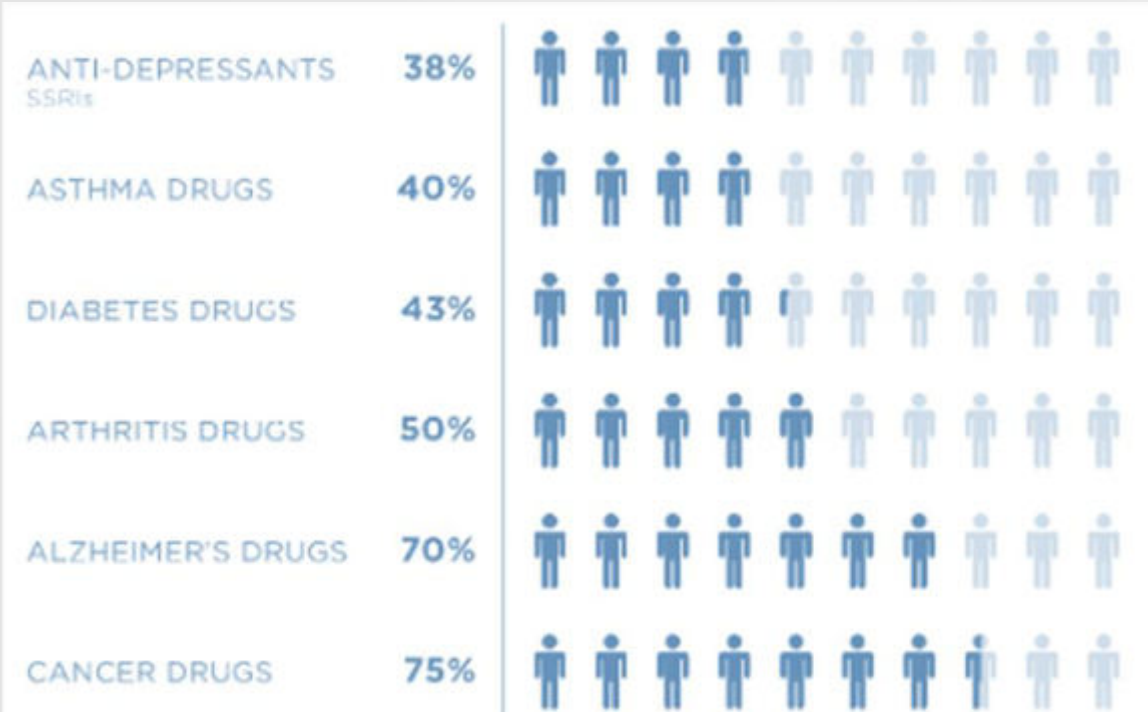




How can we leverage innovative solutions in AI and Machine Learning?

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Many drugs don't work for everyone



Source: Spear et al., Clinical Trends in Molecular Medicine, 2001



Precision Medicine


What is it?

“Identifying which approaches will be effective for which patients based on genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors.”

NRC, NIH, US

Why Now?

Advances in biology and bioinformatics that provide understanding of the molecular basis of disease.





Precision Medicine

What can it do?

