

# WG2: Benchmark datasets & DREAM Challenge

Summary - June 8, 2023

## Main themes for WG2:

1. Benchmark datasets
2. DREAM challenge
3. Supporting the other working groups

# WG2: Benchmark datasets & DREAM Challenge

## **Milestones**

M2.1: Agreement and description of benchmark data to acquire (Y1Q3)

M2.2: Uploaded benchmark data on the Web-portal (Y2Q2)

M2.3-4: DREAM Challenge announced (Y2Q2) and closed (Y2Q4)

## **Deliverables**

D2.1: A list of suitable benchmark data to be acquired and their sources

D2.2: Public benchmark data at Web-portal with descriptive documentation

D2.3-4: Two publications/reports associated to the DREAM Challenge

# 1. Benchmark datasets



## Introduction

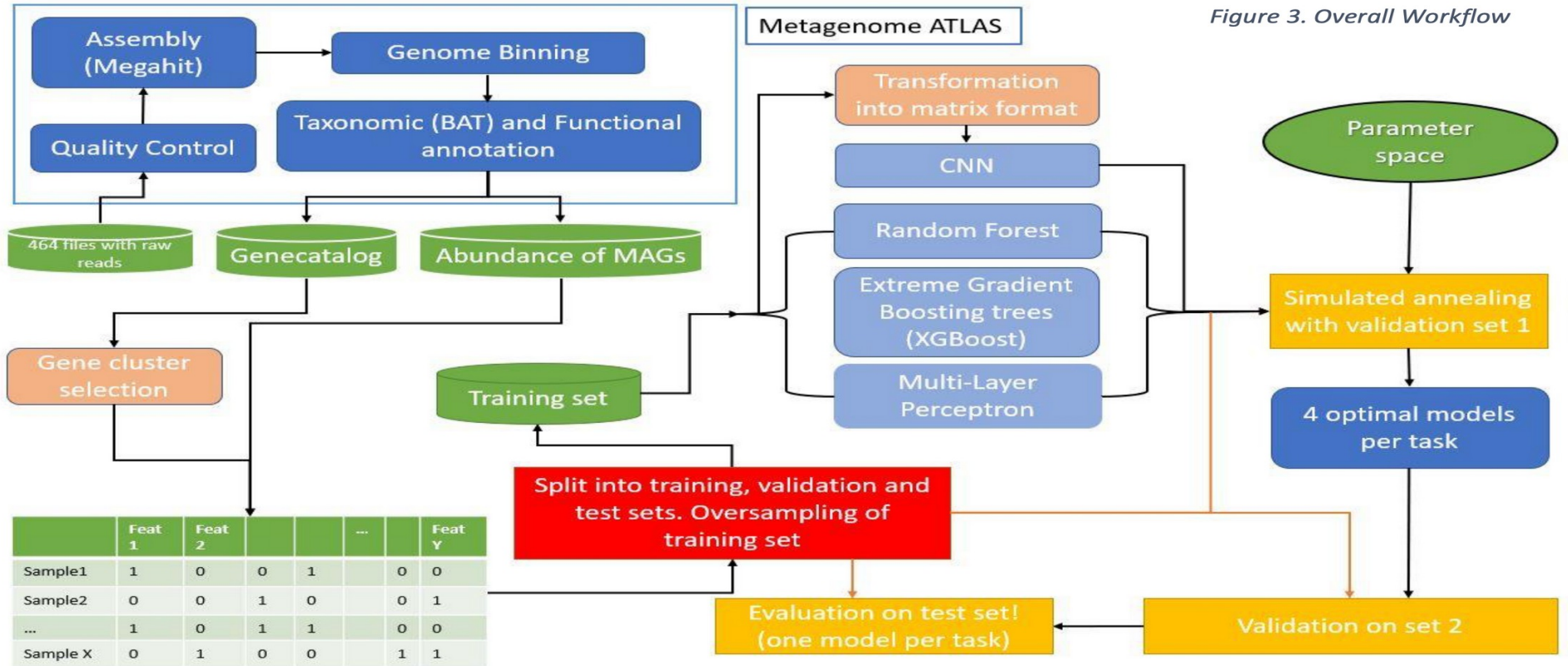
The Human Gut Microbiome Atlas (HGMA) provides i) quantitative information of global shotgun metagenomics of human gut microbiome ii) function/phenotype information of the human gut-associated metagenomic species pan-genomes (MSP) and iii) provide global map of human gut microbiome. Global shotgun metagenomics of normal human gut microbiome from 20 countries are presented with i) species abundance, ii) gene richness and iii) enterotypes. In addition, comprehensive analysis enabled the identification of species enriched/depleted in 23 different diseases with functions/phenotype of respective species, detailing the dysbiosis in gut microbiome composition.

