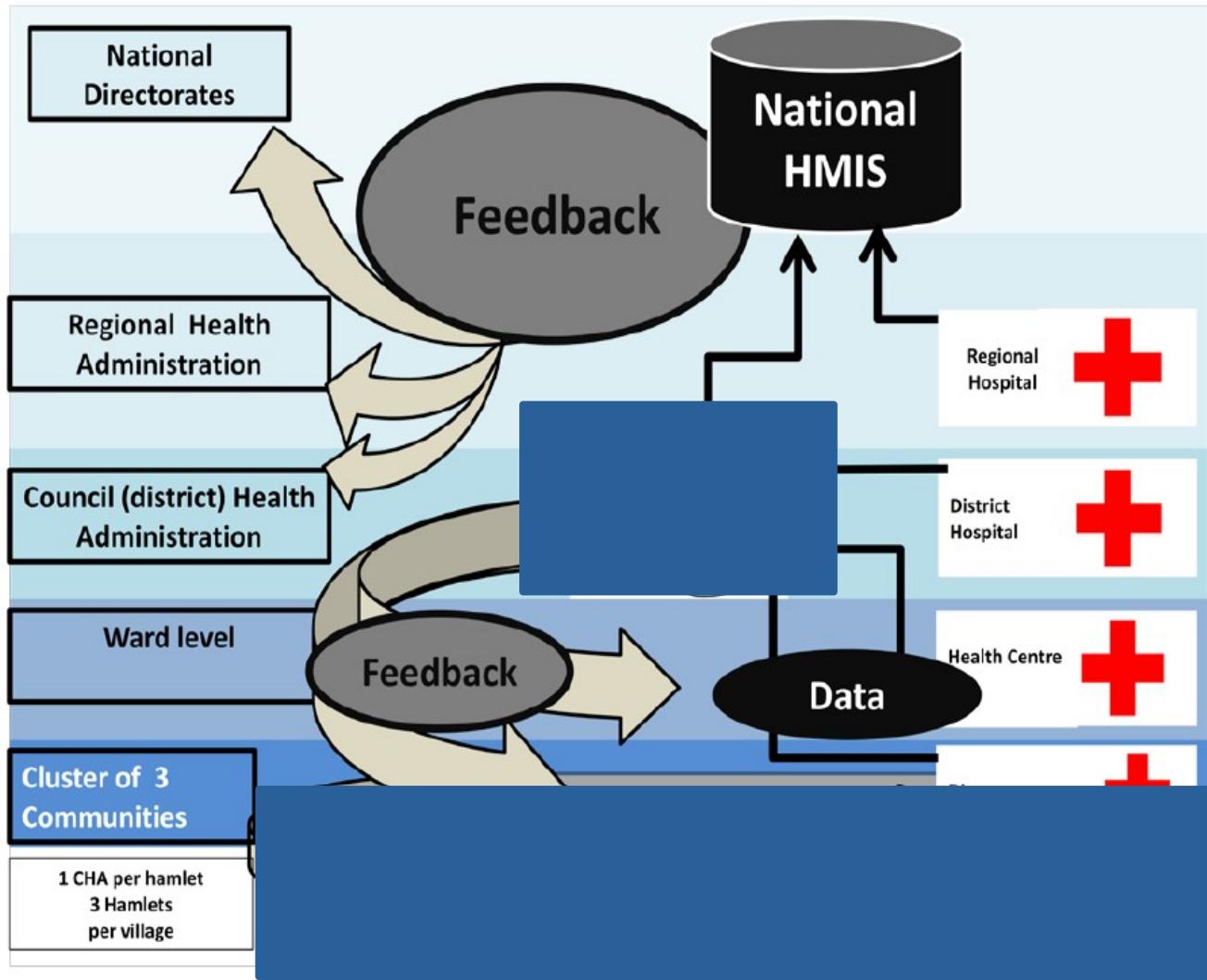
## Poor Data Quality in most of the developing countries



- A lack of digitalised information system in many (French speaking) countries in Africa (Bagayoko, 2010)
- Only 6.6% of countries in Africa have a digitalised Electronic health record (Palé, 2018)
- Relying heavily on manual data processing and integration

# Digital Health in the global south

Illustration of the collecting and integration of data:  
implementation of DHIS2 in Tanzania



# Digital Health in global south: challenges

# Lack of appropriate IT infrastructure and digitalized data

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*. It contains the famous verse, “Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink”



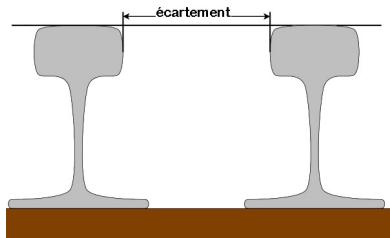
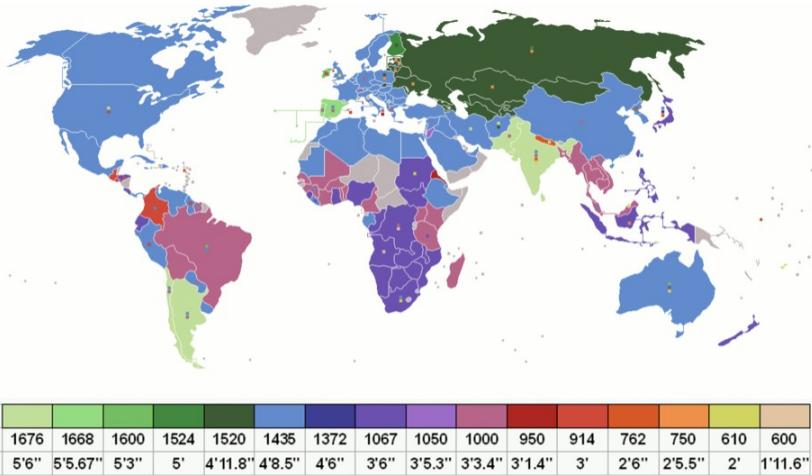
Samuel Taylor Coleridge



Coleridge in 1795

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<b>Died</b>	25 July 1834 (aged 61) <a href="#">Highgate, Middlesex, United Kingdom</a>
<b>Occupation</b>	Poet · critic · philosopher
<b>Alma mater</b>	<a href="#">Jesus College, Cambridge</a>
<b>Literary movement</b>	Romanticism
<b>Notable works</b>	<a href="#">The Rime of the Ancient Mariner</a> , <a href="#">Kubla Khan</a> , <a href="#">Christabel</a> , <a href="#">Conversation poems</a> , <a href="#">Biographia Literaria</a>
<b>Spouse</b>	Sara Fricker
<b>Children</b>	<a href="#">Hartley Coleridge</a> , <a href="#">Berkeley Coleridge</a> , <a href="#">Sara Coleridge</a> , <a href="#">Derwent Coleridge</a>
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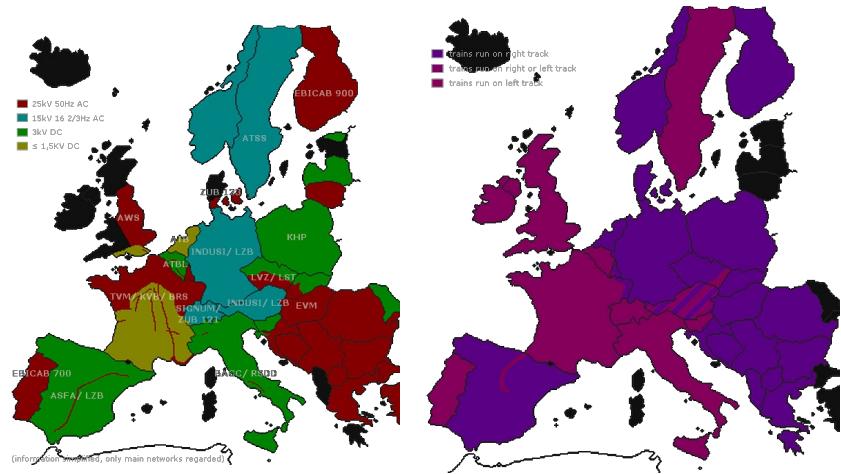
# Interoperability Issues



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# Interoperability Issues

## Handling and integrating health data from the peripheral systems

## Defining and computing national key health indicators

## Dealing with private and other side health systems

Koumamba AP, Ngoungou EB, Engohang-Ndong J, Ibinga E, Ondzigue Mbenga R, Diallo G  
From Real-world Individuals' Data to National Health Indicators: Multiphase Pilot Study in Gabon  
JMIR Formative Research. 24/08/2022:35176 (forthcoming/in press)

From real-world individuals' data to national health indicators: a pilot study in Gabon

Aimé Patrice Koumamba; Edgard Brice Ngoungou; Jean Engohang-Ndong; Euloge Ibinga; Raymond Ondzigue Mbenga; Gayo Diallo

### ABSTRACT

#### Background:

Effective health information systems support decision-making. In some sub-Saharan African countries, including Gabon, there is a problem with data quality. Indeed, the tools supporting the data collection process in health facilities are limited and tend to favour manual data processing.

#### Objective:

This study presents the conceptual approach of an information system model for health decision support in resource-limited countries and the results of the evaluation's model.

#### Methods:

The study was conducted in three phases. First, the design and development of a platform based on the analysis of the different processes of data production and indicator generation. Secondly, the implementation of the platform in the health structures in Gabon. Finally, an evaluation of the platform with users.

#### Results:

A total of 14 users were interviewed, with an average experience of 12 years in health data management. The results show that the use of the proposed model significantly improves the completeness, timeliness and accuracy of data compared to the traditional system. Respectively, 93% versus 12% ( $p<0.0001$ ), 96% versus 18% ( $p<0.0001$ ) and 100% versus 18% ( $p<0.0001$ ).

#### Conclusions:

The proposed model contributes significantly to the improvement of health data quality in Gabon.