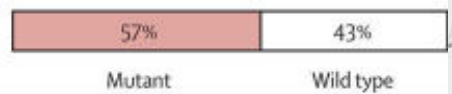
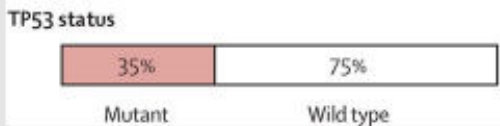
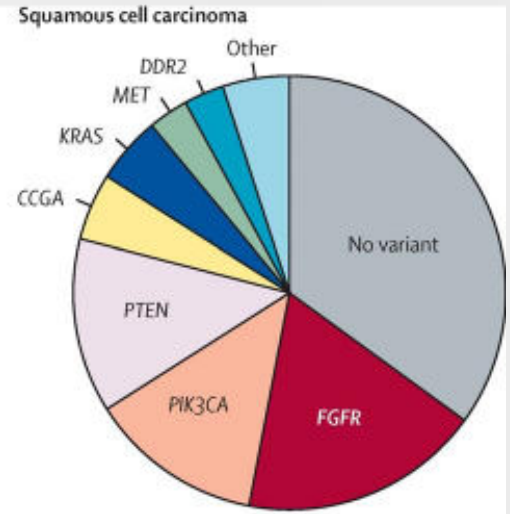
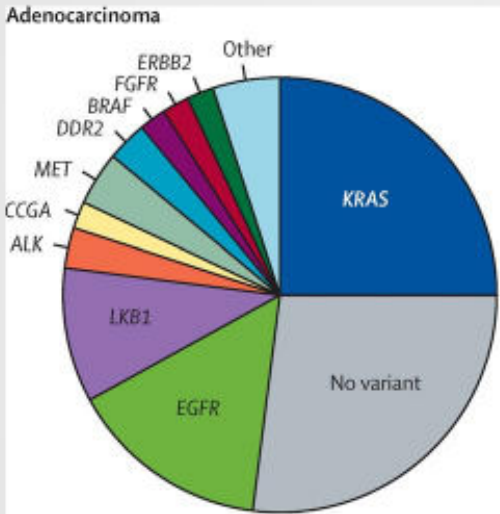
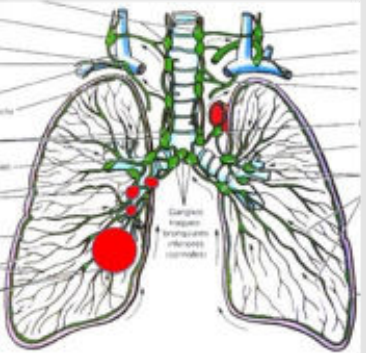
Patient-centered care: treating the person, not the disease

- Optimal therapies for individuals
- Avoid adverse drug reactions
- Reduce treatment costs
- Early detection of disease
- Better prognosis of disease progression
- Facilitate pro-active preventive medicine



Example 1: Cancer

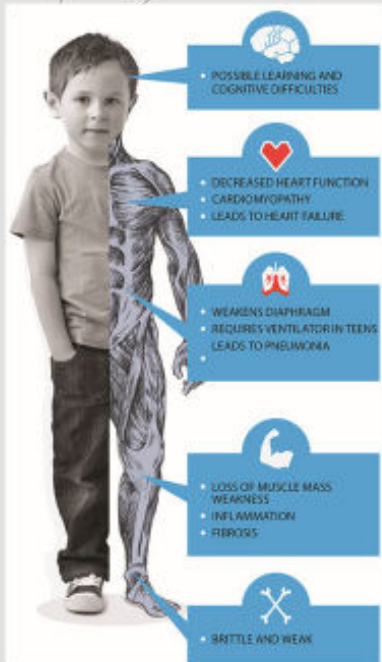
Driver Mutations in non-small-cell lung cancers



