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## Diagnostik seltener Erkrankungen mit KI- Unterstützung

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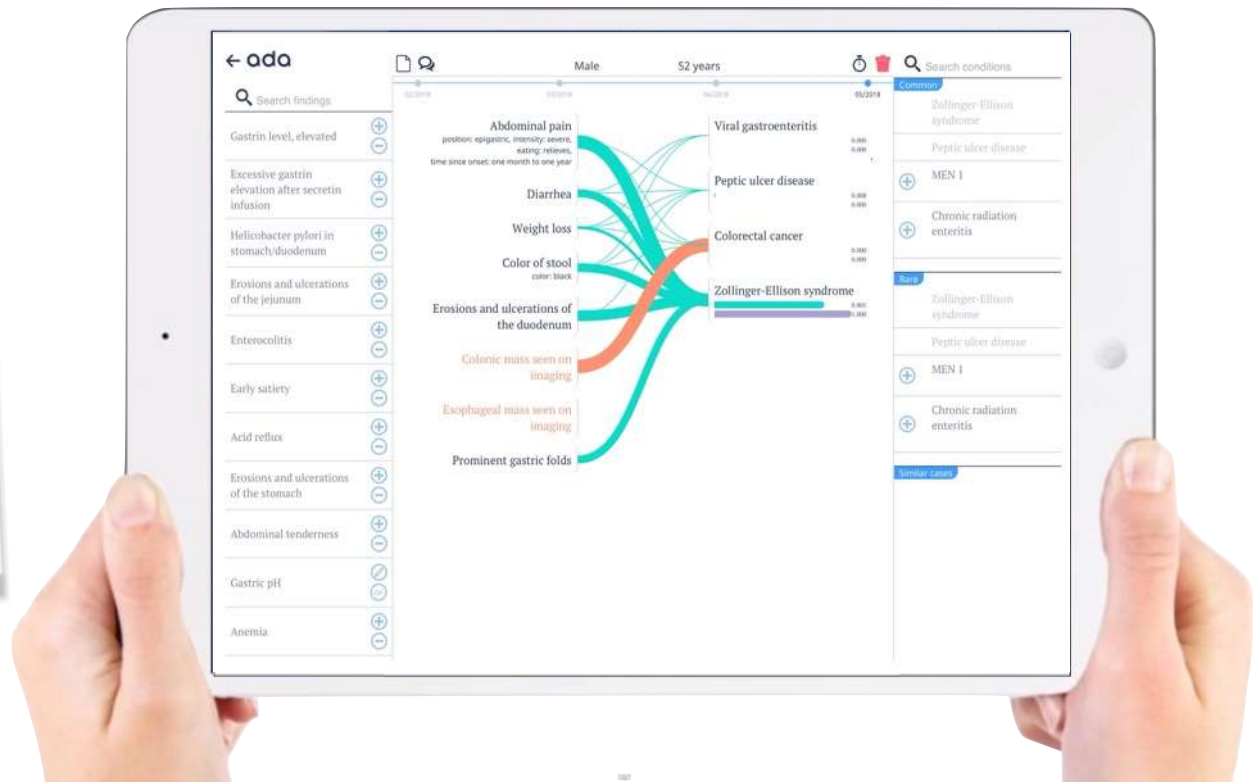
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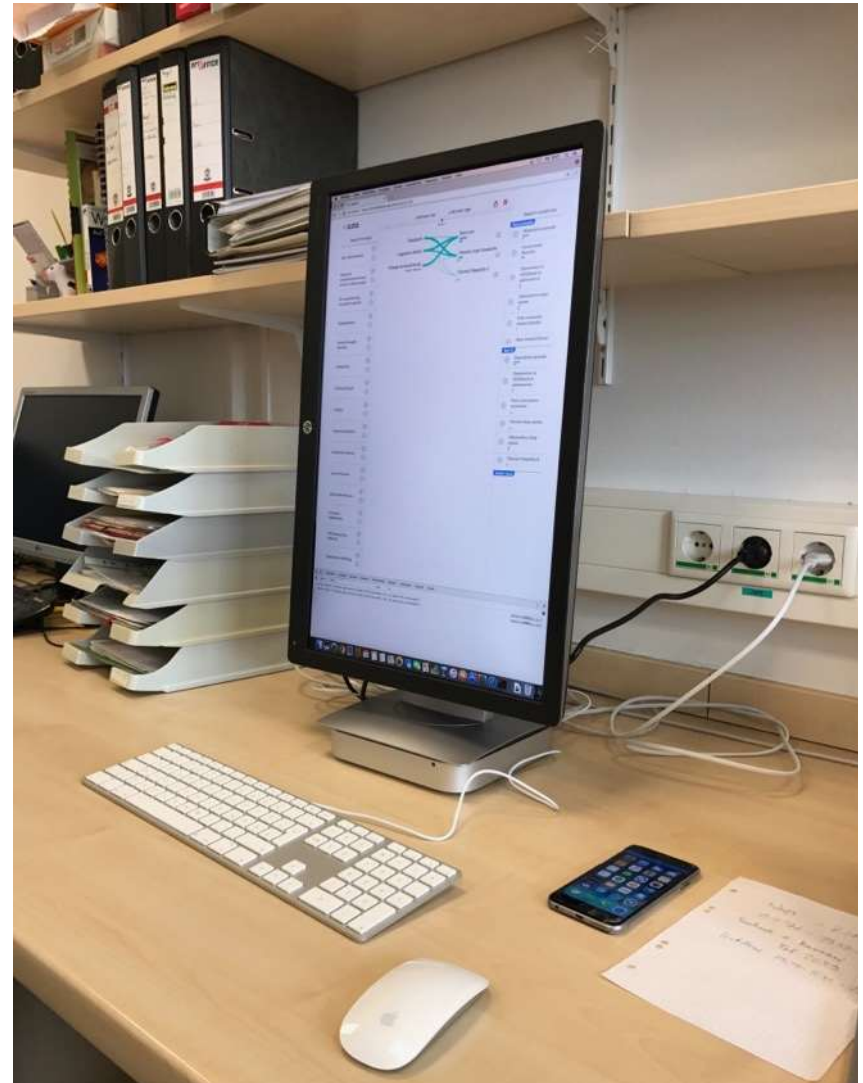
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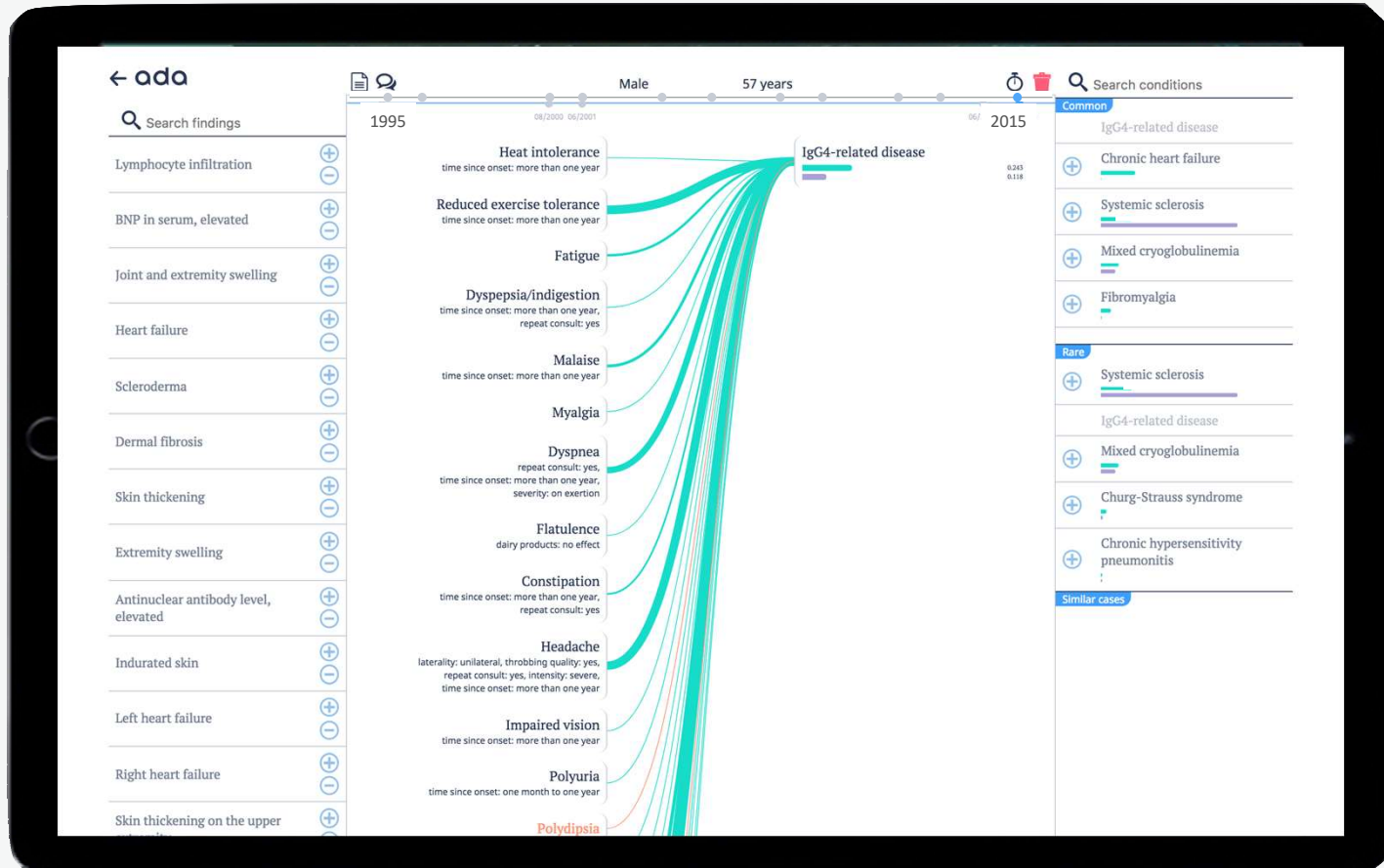
# 2016: Prototyp des KI-basierten Diagnose-Unterstützungssystems Ada DX