## Geography

Global shotgun metagenomics provide a detailed understanding of regional variations of human gut microbiome similar to the genetic variations between different human populations. The Human Gut Microbiome Atlas presented the species abundance of 20 countries in five different continents. Navigating the list of region-enriched or disease-associated species, variations of normal and disease populations can be explored at the species summary page.



# Processing using Metagenome ATLAS and various ML methods



Available matrices: taxons vs samples and genes vs samples



# HUMAN GUT MICROBIOME ATLAS

<https://www.microbiomeatlas.org/>





Sensitivity of human biomedical data – sequencing and metadata - became a bottleneck for the collection and open sharing.

Implications:

- Limitations on the web portal & training activities
- Redesign of the DREAM challenge

## Solutions for data availability limitations

Collecting complementary data for training activities:

- CRC data compilation (with the other WGs)
- R/Bioconductor open microbiome data resources

DREAM challenge

- synthetic data generation for competition
- executed using a partner data set where we could run the experiments in-house

## 2. DREAM challenges



# Heart Failure Prediction: Microbiome FINRISK DREAM Challenge



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**TASK:** time-to-event predictions of the heart failure using a combination of the information from fecal microbiome composition and clinical data

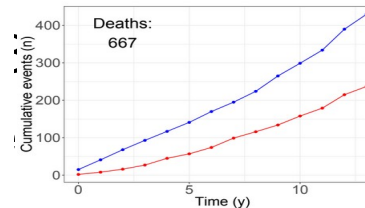
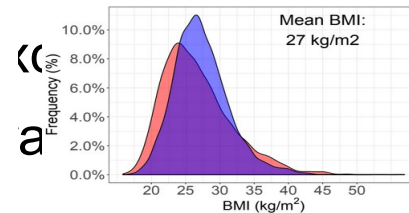
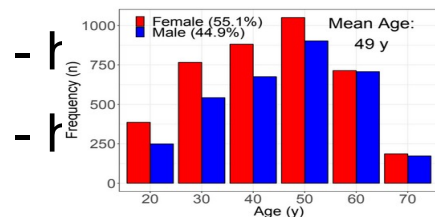
# Data summary: FINRISK2002

## Cohort

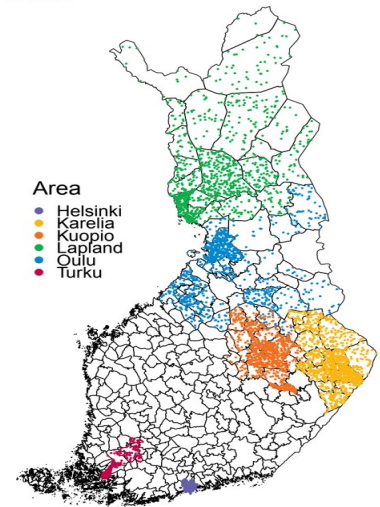
- 7231 adult stool samples (54% participation rate) *collected* in **2002**
- 17+ year follow up (in 2019)
- comprehensive health info from Finnish health registers (doctor visits, diagnoses, medication purchases..)