# Dealing with lack of Health Literacy and Fake News

**Health literacy implies the achievement of a level of knowledge, personal skills and confidence to take action to improve personal and community health by changing personal lifestyles and living conditions [World Health Organization]**

It is recognized that access to healthcare information is possibly the **single most cost effective** and achievable strategy for sustainable improvement of healthcare (R. Smith.1997)

**Literacy rate** for sub-Saharan Africa was **65 % in 2017**. One third of the people aged 15 and above were unable to read and write (UNESCO,2018)

## How to Deal with the many Local Languages?

Ismaila, . O., SOME , B. M. J. ., BENEDIKTER, R. ., & DIALLO , G. . (2022). Improving health literacy in rural Africa through mobile phones: a systematic literature review. Journal of Health Informatics in Africa, 8(1), 26–31. <https://doi.org/10.12856/JHIA-2021-v8-i1-312>



# Accessing to Evidences and Recommendations

**West African Health Organization**  
Promoting better health through regional integration

## Epidemiological bulletins

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- Monkeypox Epidemiological situation
- Lassa Fever Epidemiological situation
- Covid-19 pandemic: update

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- overview of Epidemiological situation;
- Covid-19 pandemic: update;
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- Epidemiological situation of measles.

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- Covid-19 pandemic: Update
- Epidemiological situation of Lassa fever
- Outbreak of wild poliovirus type I (WPVI) in Malawi

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**WHO guidelines**

Meta-Analysis

Randomized Controlled

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**and Cardiometabolic Risk Factors: From Childhood to Adulthood.**  
Alvarez-Pitti J, Wojcik M, Borghi C, Gabbianni R, Mazur A, Herceg-Čavrak V, Lopez-BG, Brzeziński M, Lurbe E, Wühl E.  
2021 Nov 22;13(11):4176. doi: 10.3390/nu13114176.

336431 **Free PMC article.** Review.  
as become a major epidemic in the 21st century. It increases the risk of dyslipidemia, hypertension, and type 2 diabetes, which are known **cardiometabolic risk factors** and components of the metabolic syndrome. ...In this review, we will discuss ...

**Intent Fasting Improves Cardiometabolic Risk Factors and Alters Gut Microbiota in Metabolic Syndrome Patients.**  
Yin S, Fan J, Xia M.  
Metab. 2021 Jan 1;106(1):64-79. doi: 10.1210/clinmet/dgaa644.   
Clinical Trial.  
Intent fasting (IF) is an effective strategy to improve **cardiometabolic** health. The objective of this work is to examine the effects of IF on **cardiometabolic risk factors** and gut microbiota in patients with metabolic syndrome ...

**Vegetarian Diet on Cardiometabolic Risk Factors, Gut Microbiome, and Plasma Metabolome in Subjects With Ischemic Heart Disease: A Randomized, Crossover Study.**  
Djekic D, Sri L, Brolin H, Carlsson F, Särnqvist C, Savolainen O, Cao Y, Bäckhed F, Tremaroli V, Landberg R, Fröbert O.  
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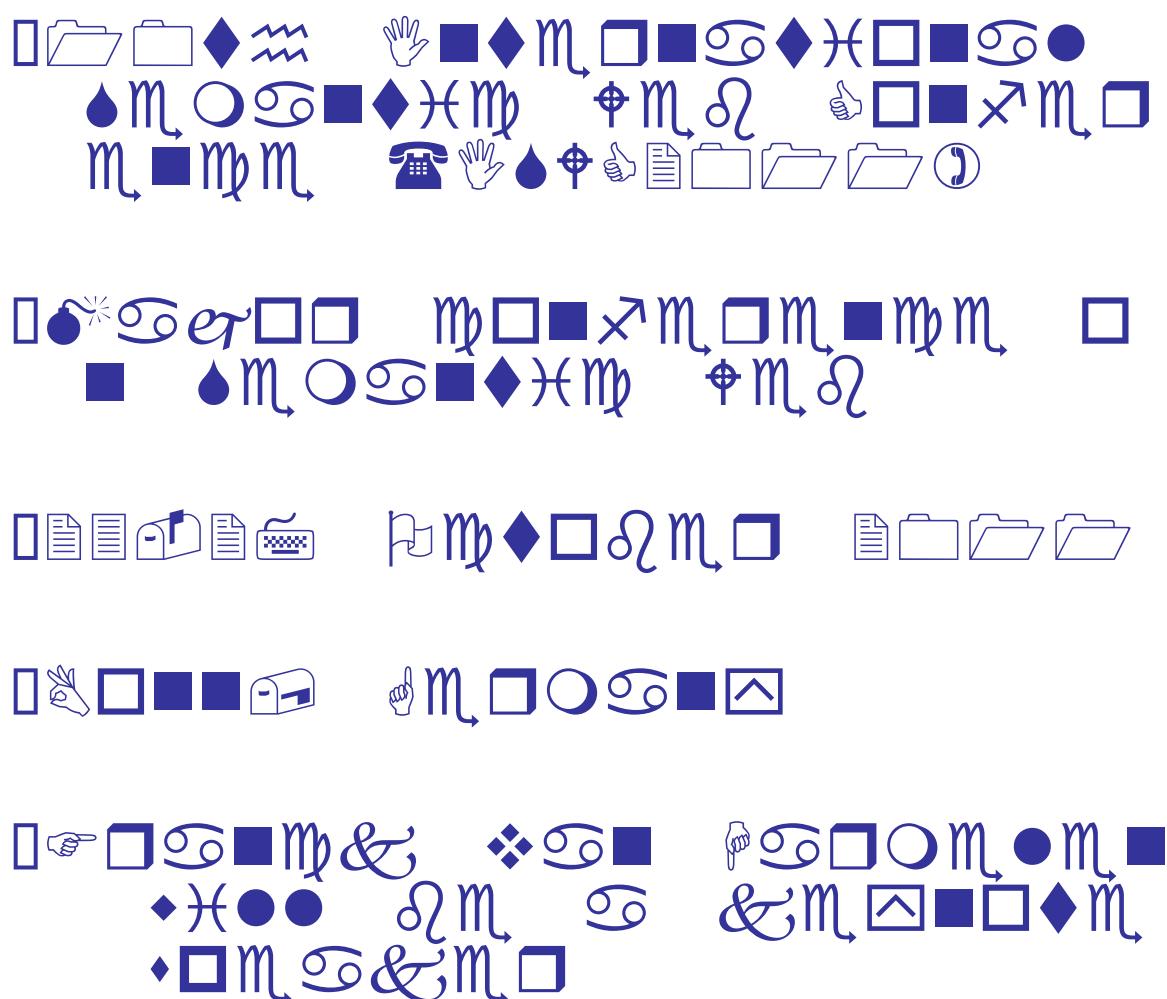
# Accessing to Evidences and Recommendations

**COVID-19: Transmission, prevention, and potential therapeutic opportunities**

## Abstract

The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), remains a global challenge. Despite intense research efforts worldwide, an effective vaccine and viable treatment options have eluded investigators. Therefore, infection prevention, early viral detection and identification of successful treatment protocols provide the best approach in controlling disease spread. In this review, current therapeutic options, preventive methods and transmission routes of COVID-19 are discussed.

Source: PubMed



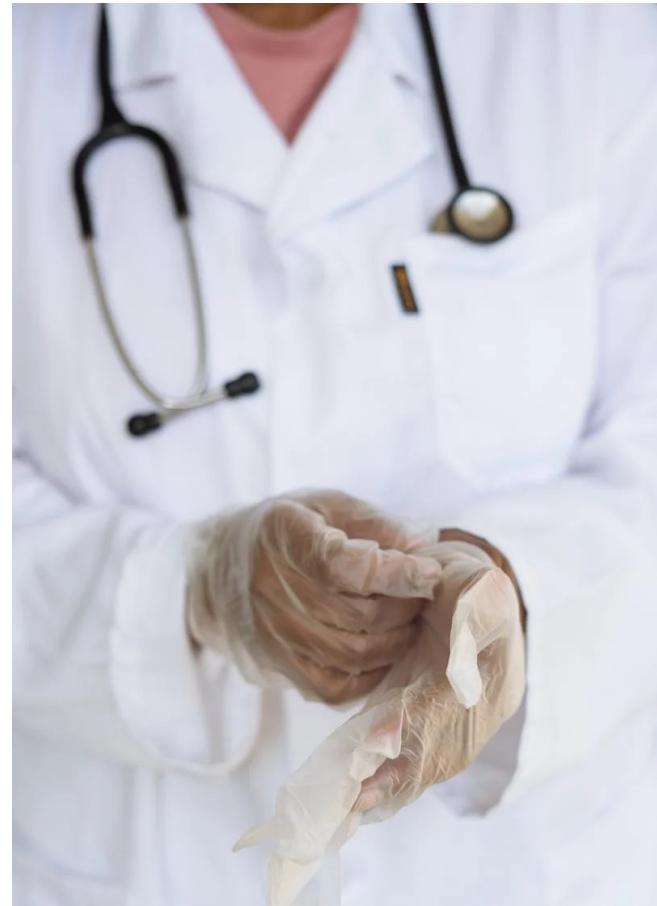
==> Needs for Natural Language Processing methods and tools for meaningful information extraction

# Health Professional Capacity Building

Continuing professional development (CPD)

Computer survival Kit for health professional

Dedicated advanced courses in health informatics for future experts of the field



# Dealing with Biases, Privacy and Ethical Issues

Do we have right processing the data?

How to take into account missing/in-balanced data

*Are data representative of the population under study? Ex. The MIMIC-III database*

How to respect/protect patient privacy/will

Data access and maintenance ?