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FEV1, decreased (+)	Heat intolerance time since onset: more than one year	<b>Most probable</b>
Obstructive ventilation pattern (+)	Reduced exercise tolerance	+ Asthma
FEV1/FVC (+)	Fatigue	+ Chronic Hepatitis C
Pathological respiratory sounds (+)	IgG4 level result: elevated	+ Fibromyalgia
Peak expiratory flow rate, decreased (+)	Dyspepsia/indigestion time since onset: one week to one month, repeat consult: yes	Non-small cell lung
Rhonchi on auscultation (+)	Diarrhea time since onset: one week to one month	<b>Best fit</b>
Wheezing on auscultation (+)	Malaise time since onset: one week to one month	+ IgG4-related disease
	Myalgia	+ Schistosomiasis
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**Keywords:** Rare disease diagnosis; diagnostic decision support system; time to diagnosis; Ada DX; artificial intelligence; probabilistic reasoning

### Background

By definition, every rare disease is rare. However, together rare diseases are common. Globally, about 350 million people are affected [1]. One in 17 people will be affected by a rare disease in their lifetime [2]. Their diagnosis remains a challenge for patients, doctors, and healthcare systems. Rare disease patients often have di-

Retrospective study:  
in 63.8% (51/94) of cases, correct  
rare disease suggestion given  
within Ada's top 5 conditions at a  
time *earlier* than the confirmed  
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## Health economic benefits through the use of diagnostic support systems and expert knowledge



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### Abstract

**Background:** Rare diseases are difficult to diagnose. Due to their rarity, heterogeneity, and variability, rare diseases often result not only in extensive diagnostic tests and imaging studies, but also in unnecessary repetitions of examinations, which places a greater overall burden on the healthcare system.

Diagnostic decision support systems (DDSS) optimized by rare disease experts and used early by primary care physicians and specialists are able to significantly shorten diagnostic processes. The objective of this study was to evaluate reductions in diagnostic costs incurred in rare disease cases brought about by rapid referral to an expert and diagnostic decision support systems.

**Methods:** Retrospectively, diagnostic costs from disease onset to diagnosis were analyzed in 78 patient cases from the outpatient clinic for rare inflammatory systemic diseases at Hannover Medical School. From the onset of the first symptoms, all diagnostic measures related to the disease were taken from the patient files and documented for each day.

The basis for the health economic calculations was the Einheitlicher Bewertungsmaßstab (EBM) used in Germany for statutory health insurance, which assigns a fixed flat rate to the various medical services. For 76 cases we also calculated the cost savings that would have been achieved by the diagnosis support system Ada DX applied by an expert.

**Results:** The expert was able to achieve significant savings for patients with long courses of disease. On average, the expert needed only 27% of the total costs incurred in the individual treatment odysseys to make the correct diagnosis. The expert also needed significantly less time and avoided unnecessary examination repetitions. If a DDSS had been applied early in the 76 cases studied, only 51–68% of the total costs would have incurred and the diagnosis would have been made earlier. Earlier diagnosis would have significantly reduced costs.

**Conclusion:** The study showed that significant savings in the diagnostic process of rare diseases can be achieved through rapid referral to an expert and the use of DDSS. Faster diagnosis not only achieves savings, but also enables the right therapy and thus an increase in the quality of life for patients.

**Keywords:** rare diseases, health economic costs, diagnosis support systems, artificial intelligence

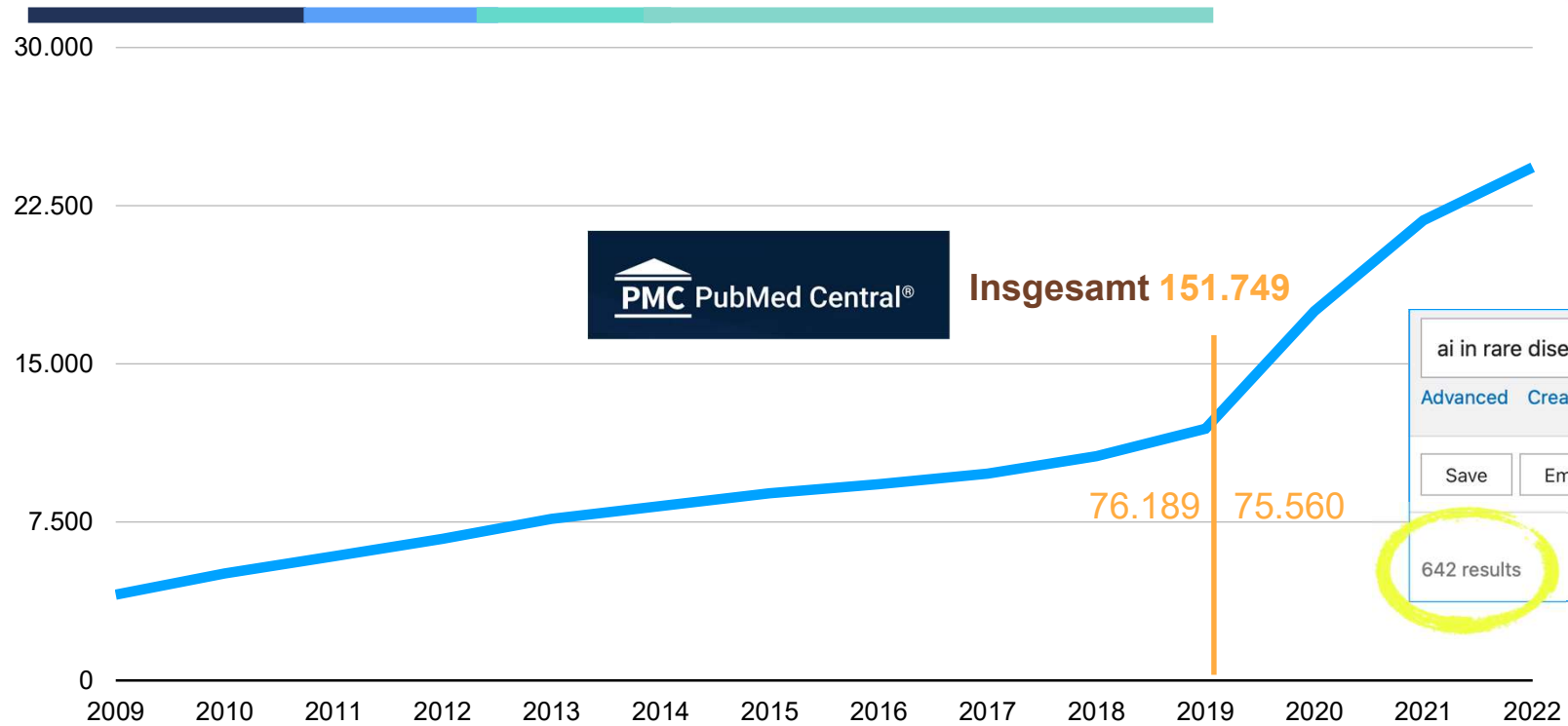
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## Opportunities and Challenges for Machine Learning in Rare Diseases

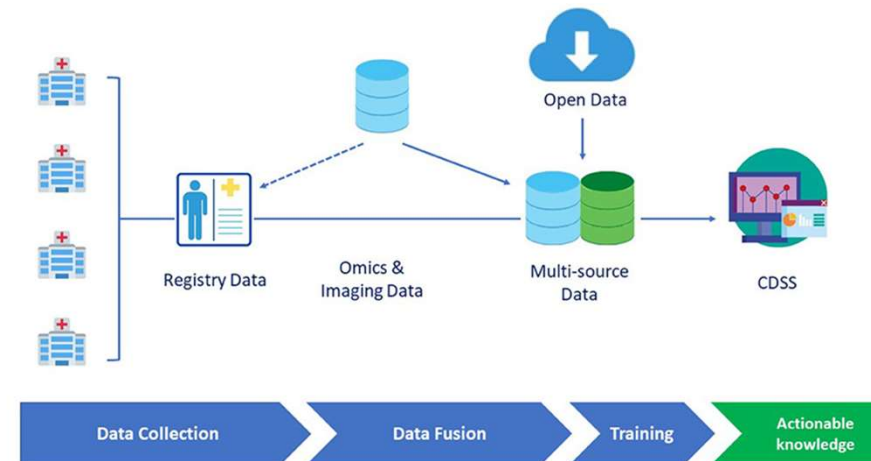
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Rare diseases (RDs) are complicated health conditions that are difficult to be managed at several levels. The scarcity of available data chiefly determines an intricate scenario even for experts and specialized clinicians, which in turn leads to the so called "diagnostic odyssey" for the patient. This situation calls for innovative solutions to support the decision process via quantitative and automated tools. Machine learning brings to the stage a wealth of powerful inference methods; however, matching the health conditions with advanced statistical techniques raises methodological, technological, and even ethical issues. In this contribution, we critically point to the specificities of the dialog of rare diseases with machine learning techniques concentrating on the key steps and challenges that may hamper or create actionable knowledge and value for the patient together with some on-field methodological suggestions and considerations.