## Omics and clinical measurements

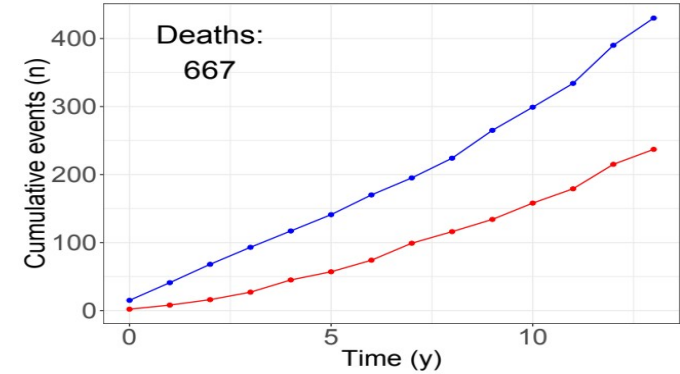
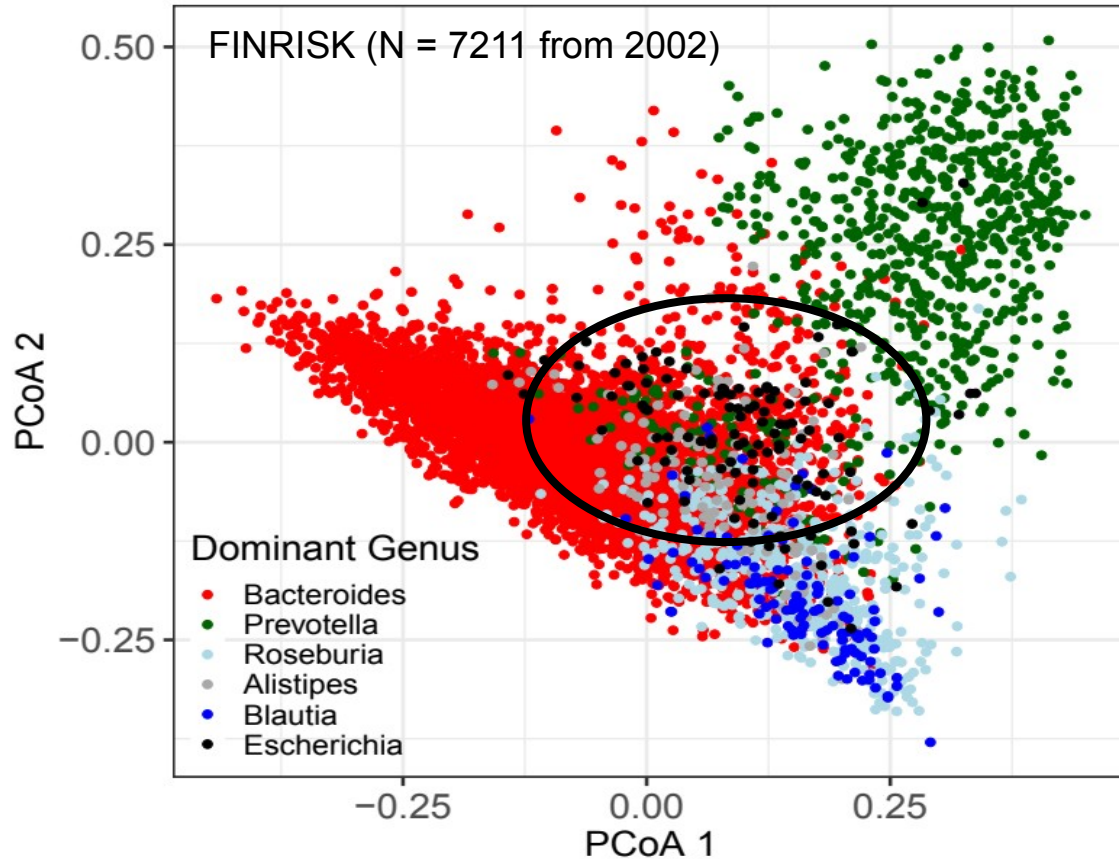
- **shallow shotgun metagenome** (~1M reads/sample)
- 16S
- stool metabolome (NMR & MS)



N=7231



# Predicting overall mortality risk in Finnish adult population



## Taxonomic signatures of cause-specific mortality risk in human gut microbiome

Aaro Salosensaari, Ville Laitinen, Aki S. Havulinna, Guillaume Meric, Susan Cheng, Markus Perola, Liisa Valsta, Georg Alifthan, Michael Inouye, Jeramie D. Watrous, Tao Long, Rodolfo A. Salido, Karenina Sanders, Caitriona Brennan, Gregory C. Humphrey, Jon G. Sanders, Mohit Jain, Pekka Jousilahti, Veikko Salomaa, Rob Knight, Leo Lahti  & Teemu Niiranen 

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# What is DREAM Challenge?