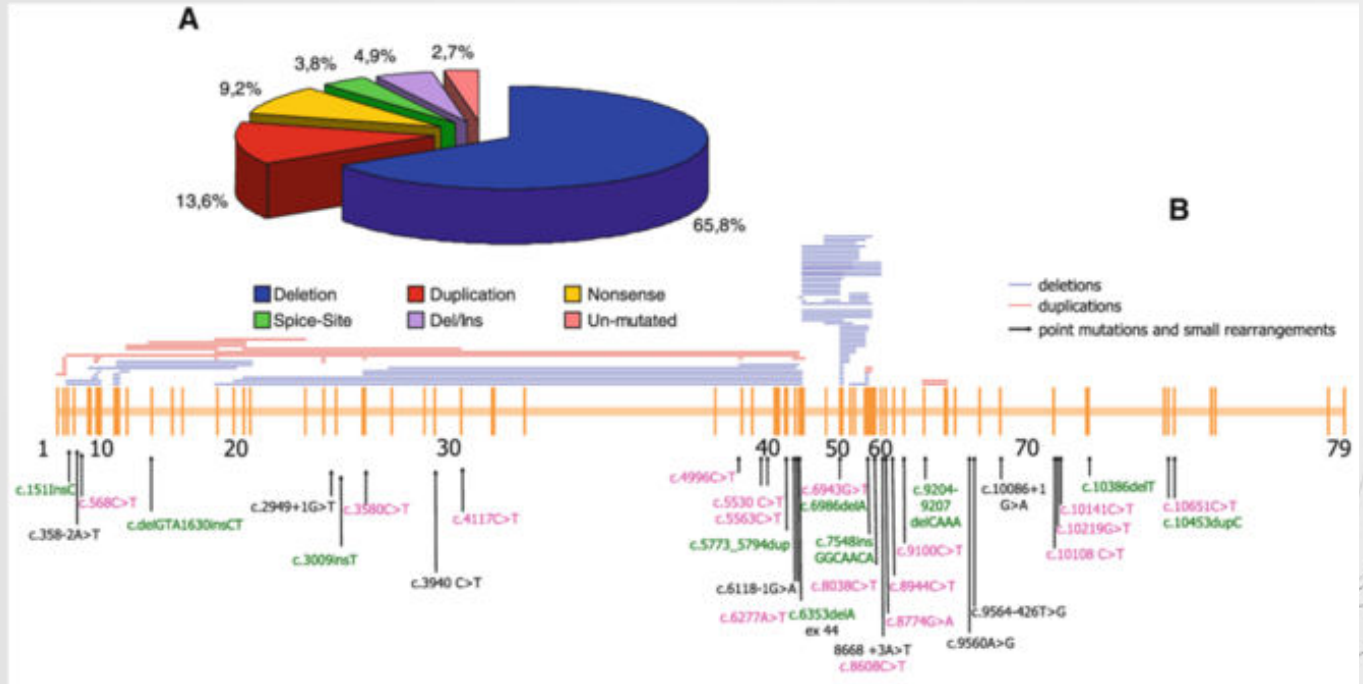
Source: Hiley et al., The Lancet, 2016.