### Introduction

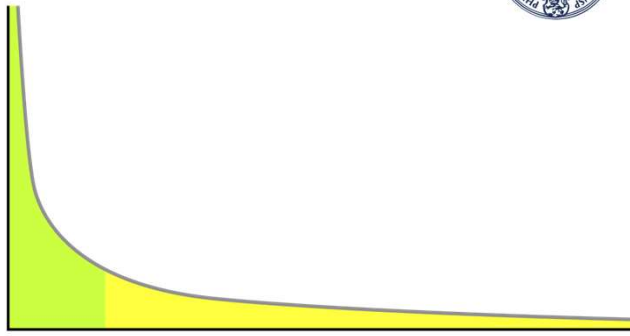
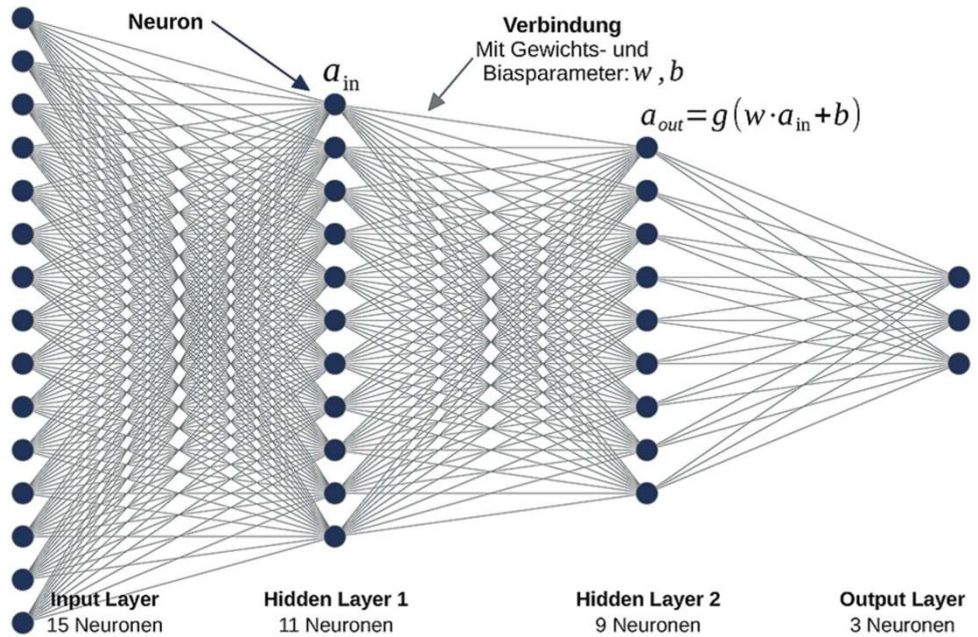
A rare disease (RD) is defined as a low-prevalence condition that affects fewer than one in 2,000 people. Due to the frequent lack of knowledge and treatment (which makes them also known as "orphan diseases"), they represent a real emerging global public health priority. So



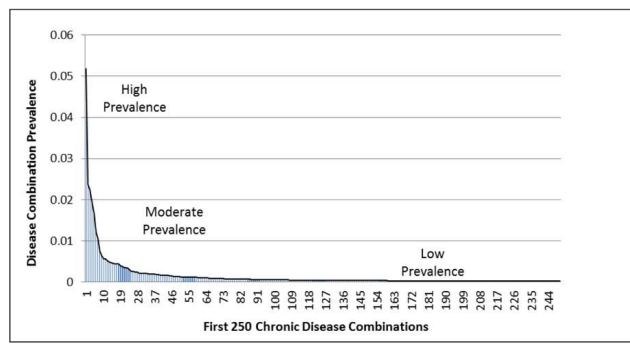


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# Methodische Lösungsansätze für hohe Datenfülle und geringe Fallzahlen



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## Xrare: a machine learning method jointly modeling phenotypes and genetic evidence for rare disease diagnosis

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**Abstract**

**Purpose**

Despite the successful progress next-generation sequencing technologies has achieved in diagnosing the genetic cause of rare Mendelian diseases, the current diagnostic rate is still far from satisfactory because of heterogeneity, imprecision, and noise in disease phenotype descriptions and insufficient utilization of expert knowledge in clinical genetics. To overcome these difficulties, we present a novel method called Xrare for the prioritization of causative gene variants in rare disease diagnosis.

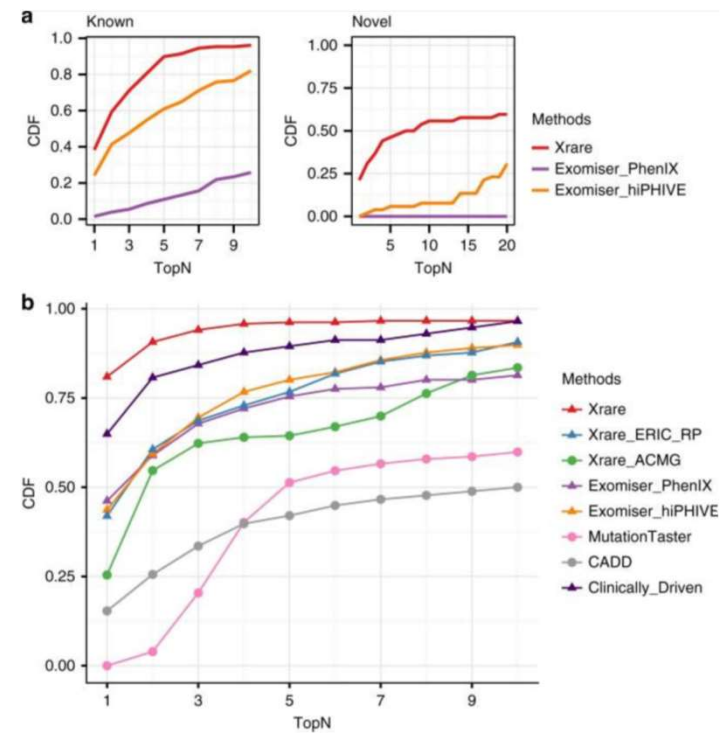
**Methods**

We propose a new phenotype similarity scoring method called Emission-Reception Information Content (ERIC), which is highly tolerant of noise and imprecision in clinical phenotypes. We utilize medical genetic domain knowledge by designing genetic features implementing American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) guidelines.

**Results**

ERIC score ranked consistently higher for disease genes than other phenotypic similarity scores in the presence of imprecise and noisy phenotypes. Extensive simulations and real clinical data demonstrated that Xrare outperforms existing alternative methods by 10–40% at various genetic diagnosis scenarios.

Xrare





# KI in der Erkennung seltener, angeborener Augenkatarakte bei Kindern



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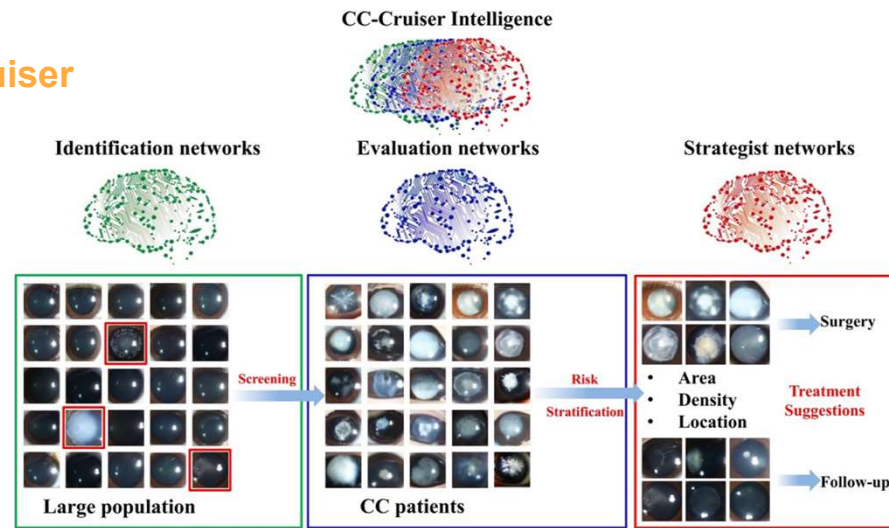
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## Abstract

### Background

CC-Cruiser is an artificial intelligence (AI) platform developed for diagnosing childhood cataracts. The high accuracy of the platform in identifying risk stratification and treatment recommendations on large datasets. The objective of this study was to evaluate the efficacy of the platform in a multicentre randomized controlled trial.