*Case of international projects*

# Dealing with Biases, Privacy and Ethical Issues



Les États membres de l'UNESCO adoptent le tout premier accord sur l'éthique de l'intelligence artificielle

Celui-ci protégera et promouvrà les droits humains et la dignité humaine. Il constituera une boussole éthique et une base normative globale permettant de faire respecter l'État de droit dans le monde numérique. [Plus d'information](#)

ARTICLES  
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-020-01192-7>

**nature medicine**

## An algorithmic approach to reducing unexplained pain disparities in underserved populations

Emma Pierson<sup>1,2</sup>, David M. Cutler<sup>3</sup>, Jure Leskovec<sup>4</sup>, Sendhil Mullainathan<sup>5</sup>✉ and Ziad Obermeyer<sup>6</sup>

Underserved populations experience higher levels of pain. These disparities persist even after controlling for the objective severity of diseases like osteoarthritis, as graded by human physicians using medical images, raising the possibility that underserved patients' pain stems from factors external to the knee, such as stress. Here we use a deep learning approach to measure the severity of osteoarthritis, by using knee X-rays to predict patients' experienced pain. We show that this approach dramatically reduces unexplained racial disparities in pain. Relative to standard measures of severity graded by radiologists, which accounted for only 9% (95% confidence interval (CI), 3–16%) of racial disparities in pain, algorithmic predictions accounted for 43% of disparities, or 4.7× more (95% CI, 3.2–11.8×), with similar results for lower-income and less-educated patients. This suggests that much of underserved patients' pain stems from factors within the knee not reflected in standard radiographic measures of severity. We show that the algorithm's ability to reduce unexplained disparities is rooted in the racial and socioeconomic diversity of the training set. Because algorithmic severity measures better capture underserved patients' pain, and severity measures influence treatment decisions, algorithmic predictions could potentially redress disparities in access to treatments like arthroplasty.

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## Dissecting racial bias in an algorithm used to manage the health of populations

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### Racial bias in health algorithms

The U.S. health care system uses commercial algorithms to guide health decisions. Obermeyer *et al.* find evidence of racial bias in one widely used algorithm, such that Black patients assigned the same level of risk by the algorithm are sicker than White patients (see the Perspective by Benjamin). The authors estimated that this racial bias reduces the number of Black patients identified for extra care by more than half. Bias occurs because the algorithm uses health costs as a proxy for health needs. Less money is spent on Black patients who have the same level of need, and the algorithm thus falsely concludes that Black patients are healthier than equally sick White patients. Reformulating the algorithm so that it no longer uses costs as a proxy for needs eliminates the racial bias in predicting who needs extra care.

Science, this issue p. 447; see also p. 421



# Digital Health in global south: opportunities

# Increase of Computation Power and Storage



\$5 million vs. \$400

Price of the fastest supercomputer in 1975<sup>1</sup>  
and an iPhone 4 with equal performance

320 TO at IMSP !!!

# Development and Adoption of Mobile Technologies

Smartphone owners, has almost doubled between 2016 (336 million) and 2020 (660 million) in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)

Various level of connection  
2G, 3G, ...5G



# Data Vs Metadata : Ontology & Linked Open Data

- Data need to be **contextualised** in order to be **understood** and **reusable**
  - It is achieved by using some standardised resources: **(meta)data**, data that describe other data
- Talk about **things** not **strings**: annotate the data

**Ontology**: a formal and shared conceptualisation expressed in machine processable language, OWL, RDF/RDFS

## Knowledge Graph

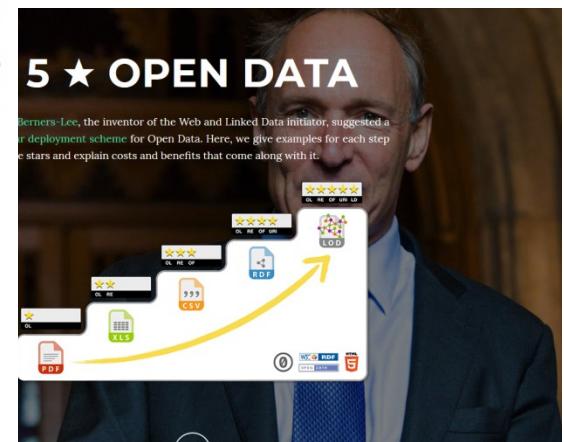
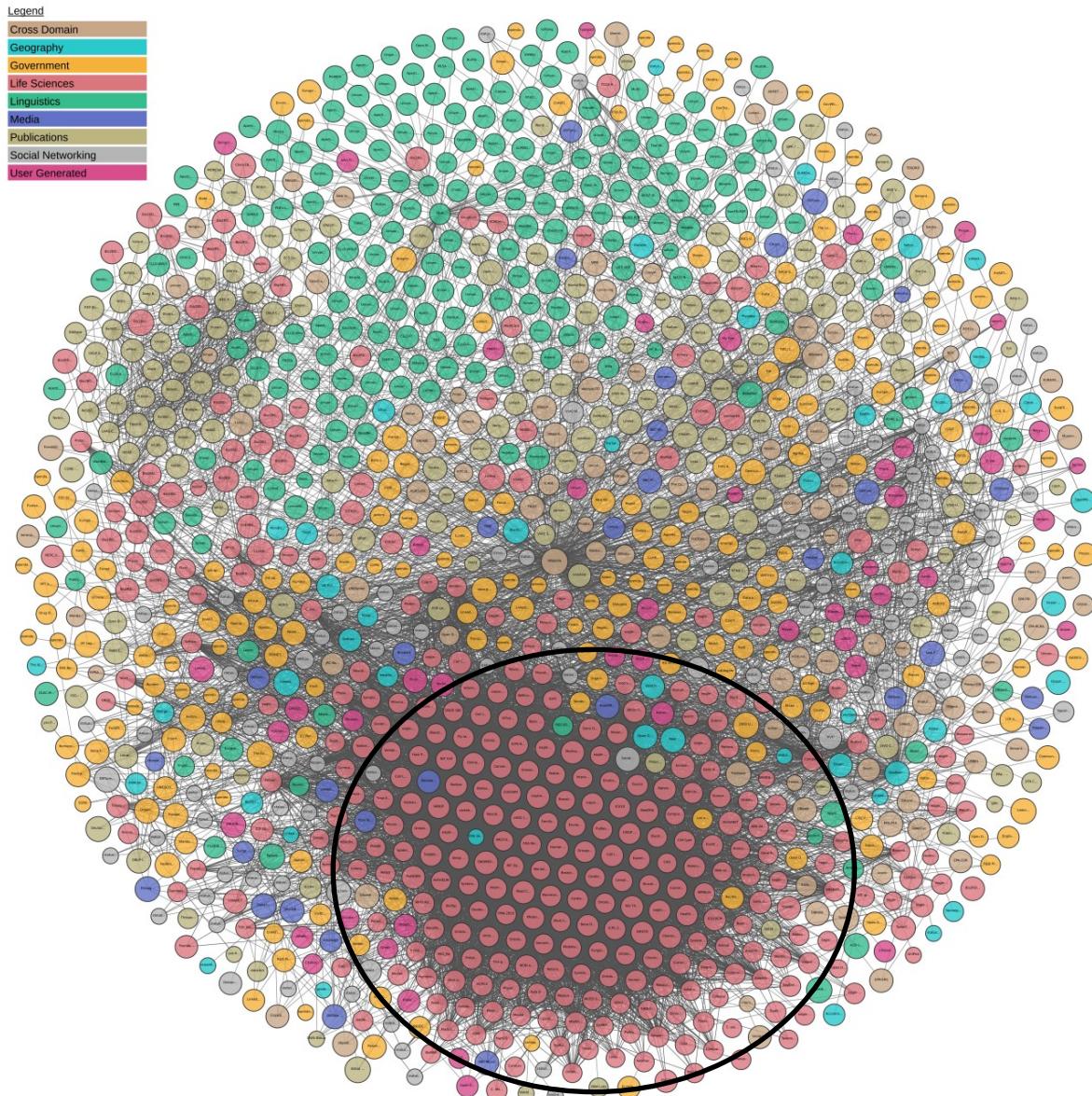
mainly describes real world entities and their interrelations, organized in a graph... covers various topical domains [Paulheim, 2016]



## Google Knowledge Graph



# Data Vs Metadata : Ontology & Linked Open Data



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Various Coding systems and vocabularies: ATC, MeSH, ICD9, ICD10, etc

**Online repositories:** BioPortal, UMLS, OBO

→ Available at <https://schema.org/docs/full.html>



## Example

### MedicalEntity

Defined in the health-lifesci.schema.org extension.

Canonical URL: <http://schema.org/MedicalEntity>

#### Thing > MedicalEntity

The most generic type of entity related to health and the practice of medicine.

Usage: Between 100 and 1000 domains

[more...]

Property	Expected Type	Description
<strong>Properties from MedicalEntity</strong>		
code	MedicalCode	A medical code for the entity, taken from a controlled vocabulary or ontology such as ICD-9, DiseasesDB, MeSH, SNOMED-CT, RxNorm, etc.
guideline	MedicalGuideline	A medical guideline related to this entity.
legalStatus	DrugLegalStatus or MedicalEnumeration or Text	The drug or supplement's legal status, including any controlled substance schedules that apply.
medicineSystem	MedicineSystem	The system of medicine that includes this MedicalEntity, for example 'evidence-based', 'homeopathic', 'chiropractic', etc.
recognizingAuthority	Organization	If applicable, the organization that officially recognizes this entity as part of its endorsed system of medicine.
relevantSpecialty	MedicalSpecialty	If applicable, a medical specialty in which this entity is relevant.
study	MedicalStudy	A medical study or trial related to this entity.
<strong>Properties from Thing</strong>		
additionalType	URL	An additional type for the item, typically used for adding more specific types from external vocabularies in microdata syntax. This is a relationship between something and a class that the thing is in. In RDFa syntax, it is better to use the native RDFa syntax – the 'typeof' attribute – for multiple types. Schema.org tools may have only weaker understanding of extra types, in particular those defined externally.
alternateName	Text	An alias for the item.
description	Text	A description of the item.

