



## Digital Governance Council Verification Statement

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### Verification Claims:

Ontario Brain Institute has been independently verified by Digital Governance Council (“DGC”) in accordance with **DGC Digital Trust Conformity Assessment Program**. The Ontario Brain Institute Brain-CODE was assessed in accordance with the following:

- **Main Scope:** Digital Trust (<https://github.com/dgc-cgn/CAS-Digital-Trust>)
- **Topic:** Health
- **Sub-Scope:** Health Data and Information Capability Framework (<https://github.com/dgc-cgn/CAS-Health-Data-Info-Cap-Framework>)
- **Focus/Specialization:** Core HDI Capabilities
- **Assessment Class Level:** Class 2: Targeted Method
- **Applicable Standard(s):** CAN/DGSI 100-5, Data Governance – Part 5: Health Data and Information Capability Framework
- **Accreditation Standard(s):** ISO/IEC 17029:2019, Conformity assessment — General principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies

The verification claims are:

1. The Ontario Brain Institute is a provincially funded, not-for-profit research centre dedicated to advancing neuroscience and Ontario as a global leader in brain research, commercialization, and care.
2. Ontario Brain Institute has developed Brain-CODE, an informatics platform for researchers to collaborate and make discoveries in brain science. It manages the acquisition, storage and sharing of multidimensional data collected on brain disorders.
3. Brain-CODE has three primary functions: (i) storing and sharing data securely between participating institutions and users; (ii) enabling data linkage with external databases; and (iii) providing de-identified data to approved external researchers. These functions are facilitated through three structured zones: Zone 1 for raw data collection; Zone 2 for processed data accessible by designated personnel to manage Brain-CODE; and Zone 3 for disclosure to external researchers following internal review processes.
4. Ontario Brain Institute demonstrates its capable in four of five core health and information areas: (i) health data and information privacy policies and processes; (ii) health data and information security policies and processes; (iii) health data and information access and sharing policies and processes; and (iv) list and content of organizational health data and information assets.
5. The authorized representatives on behalf of Ontario Brain Institute have provided the necessary and sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the Brain-CODE met minimum requirements in the applicable standard to assess the degree to which core health and information capabilities are mature and applied. The evidence provided support the verification claims detailed above.

### DGC Statement of Assurance

DGC assures that the assessment process was conducted impartially, fairly and transparently using evidence provided in accordance with DGC Digital Trust Conformity Assessment Program, policies and procedures publicly available at: <https://github.com/dgc-cgn/CAS-Digital-Trust>.

This is a third-party verification.

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**Signature:**

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