## CC-Cruiser





# KI in der Erkennung SE-bedingter Gesichtsanomalien



## GestaltMatcher facilitates rare disease matching using facial phenotype descriptors

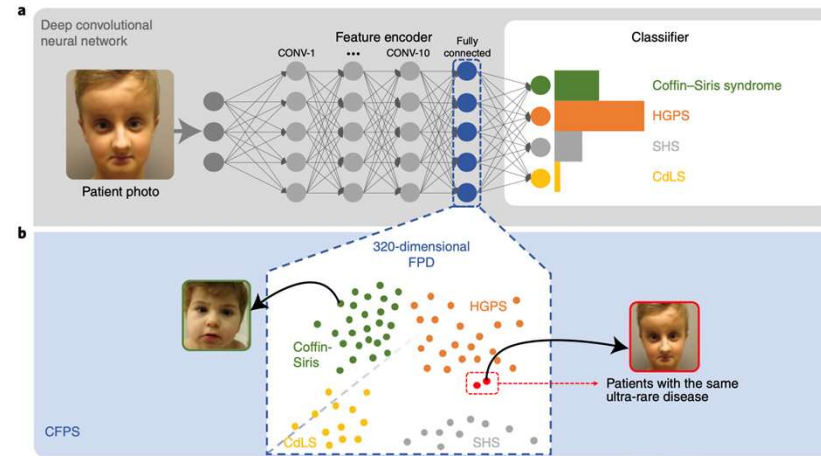
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Many monogenic disorders cause a characteristic facial morphology. Artificial intelligence can support physicians in recognizing these patterns by associating facial phenotypes with the underlying syndrome through training on thousands of patient photographs. However, this 'supervised' approach means that diagnoses are only possible if the disorder was part of the training set. To improve recognition of ultra-rare disorders, we developed GestaltMatcher, an encoder for portraits that is based on a deep convolutional neural network. Photographs of 17,560 patients with 1,115 rare disorders were used to define a Clinical Face Phenotype Space, in which distances between cases define syndromic similarity. Here we show that patients can be matched to others with the same molecular diagnosis even when the disorder was not included in the training set. Together with mutation data, GestaltMatcher could not only accelerate the clinical diagnosis of patients with ultra-rare disorders and facial dysmorphism but also enable the delineation of new phenotypes.

Rare genetic disorders affect more than 6.2% of the global population. Because genetic disorders are rare and diverse, accurate clinical diagnosis is a time-consuming and challenging process, often referred to as the 'diagnostic odyssey', and all informative clinical features have to be taken into consideration. A large fraction of patients, particularly those with neurodevelopmental disorders, exhibit craniofacial abnormalities. If the facial phenotype

('gestalt') is highly recognizable, such as in Down syndrome, it may also play an important role in establishing the diagnosis. Sometimes the gestalt is so characteristic or distinct that it reduces the search space of candidate genes or can be used to delineate new phenotype-gene associations. However, the ability to recognize these syndromic disorders relies heavily on the clinician's experience. Reaching a diagnosis is very challenging if the clinician has not

## GestaltMatcher



**Fig. 2 | Concept of GestaltMatcher.** **a.** Architecture of a DCNN consisting of an encoder and a classifier. Facial dysmorphic features of 299 frequent syndromes were used for supervised learning. The last fully connected layer in the feature encoder was taken as an FPD, which forms a point in the CFPS. **b.** In the CFPS, the distance between each patient's FPD can be considered as a measure of similarity of their facial phenotypic features. The distances can be further used for classifying ultra-rare disorders or matching patients with new phenotypes. Take the input image shown in the figure as an example: the patient's ultra-rare disease, which is caused by mutations in *LEMD2*, was not in the classifier, but was matched with another patient with the same ultra-rare disorder in the CFPS<sup>4</sup>. CONV-1, convolutional layer-1; CONV-10, convolutional layer-10; HGPS, Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome; SHS, Schuurs-Hoeijmakers syndrome.

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PhenIX	2014	Phenotype concepts/genes	~ 99%	[67]	http://compbio.charite.de/PhenIX/
Phenolyzer	2015	Phenotype concepts/genes	~ 85%	[69]	http://phenolyzer.usc.edu
RDD	2016, 2017	Phenotype concepts	38 %	[2, 70]	http://diseasediscovery.udl.cat/
IEMbase	2018	Phenotype concepts	90 %	[54]	http://www.iembase.org/app
PubCaseFinder	2018	Phenotype concepts	57 %	[71]	https://pubcasefinder.dbcls.jp/
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Xrare	2019	Phenotype concepts/genes	~ 95%	[78]	https://web.stanford.edu/~xm24/Xrare/
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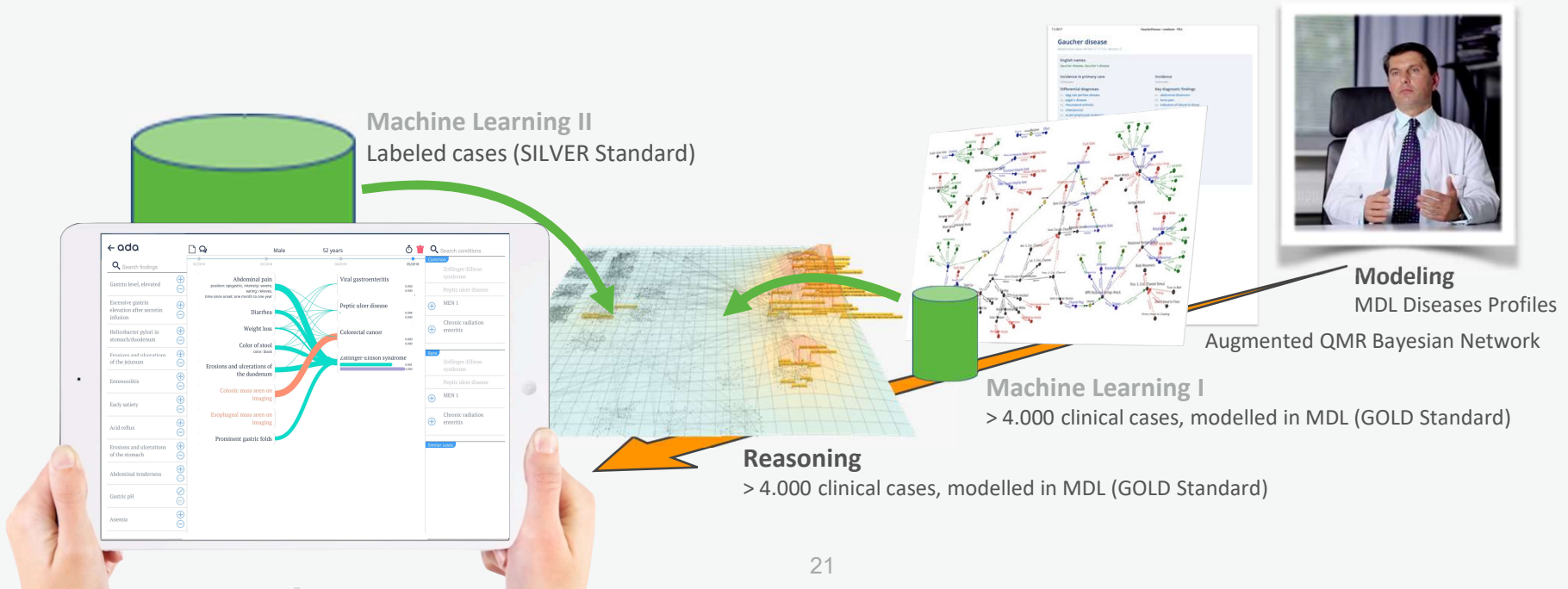
By definition, every rare disease is rare. However, together rare diseases are common. Globally, about 350 million people are affected [1]. One in 17 people will be affected by a rare disease in their lifetime [2]. Their diagnosis remains a challenge for patients, doctors, and healthcare systems. Rare disease patients often have di-

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in 63.8% (51/94) of cases, correct  
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# Der Ada-Ansatz einer Hybriden-KI

Ontologiebasierte Wahrscheinlichkeitsmodelle von Krankheitsbildern mit deep-learning Selbstoptimierung und probabilistischen Suchmechanismen kombinieren.