**Solving Problems. Together.**

- Pose Question
- Prepare Data
- Engage Solvers
- Evaluate Models
- Share Results

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**DREAM Challenges use crowd-sourcing to solve complex biomedical research questions**



# Open Challenges



## COugh Diagnostic Algorithm for Tuberculosis (CODA TB) DREAM Challenge

By [ambernelson](#) | September 28, 2022 | Categories: [Challenges](#), [Infectious Disease](#), [Open Challenge](#), [Pre-Register](#)

Register Tuberculosis (TB), a communicable disease



## Heart Failure Prediction: Microbiome

By [ambernelson](#) | September 21, 2022 | Categories: [Challenges](#), [Open Challenge](#)

Register Cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of

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## BraTS Continuous Evaluation

By [ambernelson](#) | June 6, 2022 | Categories: [Cancer](#), [Challenges](#), [Open Challenge](#) | Tags: [Cancer](#)

Register Brain tumors are among the deadliest types

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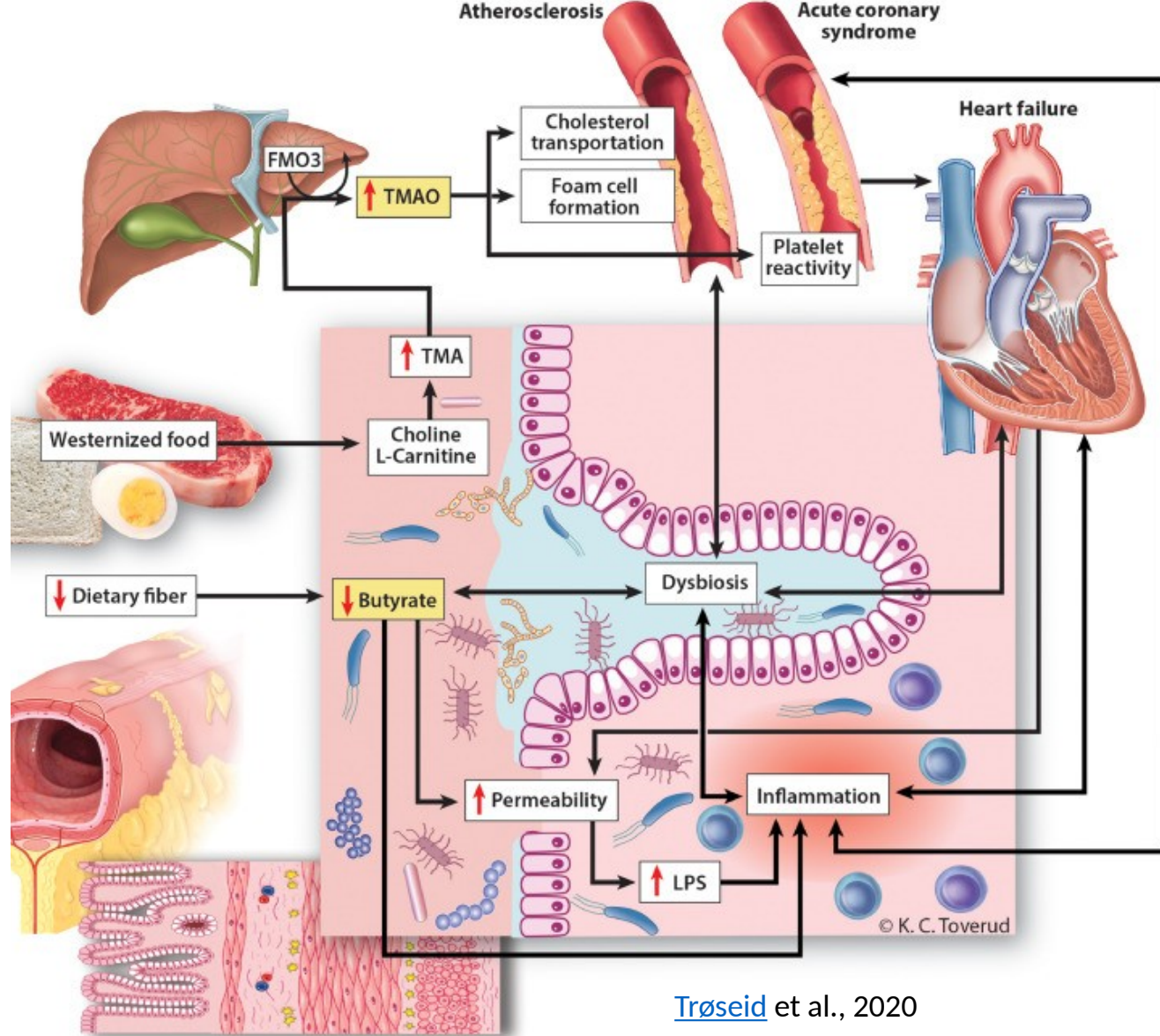