Example 2: Rare Disease

Mutations in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy



Source: cureduchenne.org

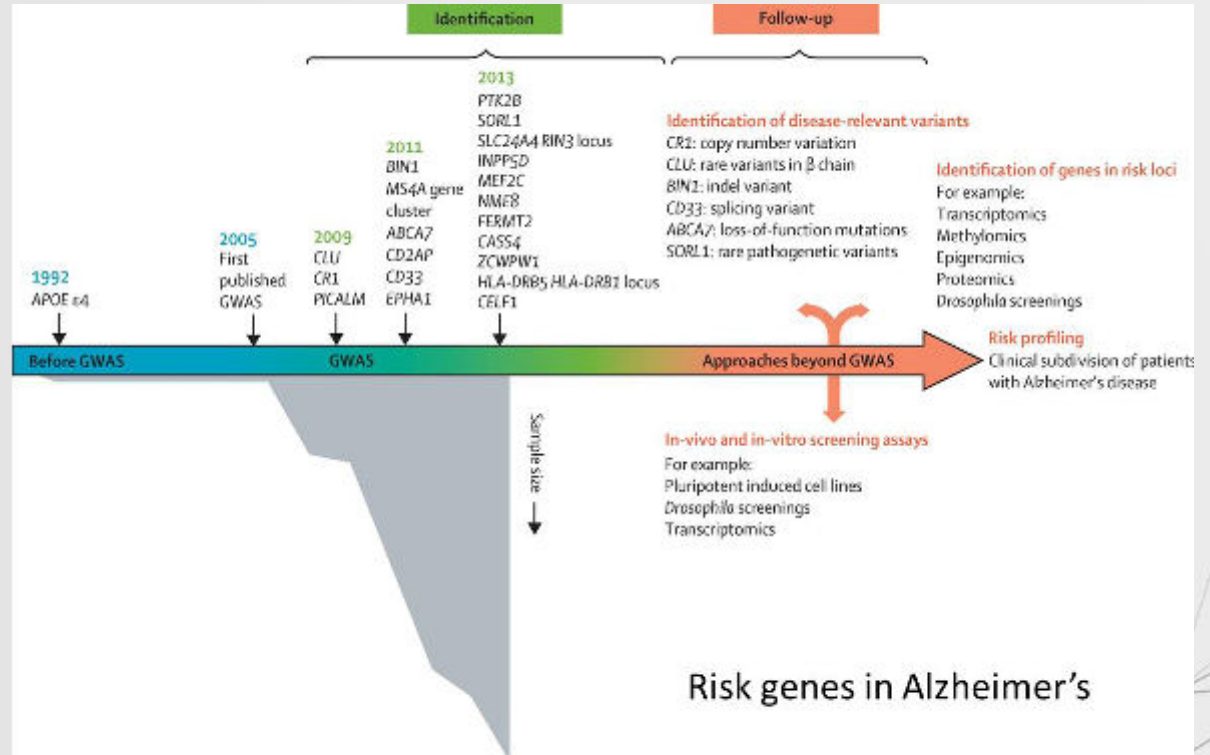


Example 3: Neurodegenerative Disease



Types of Alzheimer's:

- Early onset (<65)
- Late onset (>65)
- Familial (inherited)



Source: Cuyvers and Sleegers, Lancet Neurology, 2016.

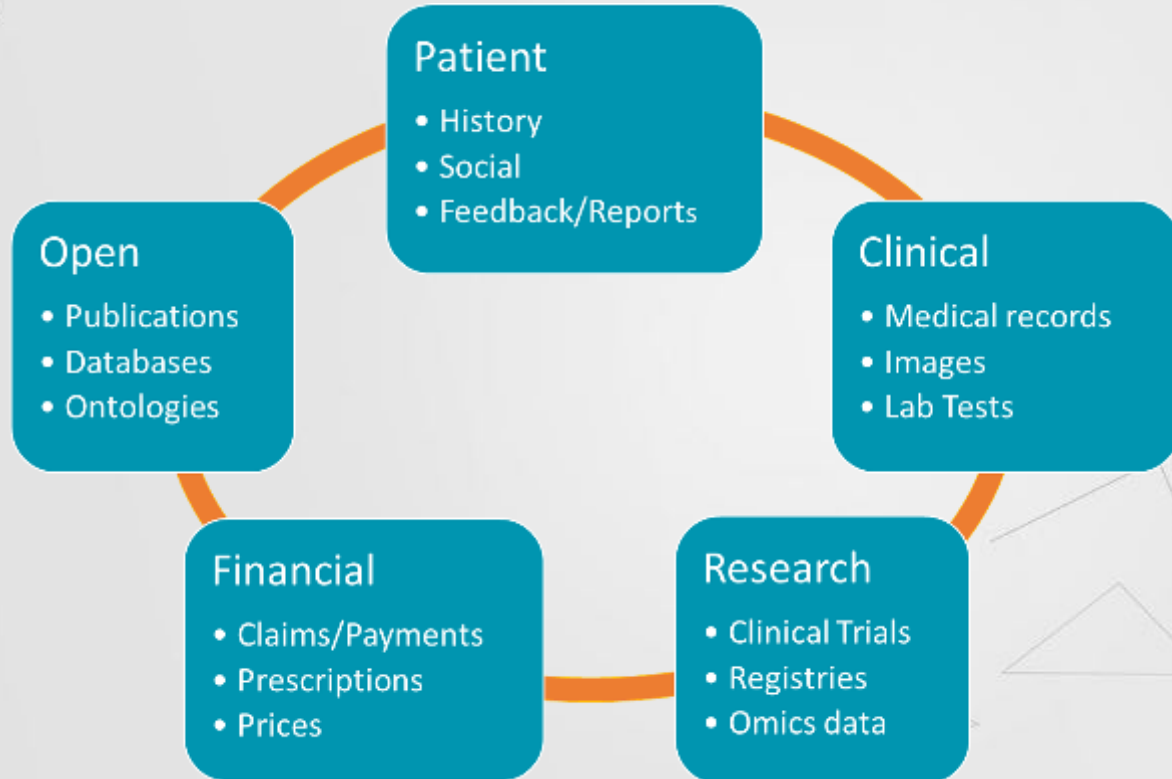
AI for precision medicine

- Technology helps understanding disease mechanisms
- Understanding leads to cure
- Discovery depends on the analysis of big data