# Wahrscheinlichkeitsmodell einer Erkrankung



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**Incidence in primary care**  
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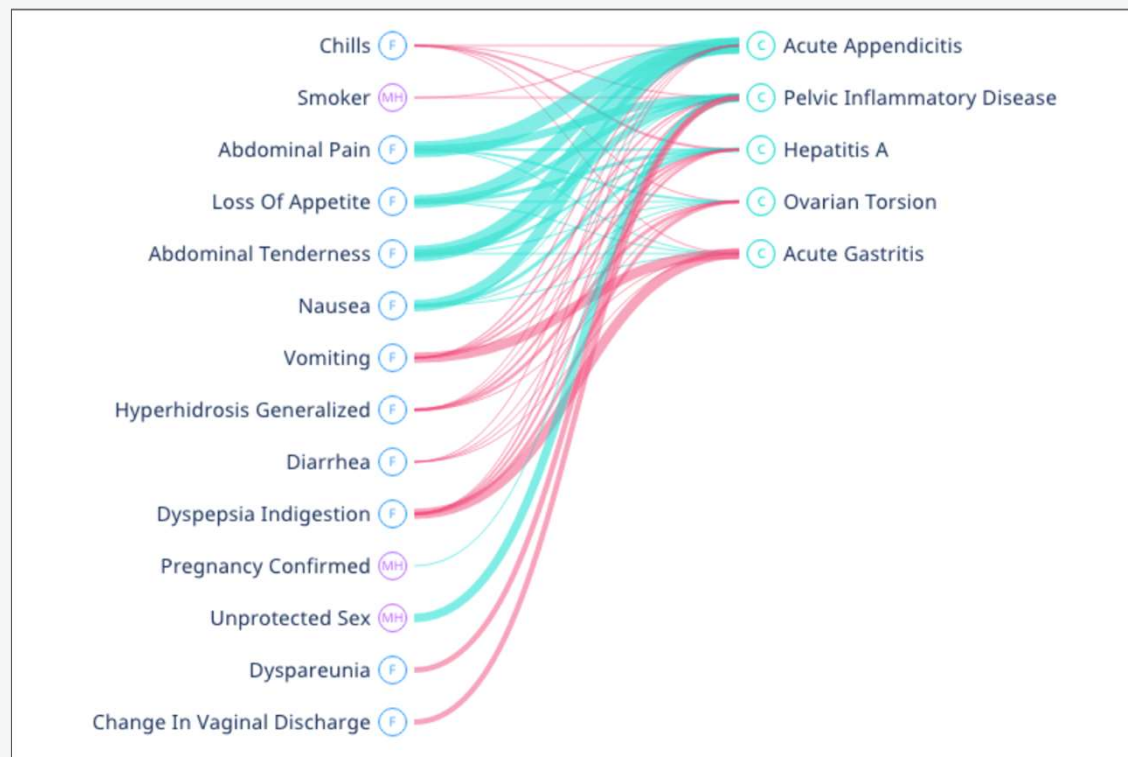
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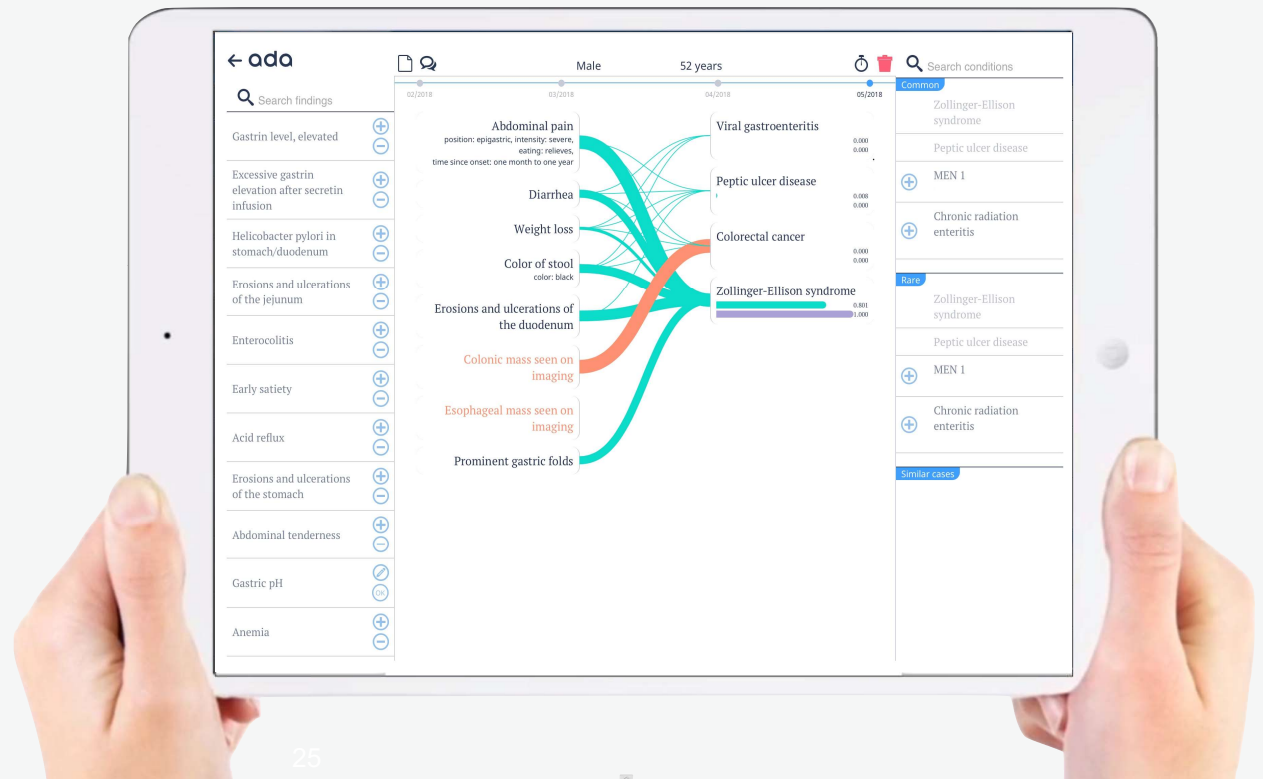


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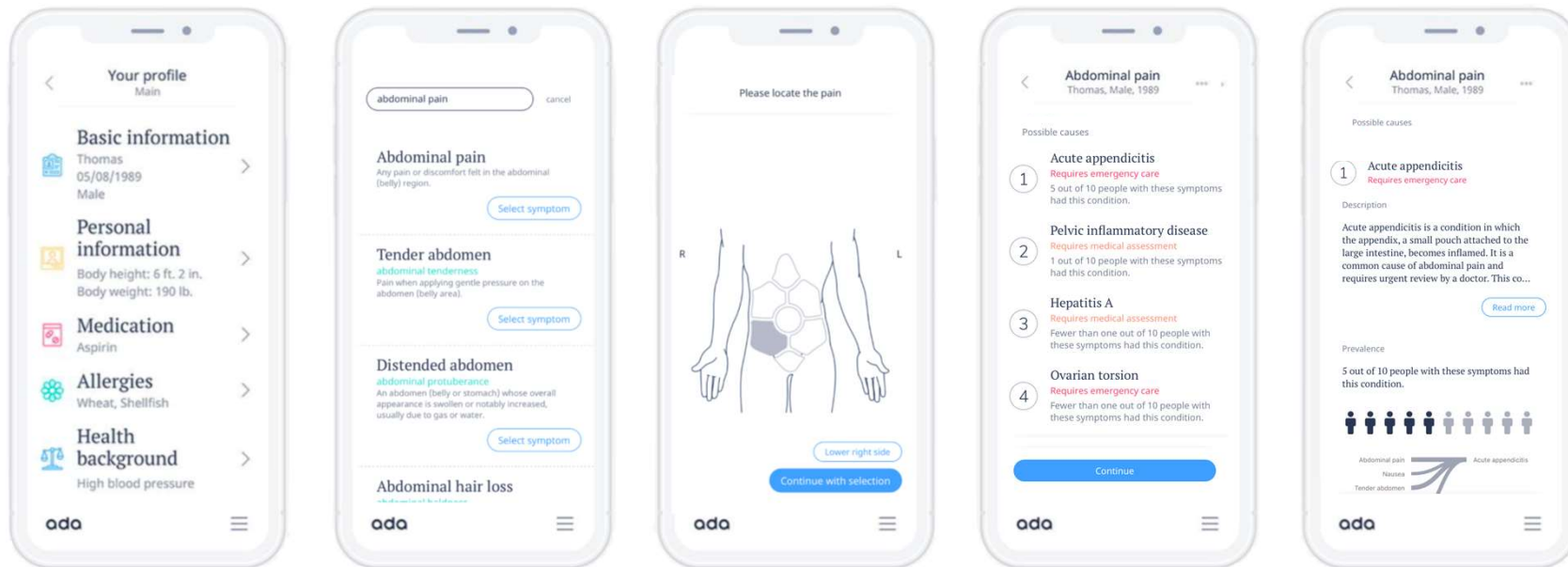




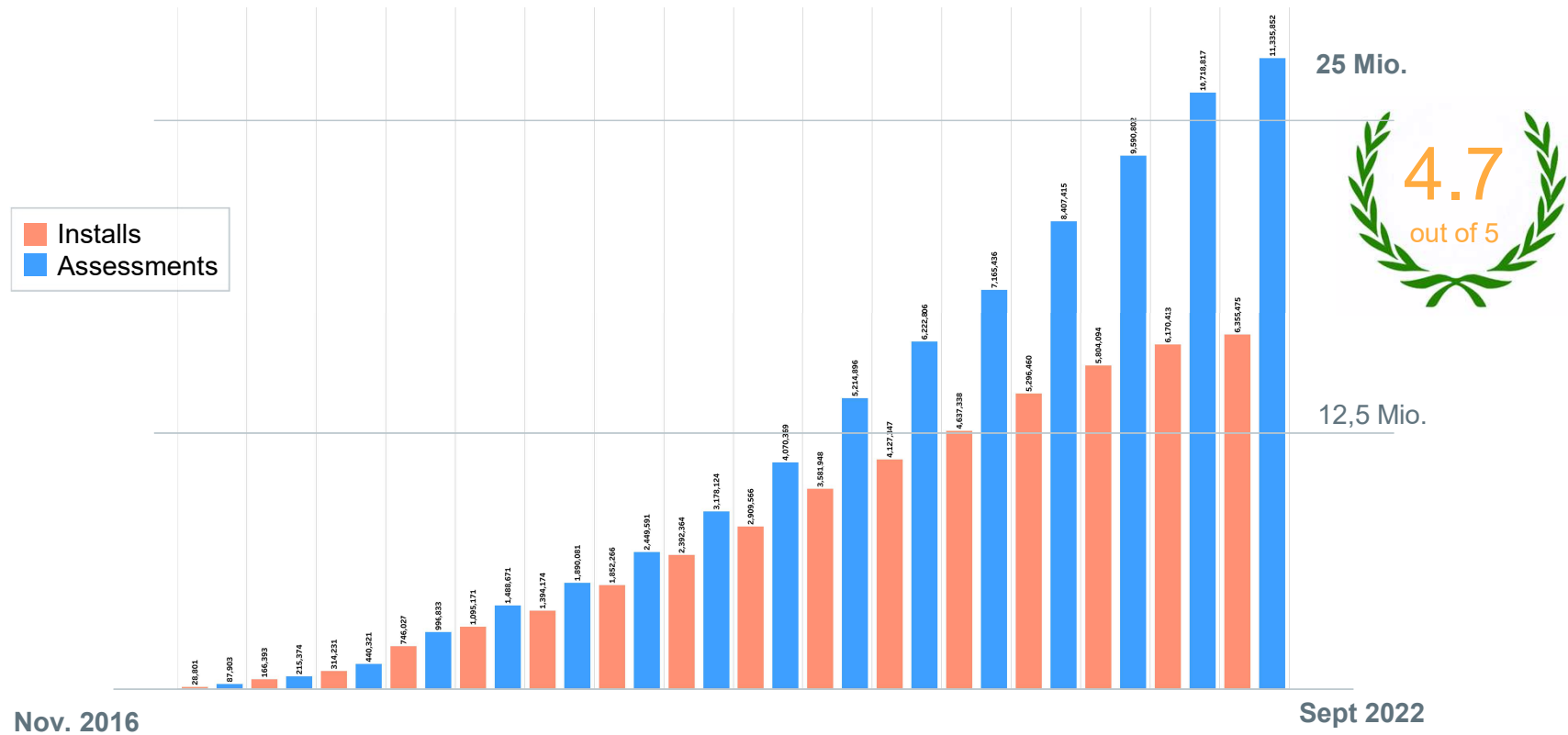
# Hilfe auch für Bürgerinnen und Bürger – Der Ada Chatbot



