

NEOS

NEoplasm Open-Source Environmental Risk Factors Standardization



Challenge 2

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CHALLENGE: accelerating the research of cancer risk factors by structuring open data completing the OSIRIS clinical and omics data structure in order to include variables related to the environment (structuring, terminology, interoperability,..)

OBJECTIVE: easing environmental cancer risk factors data interoperability, exchange and further analysis by structuring, harmonizing an sourcing a minimal epidemiological data set, in a FAIR approach

WORK PACKAGES:

WP1: ontology

WP2: data & metadata

WP3: data sources

TARGET OUTCOME:

Standardized air & water epidemiology dataset framework & examples

CONCLUSIONS:

- Environmental data are very heterogeneous
- Two types of data are key: place of residence/occupation, duration of exposure
- Variables definition must be very precise and contextualized to avoid biases
- The place of agent measurement, and its geographical coverage are possible limiting factors, particularly for rural areas
- Data collection and analysis at the individual level require a precise address and geocoding
- This work must now be expanded to the other IARC Group 1 agents using the NEOS framework

SCOPE:

Other diseases

Cancer

Prognostic factors

Risk factors

Behavioral & occupational

Environmental

Air & water

Other agents

IARC Group 1

IARC groups

2A, 2B, 3

Open sources

Private sources

France

Rest of World

Epidemiology

Care

RISK FACTORS SELECTION:

- Easily measurable → air & water agents, France
- International reference → IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer, Lyon, France) monographs
- Scientifically proven → IARC group 1 carcinogens (substances known to have carcinogenic potential for humans, classification is largely based on human evidence)



EXAMPLES CHOSEN:

From a resulting list of 37 Group 1 air & water biological, chemical and physical agents with open sources, we selected 2 carcinogens:

- An air pollutant: PM2-5 (fine particle matter), associated with lung cancer risk
- A water pollutant: arsenic, associated with lung, urinary bladder and skin cancer risk

NEOS FRAMEWORK (SELECTED FIELDS):

Item group, objectives, item N°, collection status, item, item definition, expected value

Main cancer sites associated with agent, reference value, guidelines, monograph/backup paper, main sources of exposure

Current address, for how long, past addresses (starting with most recent, as detailed as possible), for how long (years) for each past address, main occupation, usual place of main occupation, for how long (years), main mode of transportation, how many days a month, how many hours a week



Max PM₂₋₅ mean hourly concentration in France as of Jan 11, 2022 showing discontinuity of measurement coverage (source: Geodair)

https://github.com/Epidemium/GeoStatus/NEOS

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