Source: schema.org

# Data Vs Metadata : Ontology & Linked Open Data

- Unified Medical Language System (UMLS)
- Integration of more than 160 biomedical resources: terminologies and ontologies, more than 2 millions concepts
  - › A Metathesaurus, a Semantic Network and a Specialist Lexicon
  - › Each concept of the metathesaurus has a **unique identifier**, the CUI (e.g., C3192263 is the cui of *vemurafenebid*)
- NCBO BioPortal
  - › Biomedical Ontologies Repository
  - › 775 Ontologies, 9,408,786 Classes (concepts)
  - › Some mappings between classes are handled



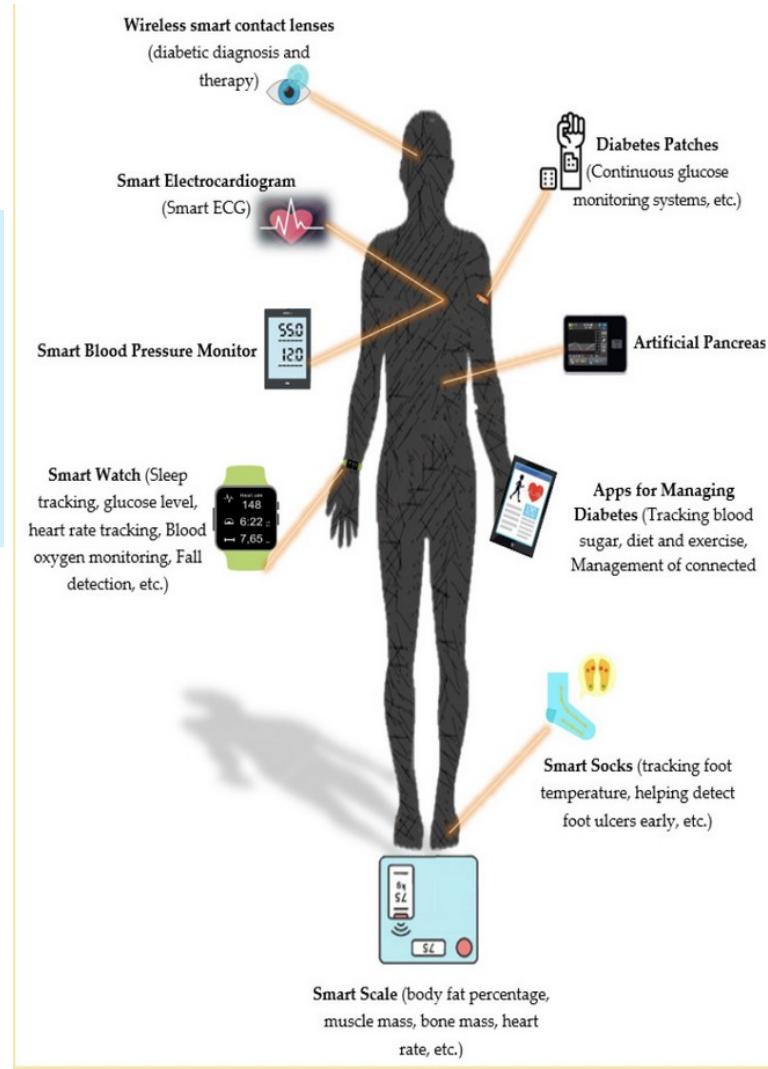
# Social Networks and Online Information



# Wearable Sensors for Health and Telehealth



*Remote sensing  
of emissions*



# Digital Health in global south: implementation

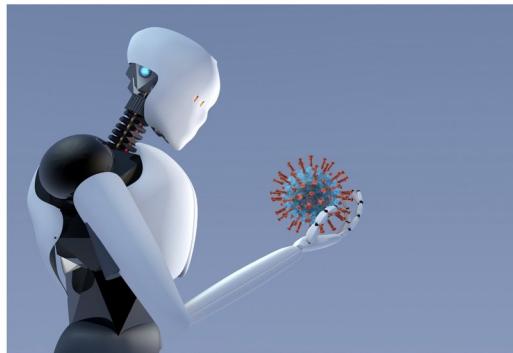
# “Recent AI” Development and increasing interest

## How did the world get the Covid-19 vaccine so fast?

How scientists are leveraging artificial intelligence to solve the pandemic

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## BioNTech and InstaDeep Announce Strategic Collaboration and Form AI Innovation Lab to Develop Novel Immunotherapies

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## Deep Learning Models For Medical Image Analysis And Processing

For applications like segmentation and disease detection



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## Artificial intelligence in cancer research, diagnosis and therapy

[Olivier Elemento](#) , [Christina Leslie](#) , [Johan Lundin](#)  & [Georgia Tourassi](#) 

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Artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques are breaking into biomedical research and health care, which importantly includes cancer research and oncology, where the potential applications are vast. These include detection and diagnosis of cancer, subtype classification, optimization of cancer treatment and identification of new therapeutic targets in drug discovery. While big data used to train machine learning models may already exist, leveraging this opportunity to realize the full potential in both the cancer research space and the clinical setting will require significant obstacles to be surmounted. In this Viewpoint article, the authors discuss their opinions on how we can begin to implement artificial intelligence in cancer research and its potential to transform cancer diagnosis and treatment of patients with cancer and to drive biological



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# AI-based Digital Health Solutions

## Prédire les comportements suicidaires chez les étudiants grâce à l'intelligence artificielle

Des chercheurs, notamment du centre de recherche Bordeaux Population Health\* ont identifié, grâce à l'intelligence artificielle, un ensemble restreint d'indicateurs de santé mentale qui prédisent avec précision les comportements suicidaires des étudiants. Les résultats sont publiés le 15 juin 2021 dans la revue *Scientific Reports*.

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A machine learning approach for predicting suicidal thoughts and behaviours among college students Melissa Macalli, Marie Navarro, Massimiliano Orrù, Marie Tournier, Rodolphe Thiébaut, Sylvana M. Côté, Christophe

## Bordeaux : Une étude montre l'intérêt d'une intelligence artificielle pour faire gagner du temps aux régulateurs du Samu

SANTE Pendant le premier confinement, un nouvel outil pour analyser les appels passés au Samu a été testé en Gironde et pourrait permettre d'ébaucher un système de surveillance de santé publique à une plus grande échelle

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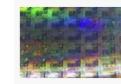
Illustration Samu au CHU Bordeaux — Mickaël Bosredon/20 Minutes

- Un outil basé sur une IA a été testé en Gironde pendant le premier confinement pour analyser les appels passés au Samu.
- L'étude menée conjointement par le CHU de Bordeaux et l'Inserm permet d'imaginer la mise en place d'un système de surveillance de problèmes de santé publique (accidents de voitures, abus d'alcool etc.)
- L'IA pourrait aussi permettre d'alléger le travail des régulateurs du Samu en les délestant des tâches les plus rébarbatives

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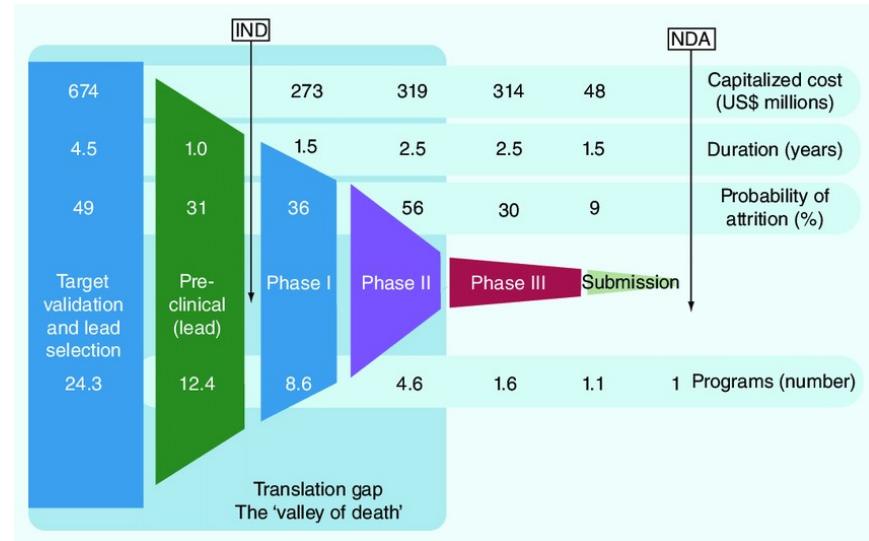


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# Drug Development Using Data Science

- Drug dev is a costly process both financially and in terms of time
- Bringing a new drug to market takes 10 to 15 years or more ~2 billion € for a treatment
- 3 phases pour le processus et une phase post-market
- Drug repositioning is a promising alternative
  1. Finding new uses for existing drugs
  2. With Covid-19, we observe that this avenue has been exploited
  3. Emblematic example: Sildenafil (anti hypertension) repositioned against sexual disorders (Viagra)



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## How artificial intelligence is changing drug discovery

Machine learning and other technologies are expected to make the hunt for new pharmaceuticals quicker, cheaper and more effective.

Nic Fleming



Journal of Biomedical Informatics

Volume 115, March 2021, 103696



Original Research

Drug repurposing for COVID-19 via knowledge graph completion

Rui Zhang <sup>a,2</sup>, Dimitar Hristovski <sup>b,1</sup>, Dalton Schutte <sup>a,1</sup>, Andrej Kastrin <sup>b,1</sup>, Marcelo Fiszman <sup>c</sup>, Halil Kilicoglu <sup>d</sup>



# Drug Development Using Data Science

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## Machine learning uncovers potential new TB drugs

Computational method for screening drug compounds can help predict which ones will work best against tuberculosis or other diseases.