# Ada Chatbot – Diagnoseunterstützung auf dem Smartphone



# KI auf dem Smartphone hat eine niedrige Einstiegsschwelle



# KI kann sich die Zeit nehmen, die der Arzt nicht mehr hat



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mohamed ayman May 2, 2017

★★★★★

Great. It is like having a doctor in your pocket.  
Well done guys. 5 stars for your hard work.  
Keep it up.

„Endlich hört mir mal  
jemand zu“

USA

Love ittttr

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by 74664754?? - Feb 20, 2017

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# Ada ist schon ziemlich akkurat

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## BMJ Open How accurate are digital symptom assessment apps for suggesting conditions and urgency advice? A clinical vignettes comparison to GPs

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**ABSTRACT**  
**Objectives** To compare breadth of condition coverage, accuracy of suggested conditions and appropriateness of urgency advice of eight popular symptom assessment apps.  
**Design** Vignettes study.  
**Setting** 200 primary care vignettes.  
**Intervention/comparator** For eight apps and seven general practitioners (GPs): breadth of coverage and condition-suggestion and urgency advice accuracy measured against the vignettes' gold standard.  
**Primary outcome measures** (1) Proportion of conditions 'covered' by an app, that is, not excluded because the user was too young/old or pregnant, or not modified; (2) proportion of vignettes with the correct primary diagnosis among the top 3 conditions suggested; (3) proportion of 'safe' urgency advice (ie, at gold standard level, more conservative, or no more than one level less conservative).  
**Results** Condition-suggestion coverage was highly variable, with some apps not offering a suggestion for many users. In alphabetical order, Ada: 99.0%, Babylon: 57.5%, Buoy: 88.5%, K Health: 74.5%, Mediktor: 80.5%, Symptomate: 61.5%, Your.MD: 64.5%, WebMD: 93.0%. Top-3 suggestion accuracy was GPs (average): 82.1%±5.2%, Ada: 70.5%, Babylon: 32.0%, Buoy: 43.0%, K Health: 36.0%, Mediktor: 36.0%, Symptomate: 27.5%, WebMD: 35.5%, Your.MD: 23.5%. Some apps excluded certain user demographics or conditions and their performance was generally greater with the exclusion of corresponding vignettes. For safe urgency advice, tested GPs had an average of 97.0%±2.5%. For the vignettes with advice provided, only three apps had safety performance within 1 SD of the GPs—Ada: 97.0%, Babylon: 95.1%, Symptomate: 97.8%. One app had a safety performance within 2 SDs of GPs—Your.MD: 92.6%. Three apps had a safety performance outside 2 SDs of GPs—Buoy: 80.0% (p<0.001), K Health: 61.3% (p<0.001), Mediktor: 67.3% (p=1.3×10<sup>-3</sup>).  
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**INTRODUCTION**  
 Against the background of an ageing population and rising pressure on medical services, the last decade has seen the internet replace general practitioners (GPs) as the first port of call for health information. A 2010 survey of over 12 000 people from 12 countries reported that 75% of respondents search for health information online,<sup>1</sup> with some two-thirds of patients in 2017 reporting that they 'google' their symptoms before going to the doctor's office.<sup>2</sup> However, online search tools like Google or Bing were not intended to provide medical advice and risk offering irrelevant or misleading information.<sup>3</sup> One potential solution is dedicated symptom assessment applications (ie, apps),<sup>4-6</sup> which use a structured interview or multiple-choice format to ask patients questions about their demographic, relevant medical history, symptoms, and presentation. In the first few screening questions, some symptom assessment apps

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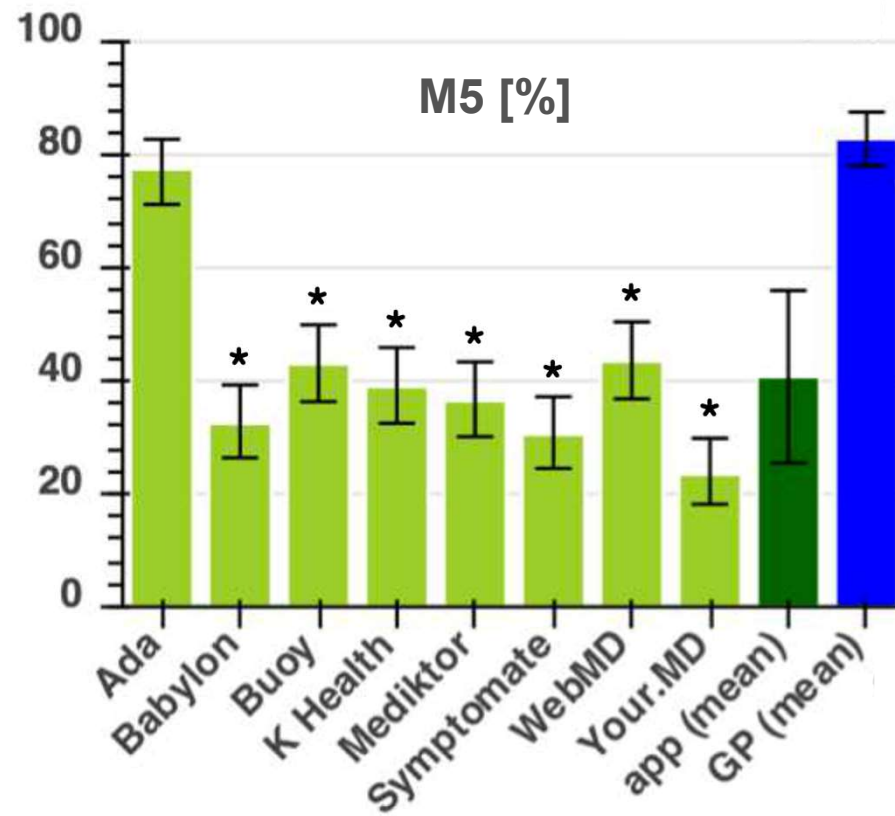
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## KI kann sogar komplexe Erkrankungen erkennen



'Hi my name is Alyssa & for years I was having this sharp lower abdominal pain. I saw so many doctors & had so many tests & surgeries to try & figure out what was wrong, it started to take over my life. I couldn't work, I couldn't go to school & it was putting a lot of stress on my home life. Eventually I just gave up & tried to learn to live with this constant pain, then one day while on facebook I saw an ad for Ada & decided to give it try, I went through the whole process & finally she gave me the result of functional abdominal pain or **CAPS\*** & while I read the symptoms & treatments I started to cry because finally, finally something was able to tell me what was wrong! I know she isn't a real doctor but I went to a real doctor with this info & now I'm getting help that I've needing for years & I just want to thank you so much! ♡

\*Cryopyrin-Associated Autoinflammatory Syndrome



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Quite a well designed app. Use it whenever I'm presenting signs and symptoms outside of the general sickness spectrum. Even helped me identify quite a serious thing ([Crohn's Disease](#)), which got me into the hospital and getting the treatment I will need. 19.3.2017

I tested this app to see if it could diagnose me with SLE ([Lupus](#)). I put in all my symptoms (around 20) that I deal with on a daily basis dealing with Lupus and sure enough the first option was SLE. It blew my mind! Always consult your doctor and seek medical attention when applicable, this is just an app. 1.4.2017

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Seriously I have a [fairly rare condition](#) and I put in my symptoms and such it actually came up with my condition. this is truly amazing I defiantly will refer people to use it and I will absolutely continue to use it. ☺ 26.5.2017