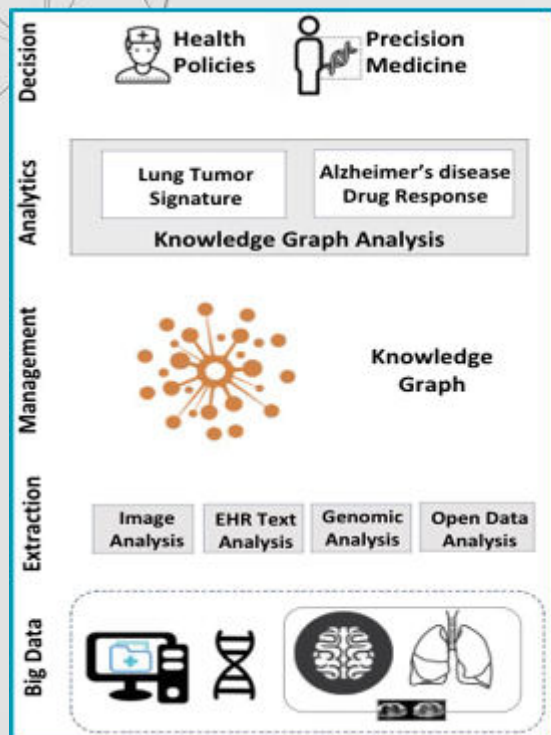
➔ AI is essential for precision medicine decisions