Anne Trafton | MIT News Office  
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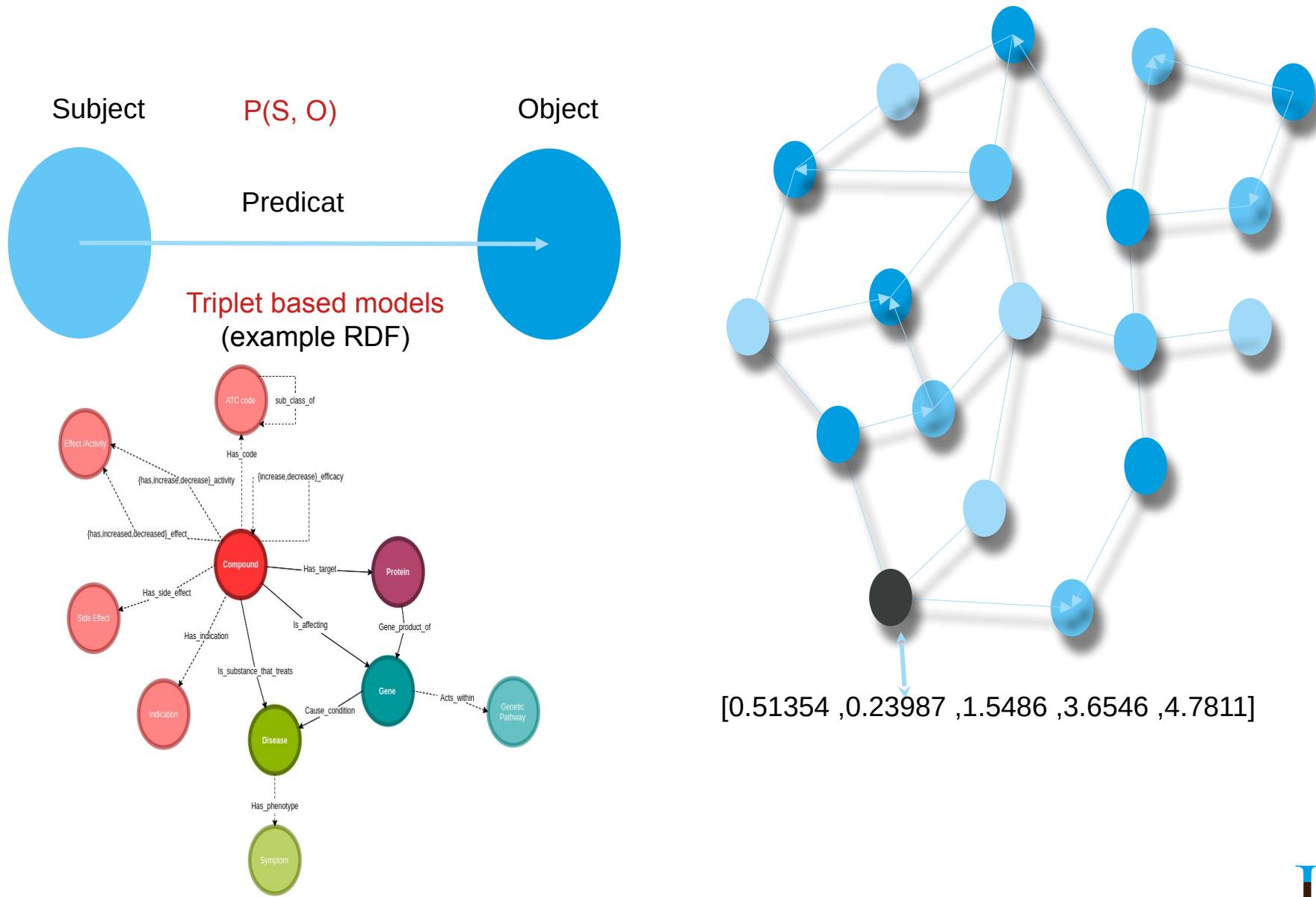
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## A Deep Learning Approach to Antibiotic Discovery

Jonathan M. Stokes <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>, Kevin Yang <sup>3, 4, 10</sup>, Kyle Swanson <sup>3, 4, 10</sup>, Wengong Jin <sup>3, 4</sup>, Andres Cubillos-Ruiz <sup>1, 2, 5</sup>, Nina M. Donghia <sup>1, 5</sup>, Craig R. MacNair <sup>6</sup>, Shawn French <sup>6</sup>, Lindsey A. Carfrae <sup>6</sup>, Zahar Bloom-Ackermann <sup>2, 7</sup>, Victoria M. Tran <sup>2</sup>, Anush Chiappino-Pepe <sup>5, 7</sup>, Ahmed H. Badran <sup>2</sup>, Ian W. Andrews <sup>1, 2, 5</sup>, Emma J. Chory <sup>1, 2</sup>, George M. Church <sup>5, 7, 8</sup>, Eric D. Brown <sup>6</sup>, Tommi S. Jaakkola <sup>3, 4</sup> ... James J. Collins <sup>1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 11</sup>  

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# Drug Development using data science



# Drug Development using data science

## Example of the Google Knowledge Graph

Léonard de Vinci

Peintre

Léonard de Vinci, né le 15 avril 1452 à Vinci et mort le 2 mai 1519 à Amboise, est un peintre italien et un homme d'esprit universel, à la fois artiste, organisateur de spectacles et de fêtes, ... [Wikipédia](#)

Date et lieu de naissance : 15 avril 1452, Anchiano, Italie

Date et lieu de décès : 2 mai 1519, Château du Clos Lucé, Amboise

Exposée : Pinacothèque Ambrosienne, Musée du Louvre, PLUS

Périodes : Haute Renaissance, Première Renaissance, Renaissance, Renaissance italienne, École florentine

Domaines : Géométrie, Anatomie, Peinture

Structures : Leonardo's Rivellino

Séries : La Madone aux fuseaux, Léda et le Cygne



# Drug Development using data science

## Neuro-symbolic XAI for Computational Drug Repurposing

In

### Proceedings of the 13th International Joint Conference on Knowledge Discovery, Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management

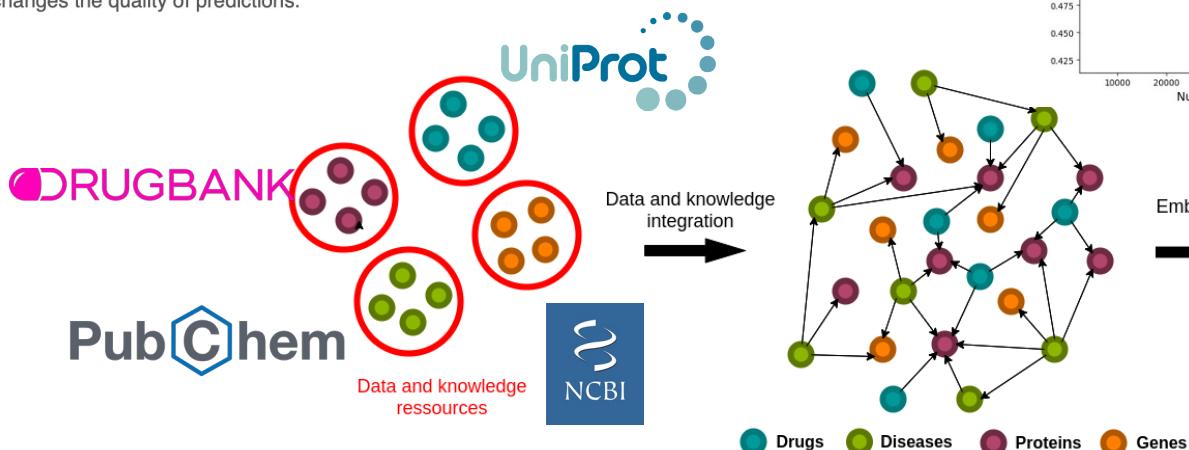
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Authors: Martin Drancé ; Marina Boudin ; Fleur Mougin and Gayo Diallo

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**Keyword(s):** Artificial Intelligence, XAI, Drug Repurposing, Knowledge Graph, Bioinformatics.

**Abstract:** Today in the health domain, the challenge is to build a more transparent artificial intelligence, less affected by the opacity intrinsic to the mathematical concepts it uses. Among the fields which use AI techniques, is drug development, and more specifically drug repurposing. DR involves finding a new indication for an existing drug. The hypotheses generated by DR techniques must be validated. Therefore, the mechanism of generation must be understood. In this paper, we describe the use of a state-of-the-art neuro-symbolic algorithm in order to explain the process of link prediction in a knowledge graph-based computational drug repurposing. Link prediction consists of generating hypotheses about the relationships between a known molecule and a given target. More specifically, the implemented approach allows to understand how the organization of data in a knowledge graph changes the quality of predictions.