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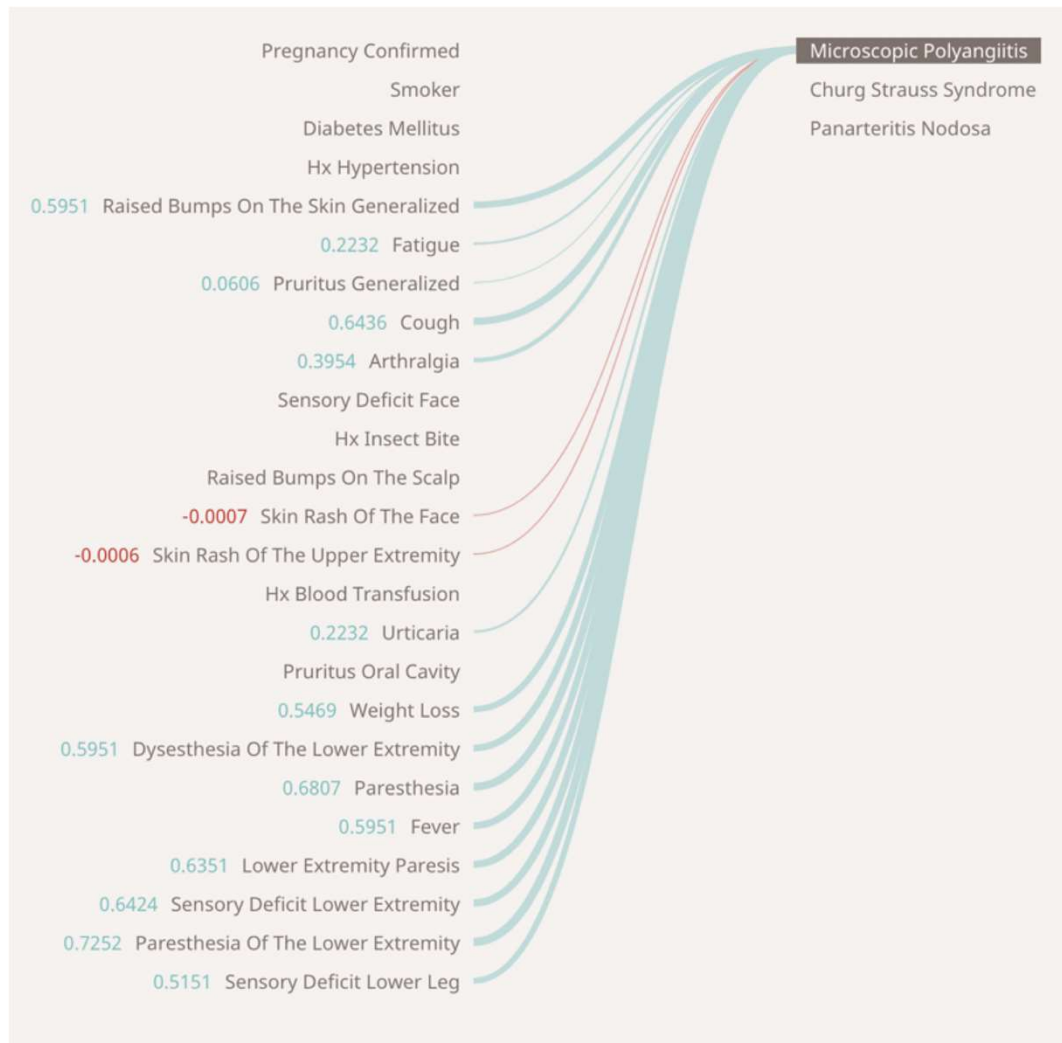
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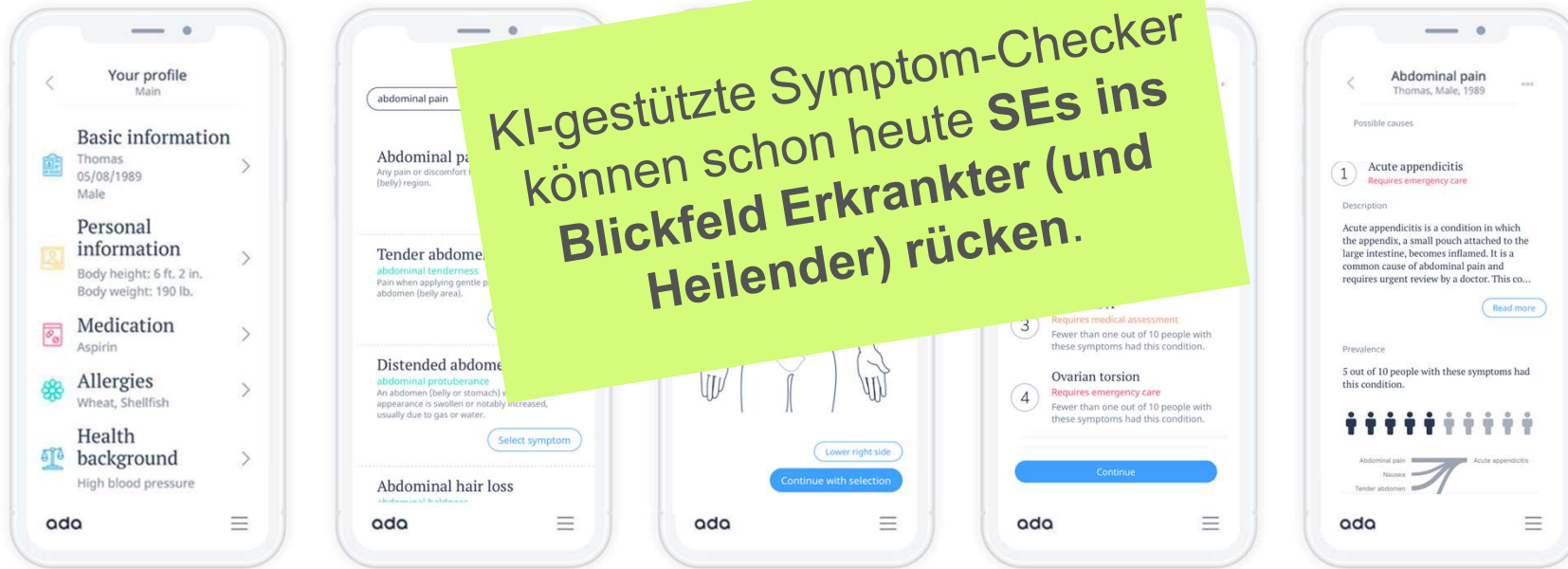




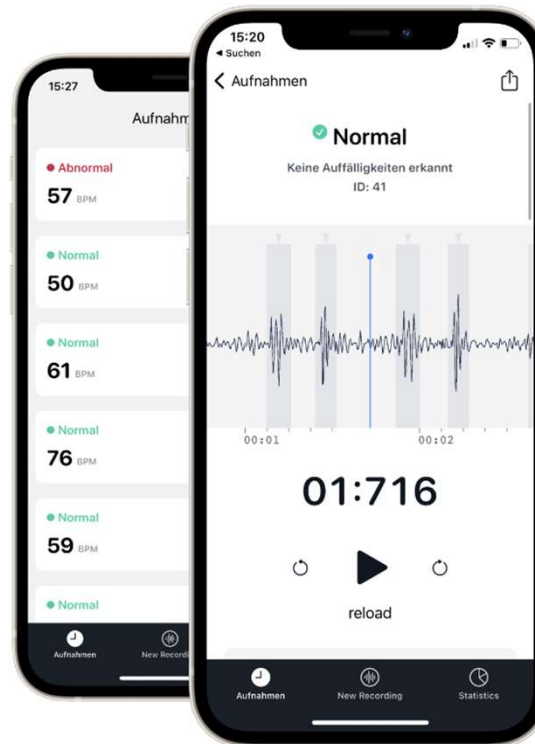
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# Fazit KI-basierte Symptom Checker



# Smartphone-Mikrofon mit KI auskultiert Herz und Lunge



PhysioNet Search

Database Open Access

### The CirCor DigiScope Phonocardiogram Dataset

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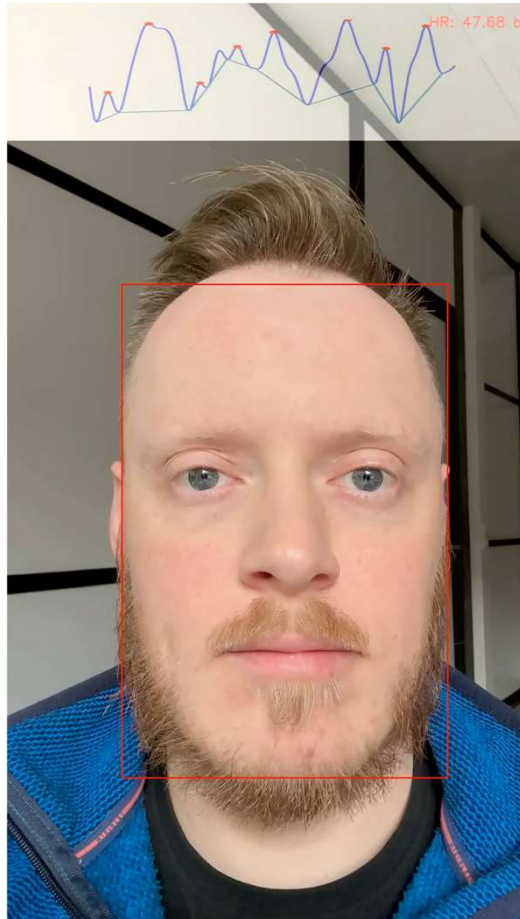
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**96 %**  
Gesamtgenauigkeit

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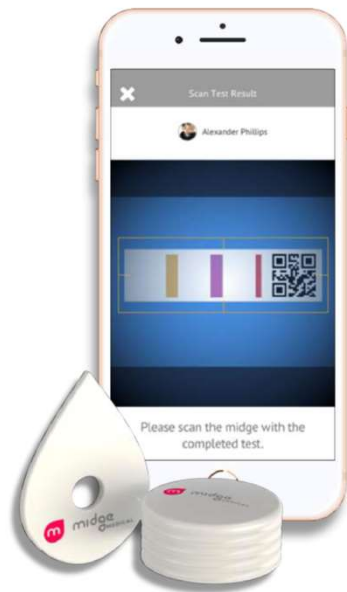
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# Smartphone-Kamera mit KI misst kontaktlos Blut- und Atemfrequenz





# Messung von Blutwerten zuhause



Midge holds a cleaning pad cover to disinfect skin surface.