Biomedical Data Landscape



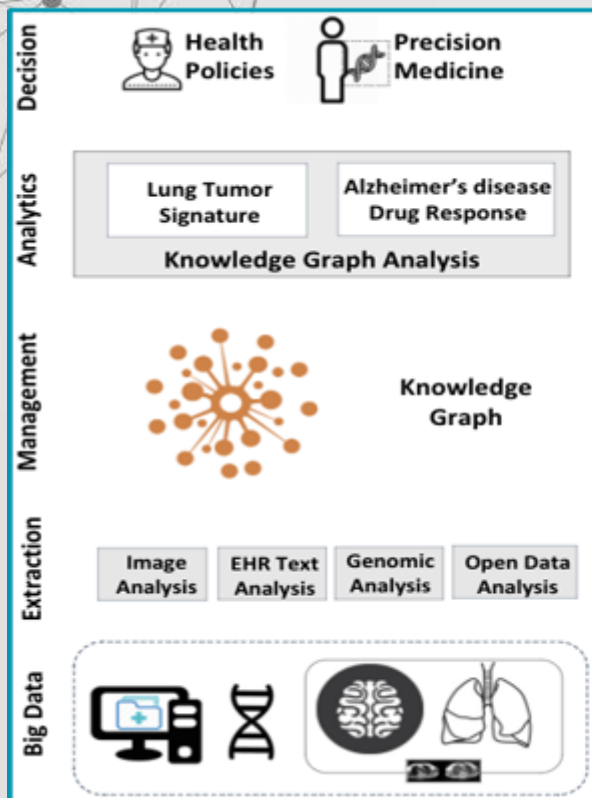
The iASiS framework



- **iASiS analyses:**

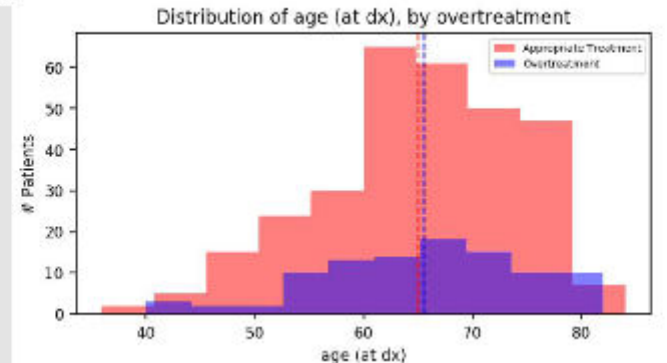
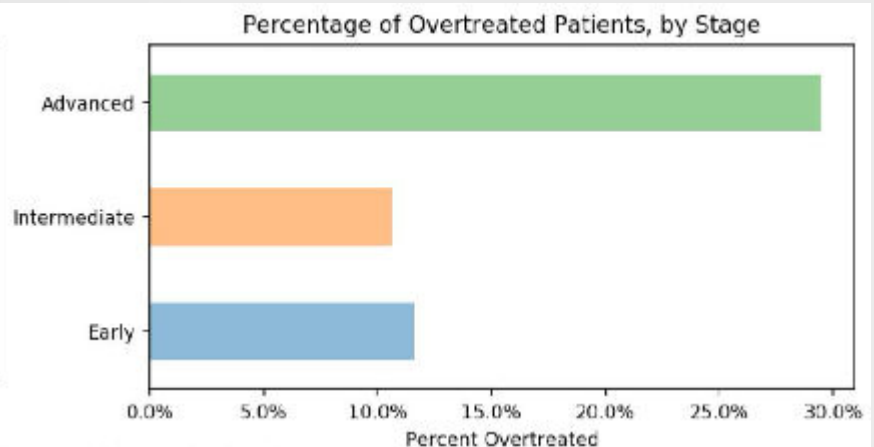
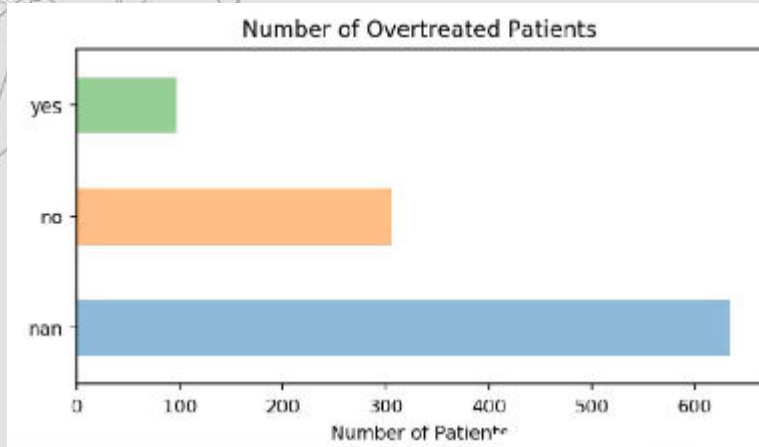
- EHRs (English & Spanish)
- MRI & PET/CT images
- Genomic data (e.g. liquid biopsy samples)
- Related bibliography (e.g. PubMed)
- Biomedical databases (e.g. DrugBank)
- Biomedical ontologies (e.g. GO, UMLS)

The iASiS framework



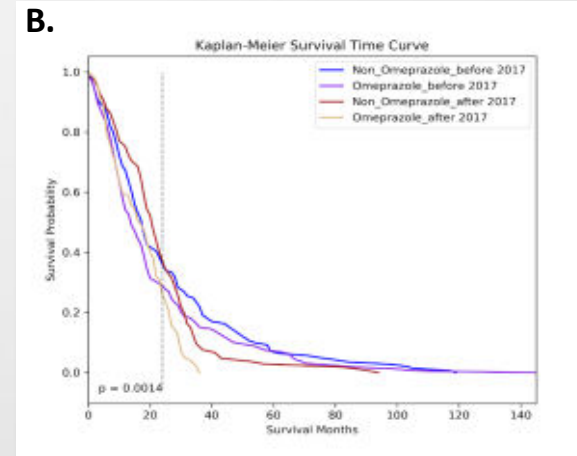
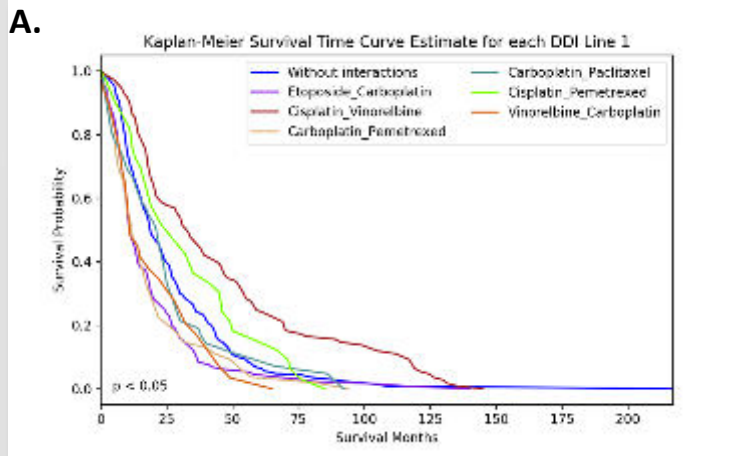
- Extracted knowledge is fused in the iASiS **knowledge graph**
 - Unified semantic schema
 - Linked data
 - Machine-processable knowledge
- iASiS **end-users will be able to:**
 - Receive answers along with justifications
 - Identify patterns in patient populations
 - Make more informed decisions
- All steps of data management and analytics enforce **privacy** and **access control**