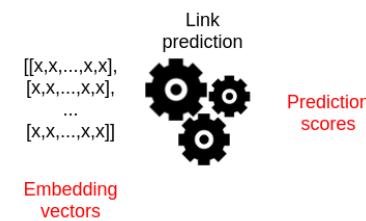
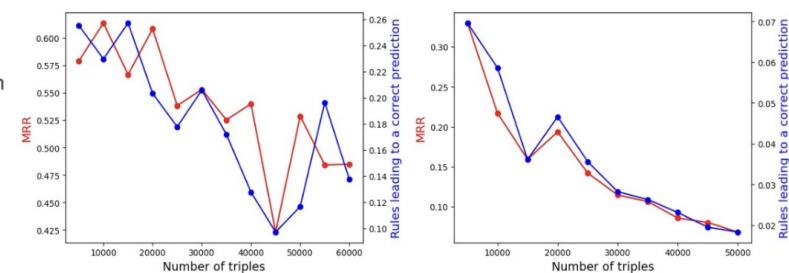
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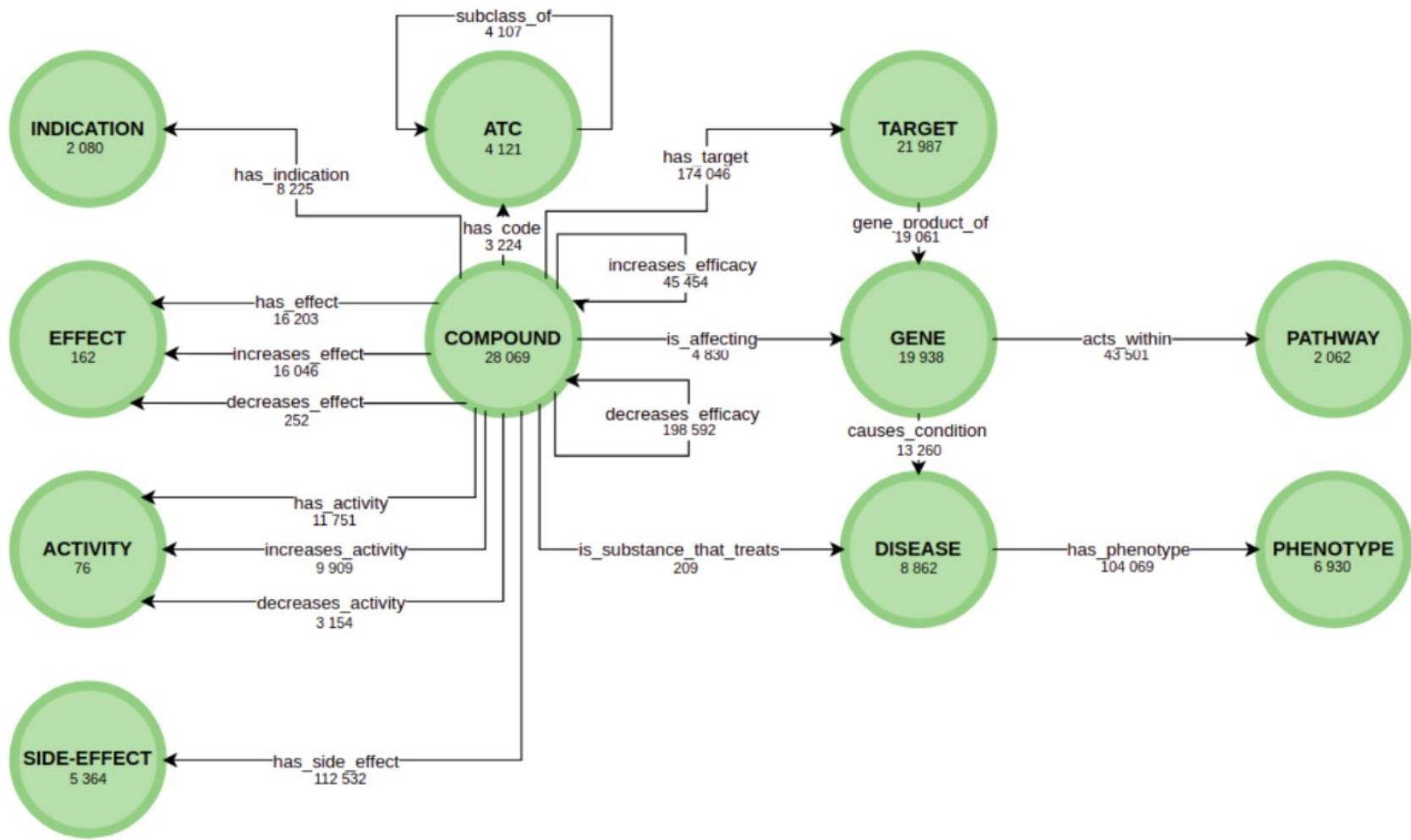
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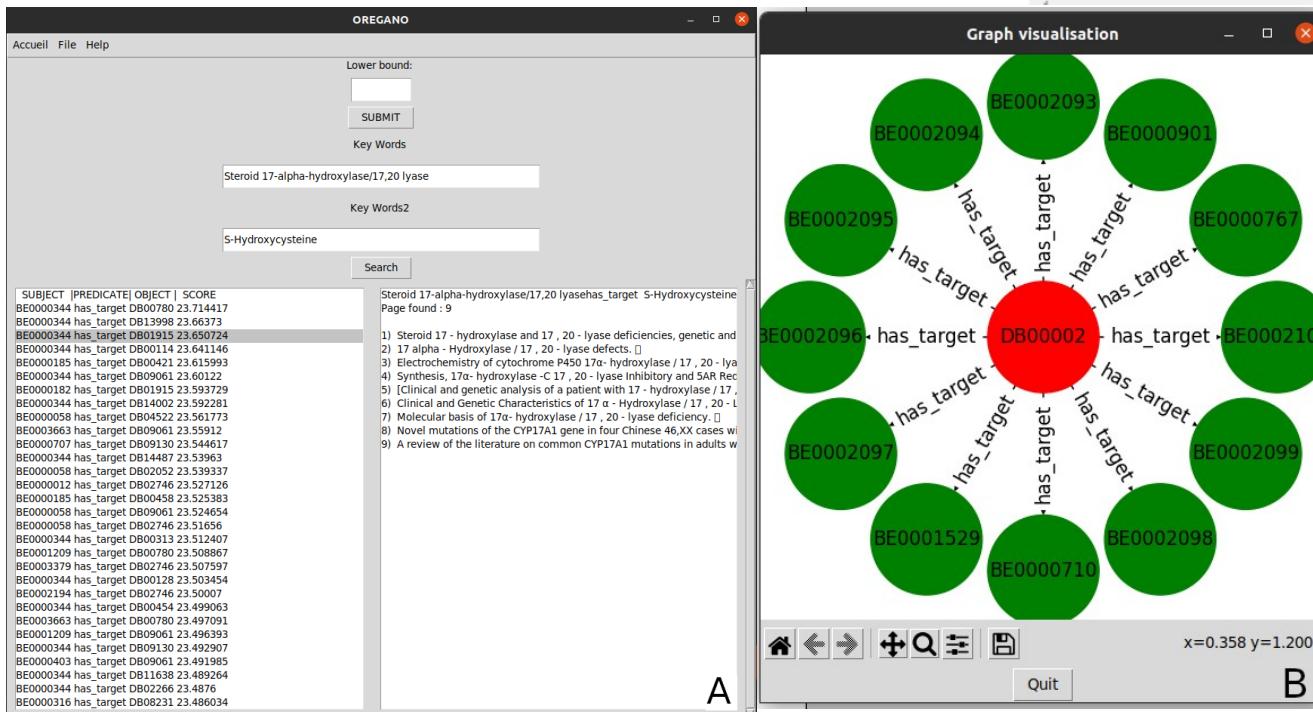
# Drug Development using data science : the OREGANO KG



# Drug Development Using Data Science

- ❖ Couples of drug-target
- ❖ Need to verify the results in a lab
- ❖ Preliminary results:
  - 20% of hit@10: *Spiromolactone* and *Gluthatione Synthetase*

name_compound	name_target
ascorbate	dna
ascorbic acid	dna
ascorbate	amyp_human
ascorbic acid	amyp_human
ascorbate	pancreatic alpha-amylase
ascorbic acid	pancreatic alpha-amylase
ascorbate	a4_human
ascorbic acid	a4_human
ascorbate	amyloid beta a4 protein
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# Mobile Technology and Voice Processing for Health

## Example of resource

Mozilla Common Voice project

More than 20,000 hours of voice recording

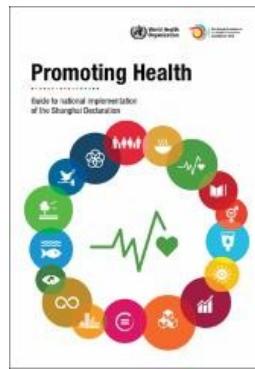
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# Mobile Technology and Voice Processing



## Example of initiative for global south

The Viamo 3 2 1 service  
<https://viamo.io/>

3-2-1 COVID-19 Survey: Increase  
in Mental Health Challenges  
and Violence

# Fake News Detection in Online Sources

## Detecting Medical Misinformation on Social Media Using Multimodal Deep Learning

Publisher: IEEE

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Zuhui Wang  ; Zhaozheng Yin  ; Young Anna Argyris  [All Authors](#)

Aim: to develop an automatic detector for anti-vaccine messages to counteract the negative impact that anti-vaccine messages have on the public health

Method:

A deep learning network that leverages both visual and textual information. A new semantic- and task-level attention mechanism was created to help our model to focus on the essential contents of a post that signal anti-vaccine messages. The proposed model, which consists of three branches, can generate comprehensive fused features for predictions

Dataset:

A real-world social media dataset that consists of more than 30,000 samples was collected from Instagram between January 2016 and October 2019

Results: 97% testing accuracy and outperforms other relevant models, demonstrating that it can detect a large amount of anti-vaccine messages posted daily

Z. Wang, Z. Yin and Y. A. Argyris, "Detecting Medical Misinformation on Social Media Using Multimodal Deep Learning," in IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics, vol. 25, no. 6, pp. 2193-2203, June 2021, doi: 10.1109/JBHI.2020.3037027.