Patient applies the device:  
1 A lancet penetrates the skin and extracts up to 15  $\mu$ l of blood;  
2 Blood sample flows into a microfluidic reactor and through the Lateral Flow Assay.



The results are processed and evaluated using a smart phone.



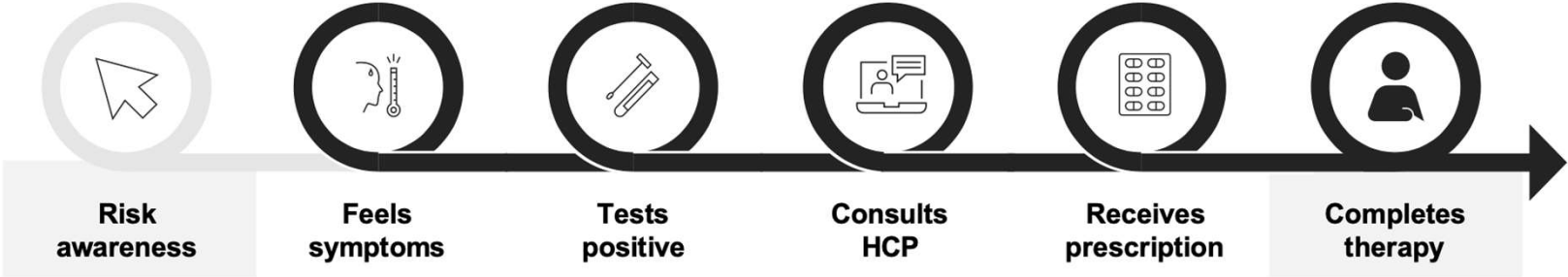


# Fazit



In Kombination mit Sensoren, einfachen Blutwerten und Zeitreihen werden Symptom-Checker eine immer wichtigere Vordiagnostik liefern.

# Patient targeting



KI-Symptom Checker  
eigenen sich schon heute  
zum Patient-Targeting.

Und was ist mit Large Language Models (LLM) wie GPT4 oder Med-Palm 2?



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LLMs werden natürliche Sprach-Interfaces ermöglichen





**Vitalwerte**  
kontaktlos messen

**Informationen**  
kontaktlos erheben  
(Verwaltungsdaten,  
Anamneseinfos, Sonstiges)

**Ersteinschätzung** vornehmen





Notaufnahme  
Eingang



Kinderärztlicher  
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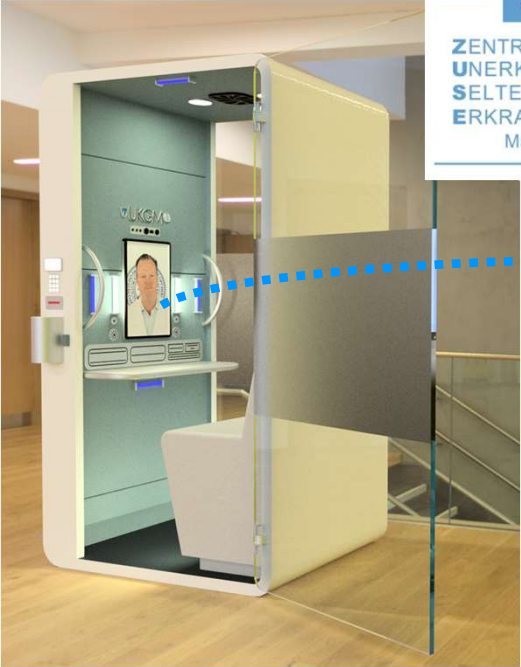


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# KI gestützte Anamnese und Falleinschätzung im ZusE



**ZENTRUM FÜR  
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**KIS+**

Case 79 Male 52 years

Simon Ronicke

Search findings

- Erosions and ulcerations of the duodenum
- Helicobacter pylori in stomach/duodenum
- Sub-mucosal edema
- Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
- CRP, elevated
- Gastroesophageal reflux
- Heartburn
- Anti-Saccharomyces cerevisiae antibodies
- Gastrin level, elevated
- Excessive gastrin elevation after secretin infusion
- Enterocolitis

Search conditions

- Chronic gastritis
- Crohn's disease
- Zollinger-Ellison syndrome
- Ulcerative colitis
- Stomach cancer
- Zollinger-Ellison syndrome
- Peptic ulcer disease
- Crohn's disease
- Stomach cancer
- Perforated peptic ulcer
- Chronic radiation enteritis

Microscopic Polyangiitis

Churg Strauss Syndrome

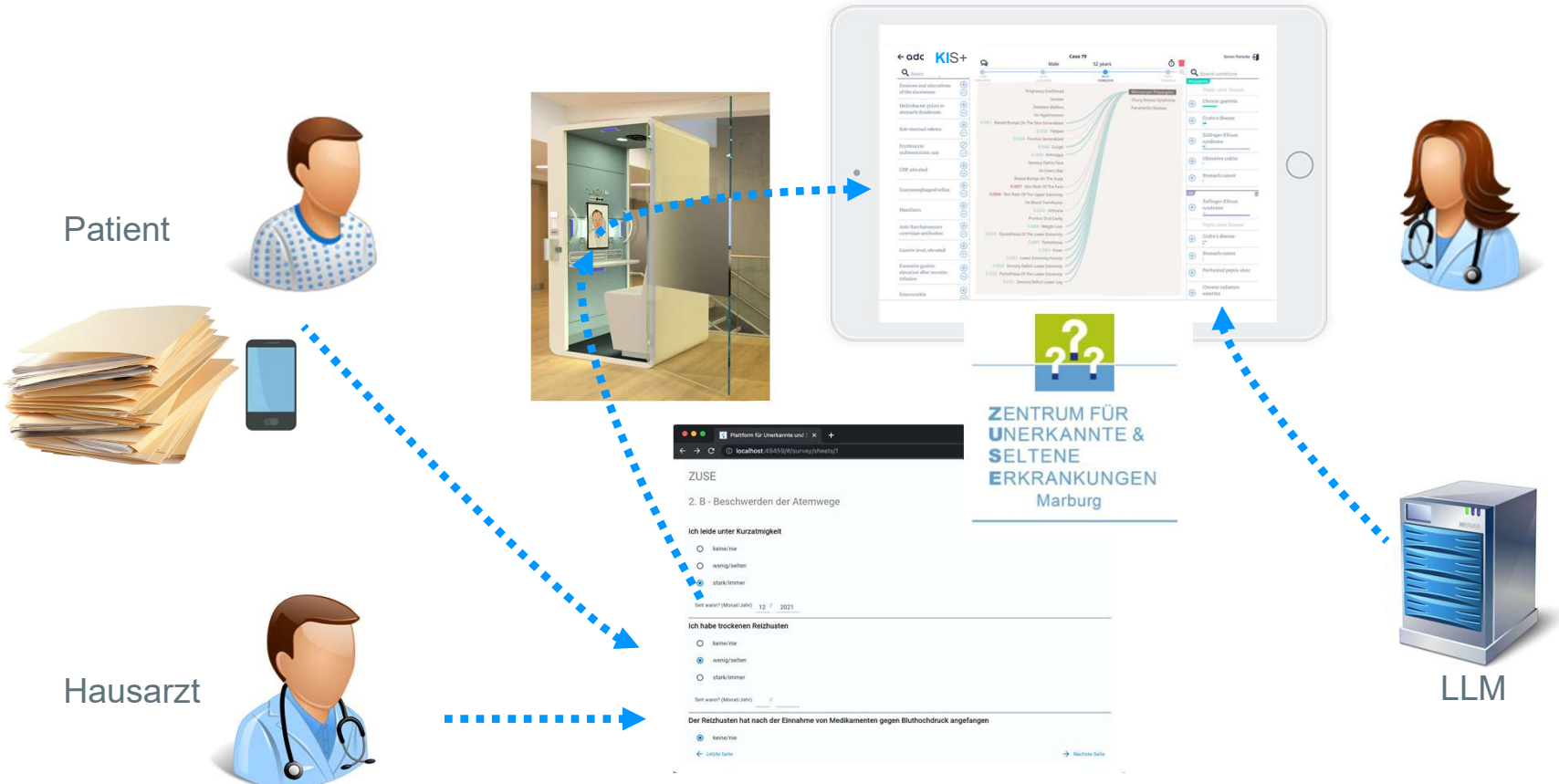
Panarteritis Nodosa

Probability





# KI gestützte Anamnese und Falleinschätzung im Zuse





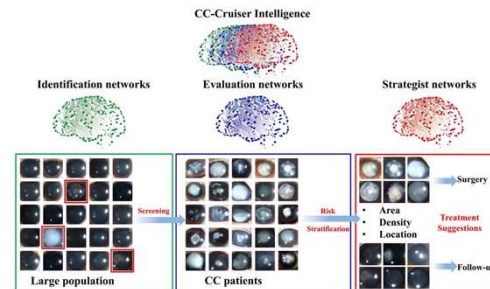
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Ich sehe vor allem drei Möglichkeiten, Nutzen zu stiften:

## ✓ Pre-diagnostic Hints & Patient Targeting



## ✓ Erkennen von SEs in spezifischen Kontexten



## ✓ Diagnostic Decision Support in SE-Zentren





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