•More information: <https://dreamchallenges.org/>



# Can microbiome improve the predictions of heart failure?

- Heart failure remains difficult to diagnose due to the heterogeneity of the disease and a lack of agreement of diagnostic criteria
- The link between heart failure and the microbiome has long been postulated.
- Lack of study with temporal follow up



# Heart failure: pilot results

Conventional risk factors / microbiome (diff): RSF

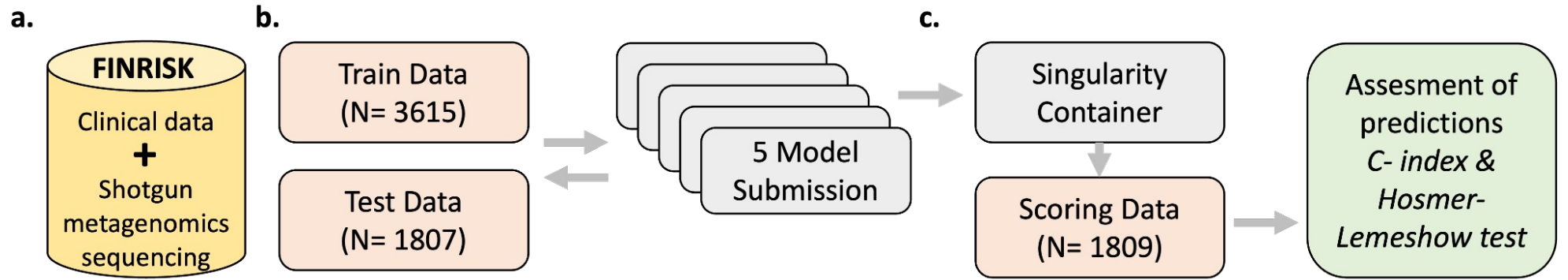
	Covariate set 1	Covariate set 2	Covariate set 3
HFAIL (N=478/6053)	76.3/79.1 (2.9)	80.3/81.4 (1.1)	82.8/83.0 (0.2)
HFAIL_STRICT (N=242/6094)	78.4/80.2 (1.9)	82.1/82.5 (0.4)	83.1/83.1 (0)
DEATH (N=715/6172)	77.0/79.4 (2.4)	80.9/81.8 (0.9)	81.8/81.9 (0.1)

1) Age & Sex

2) + Sys BP, BP treatment, prev. CHD (N=181; excl?), smoker, nonHDL cholesterol

3) + BMI, prevalent Diabetes, prevalent heart problems, (alcohol consumption?)

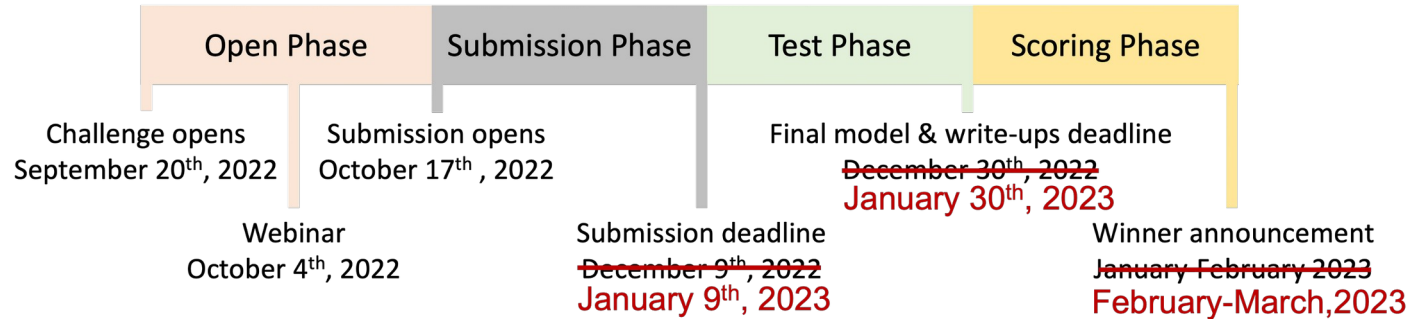
# FINRISK DREAM Challenge Workflow



Scan for more info



<https://synapse.org/finrisk>



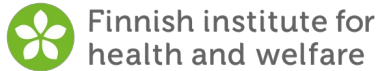
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### 3. Supporting the other working groups