# NLP Based Digital Health Solution

**Electronic Health Record data processing using NLP technics**

**Example of a recent development at Google**

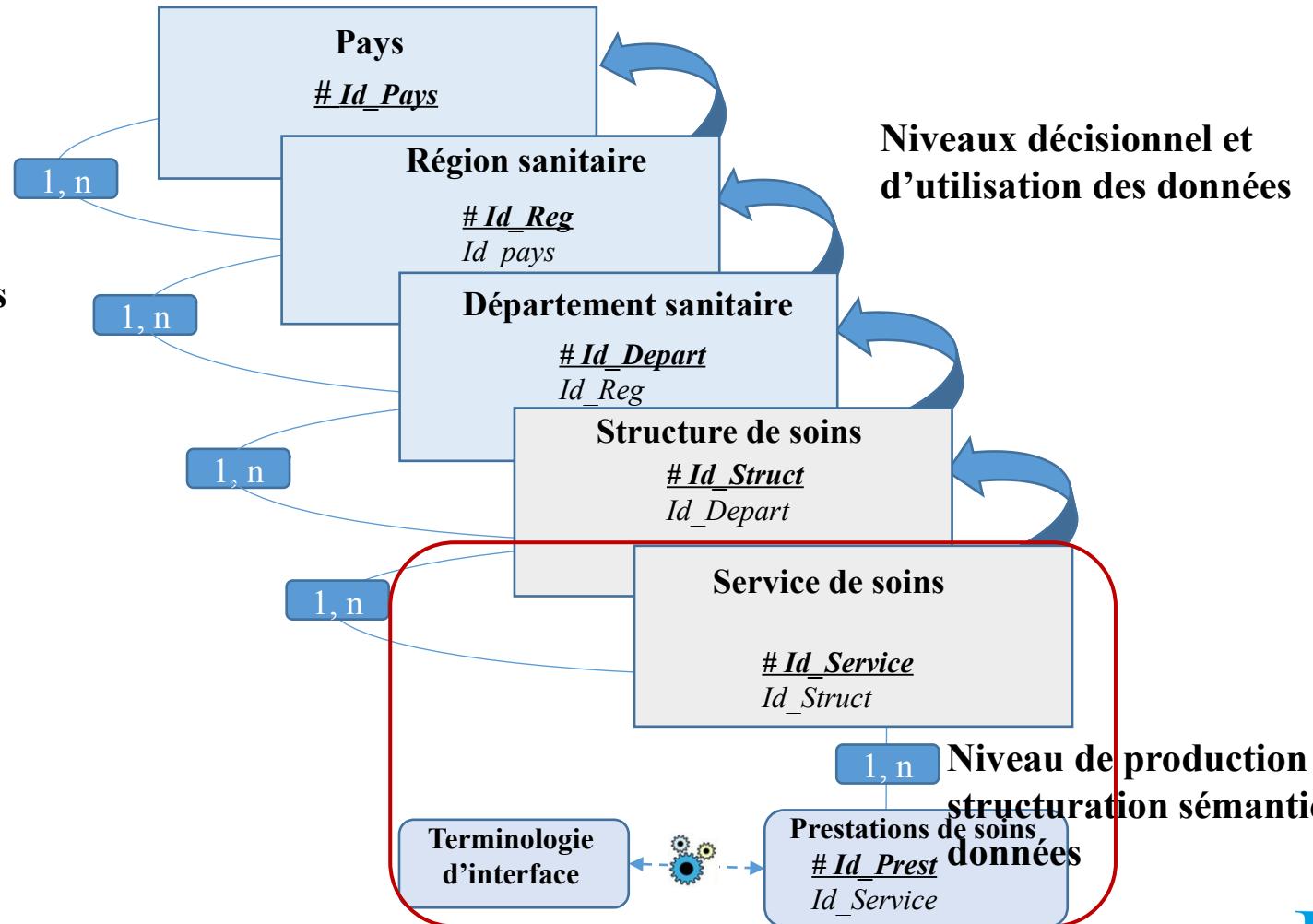
Medical Natural Language Processing

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# From Individual Data to National Indicators : pilot study in Gabon

From PhD thesis of A.P. Koumamba

Niveau relationnel des données

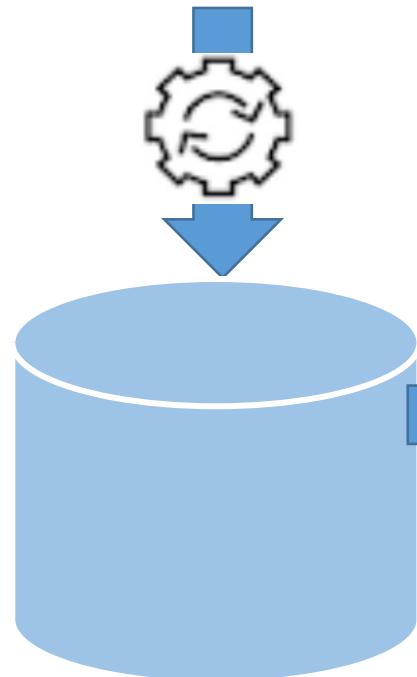


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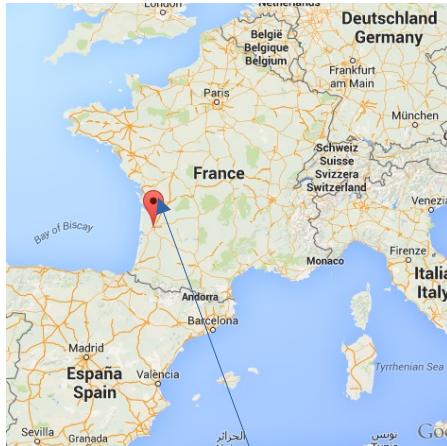
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*Prescription*  
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# PATIENT-Covid19 : Pré diAgnostic eT sulvi dE coNTacts de Covid-19



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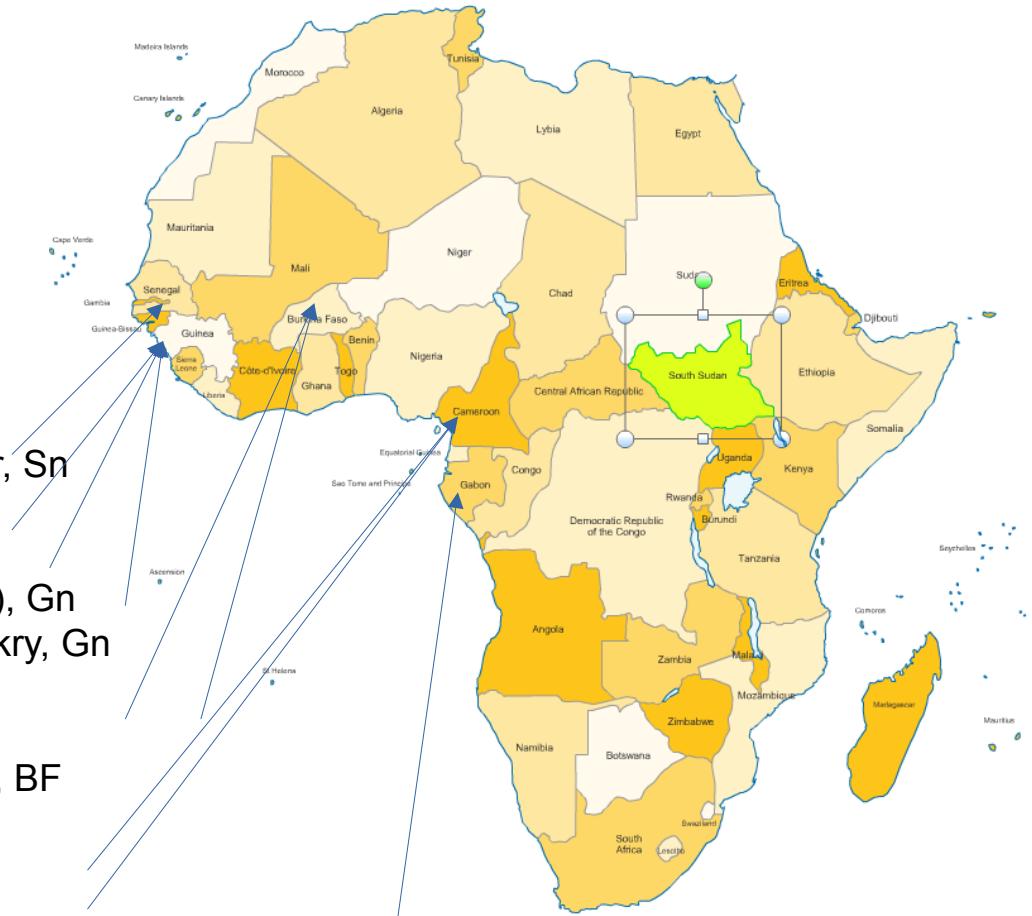
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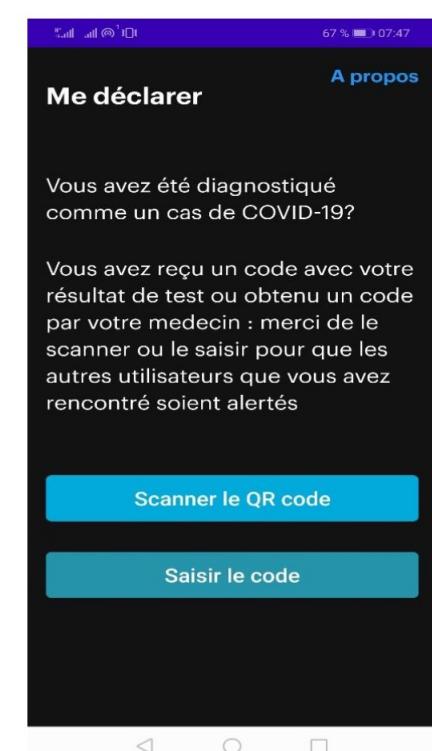
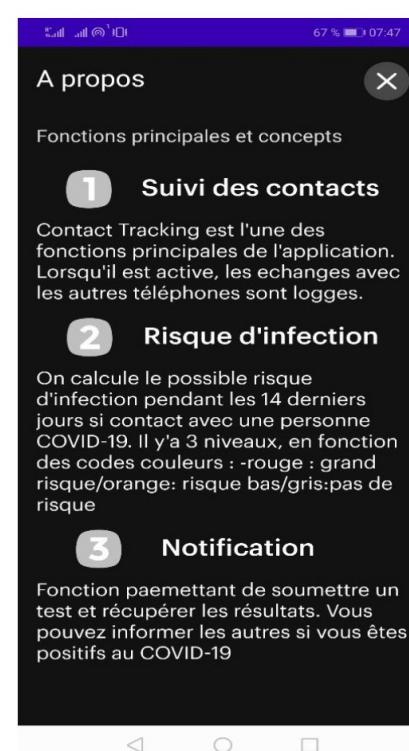
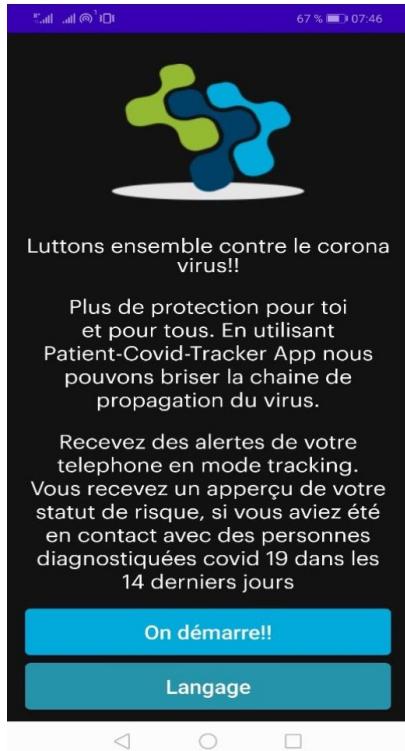
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# PATIENT-Covid19 Mobile Apps (Android)

Technology and AI methods: intelligent chatbot (NLP), local languages, etc.