Lung-Cancer: Overtreatments

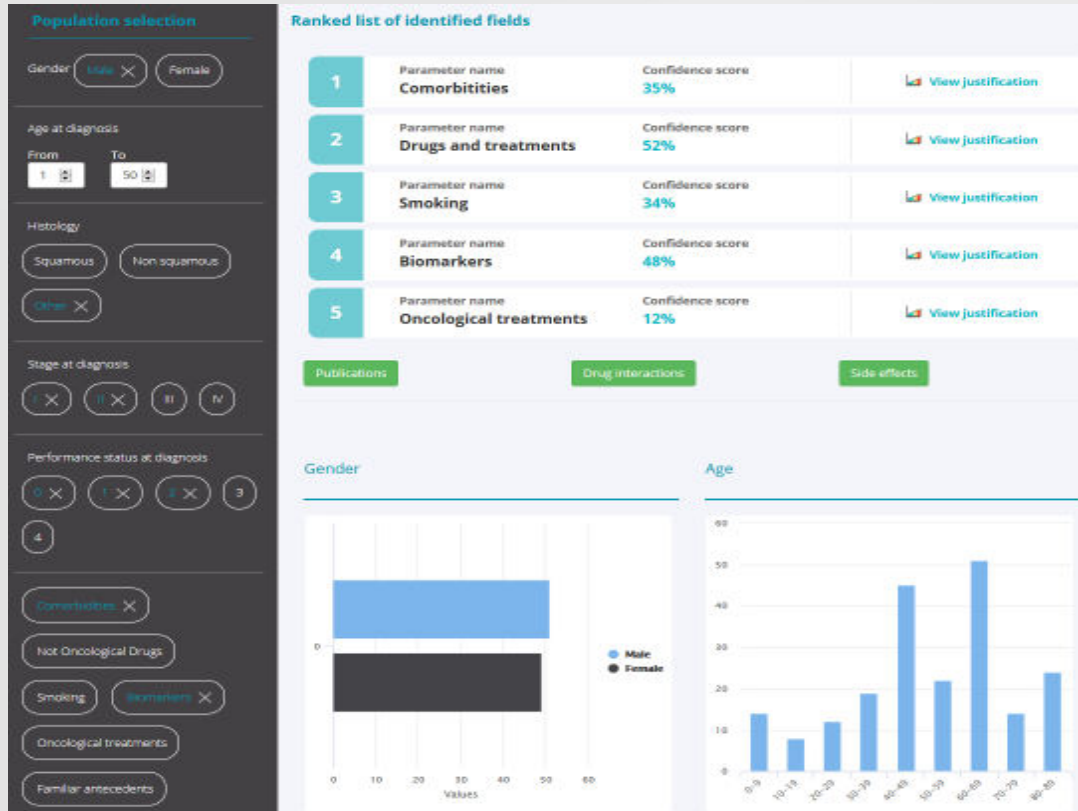


Lung-Cancer: Toxicities

- Exploring IASIS knowledge graph, we observed, with statistical significance, a difference among the different chemotherapy schemes (figure A)
 - the combination with vinorelbine and cisplatin the most effective one
 - the combination of vinorelbine and carboplatin is the most toxic one
- Drug-Drug Interactions (DDIs) with non-oncological drugs (figure B): Omeprazole, is known to decrease the efficiency of several oncological treatments



Visualization of results: iASiS Dashboard





Food for thought

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- **Not sharing or not using data costs lives**
- 80% of rare diseases are genetic
- Data sharing is imperative for rare diseases
- Beyond genetics: environmental & social factors for precision medicine
- Beyond drug discovery: **data analytics for prevention**



Showcase video: <https://project-iasis.eu/node/187>

Thank you!