## **Support for other WGs**

WG 1 State-of-the-art evaluation and update

WG 2 Benchmark data & DREAM Challenge

WG 3 Optimisation and standardisation

WG 4 Dissemination and training

# Orchestrating Microbiome Analysis

**Authors:** Leo Lahti [aut], Sudarshan Shetty [aut], Felix GM Ernst [aut, cre]

**Version:** 0.98.9

**Modified:** 2021-04-10

**Compiled:** 2021-07-29

**Environment:** R version 4.1.0 (2021-05-18), Bioconductor 3.14

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**Source:** <https://github.com/microbiome/OMA>

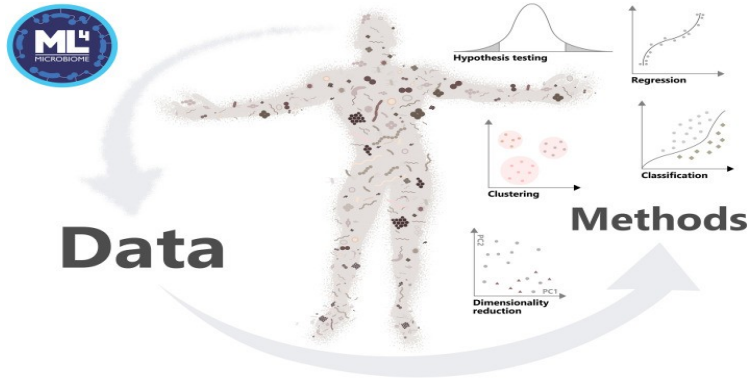


Figure source: Moreno-Indias et al. (2021) Statistical and Machine Learning Techniques in Human Microbiome Studies: Contemporary Challenges and Solutions. *Frontiers in Microbiology* 12:11.

## WG2 contributions to training activities

### Courses & events:

2022

- Tirana, Albania
- Oulu, Finland
- Nijmegen, NL
- Barcelona, Spain

2023

- Utrecht, NL
- Oulu, Finland
- Nijmegen, NL

ML4microbiome data case studies

## Recent Outreach Activities

- 1) **International Human Microbiome Congress (IHMC) 2023.**  
FINRISK DREAM challenge. Ece Kartal.
- 2) (upcoming) **ISMB/EECB** Microbiome COSI track 23-27.7.2023,  
talk and poster(with Ece Kartal): Predicting Incident Heart Failure  
from the Microbiome: The FINRISK DREAM challenge
- 3) The 14th Finnish Gut Day 26.1.2023, poster presentations:  
Predicting Incident Heart Failure from the Microbiome: The FINRISK  
DREAM challenge
- 4) Finnish Bioinformatics Day 25.5.2023, talk: Predicting Incident  
Heart Failure from the Microbiome: The FINRISK DREAM challenge



# WG2 overview of the completed activities

## 1) Deliverables

D2.1-2.2: Benchmark data, documentation & web-portal

## 2) DREAM challenge preparations

## 3) Support for the other WGs

- Hosted STSM / virtual mobility (e..g Norway → Finland)
- Short research visits (e.g. Finland → NL)
- Training (Tirana, Oulu, Barcelona 10/22, Nijmegen 7/2021-2023, Utrecht)

## 4) August 2022 MC & WG meeting coordination

Aug 29-31 Turku, Finland

## 5) Outreach: IHMC, ISMB, ...

More detailed & extensive report in preparation.

# Impact & Outputs

## **Data**

- Human Gut Metagenome Atlas; CRC data compilation; R/Bioconductor public demo data sets; Synthetic data and baseline model generated for DREAM challenge

## **Preprints / in prep.**

- Human Gut Microbiome Atlas; DREAM publications

## **Conferences**

- IHMC, ISMB, local events

## **Training**

- Contributions to 7 training events in 4 countries

# Special thanks

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David Cabrero-Gomez, Saeed Shoaie, Laurent Falquet..

D2.3-D2.4 DREAM challenge

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