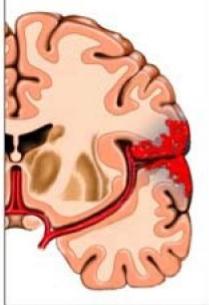


# Enabling Public Health Decision Making: Stroke & Myocardial infarction emergency case

**Stroke –**  
there's treatment if you act **FAST**.

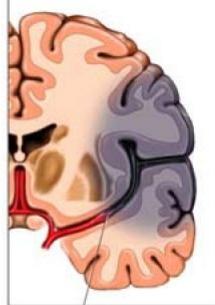


Hemorrhagic Stroke



Hemorrhage/blood leaks  
into brain tissue

Ischemic Stroke



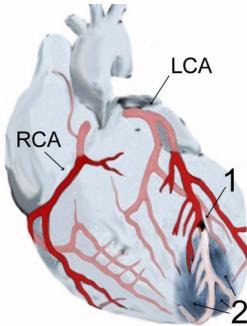
Clot stops blood supply  
to an area of the brain



180 min

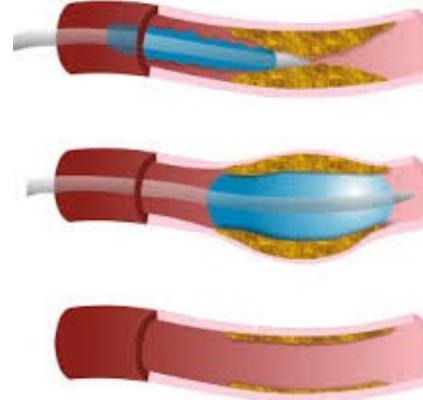


thrombolysis



Myocardial Infarction

90 min



percutaneous coronary intervention



# Enabling Public Health Decision Making: Emergency Case

Anonymised data from 9 million mobile customers in Senegal

## Dataset 1

One year of site-to-site traffic for 1666 sites on an hourly basis

## Dataset 2

Fine-grained mobility data (antenna) on a rolling 2-week basis for about 300,000 randomly sampled users

## Dataset 3

One year of coarse-grained (123 arrondissement level) mobility data for about 150,000 randomly sampled users

General  
Census  
Data



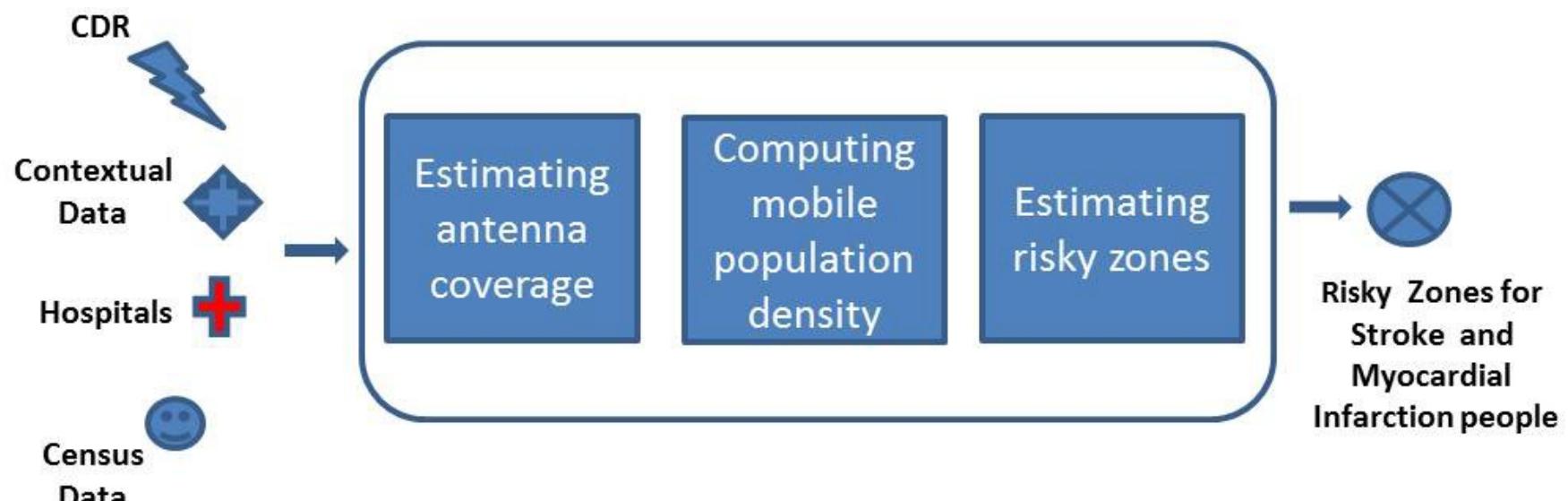
Senegal Geolocalised  
Hospital Directory

Contextual  
Data

Incidence Rate of the  
Emergency Diseases

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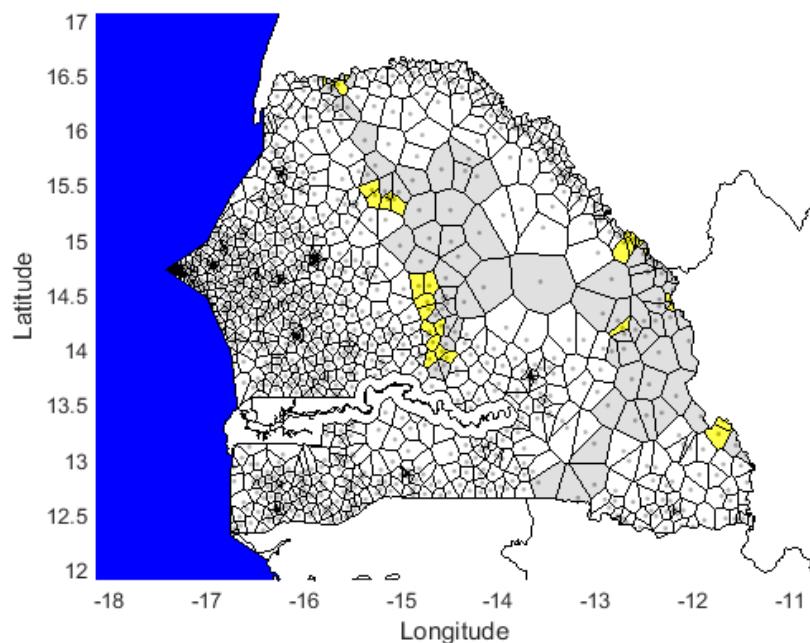
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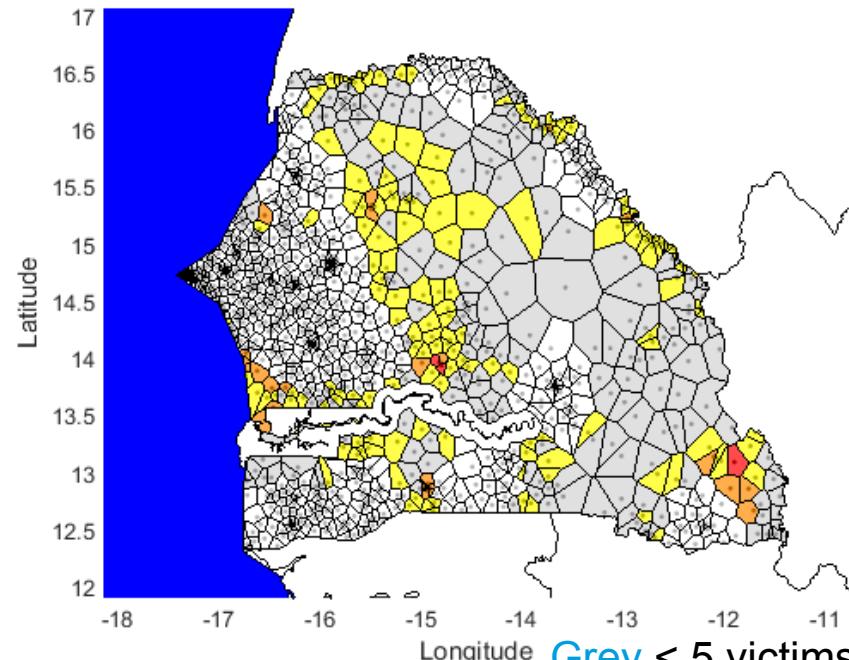
Highlighting risky zones: areas where people are at high risk in case of Stroke or Myocardial Infarction

Estimated incident cases of strokes from different areas (432)



Grey < 5 victims,  
Yellow 5 to 25

Estimated incident cases of Myocardial Infarction from different areas (4241)



Grey < 5 victims,  
Yellow 5 to 25,  
Orange 26 to 50,  
Red 51 to 100

# Digital Health in global south: Take Home Messages

# Some Key Points to Take into Account

**Enabling digital health needs accessing to patient data**

Requires ethical approval and consent

**Collect data ones and reuse them**

**Standardize/contextualize data (coding systems, terminologies, etc.)**

**Take into account local context: languages, literacy, technology, etc.**

**Co-design solutions to increase their adoption by end-users**

For global south: GUI adapted to “low tech”

**Digital Health is by definition Multidisciplinary**



# *Digital Health in the Global South : challenges, opportunities and implementation*

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