

LUng Cancer-related risk factors and their Impact Assessment

### LUCIA: Understanding Lung Cancer Related **Risk Factor and their Impact**

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## **Quick Facts**

- Lung cancer (LC) is the biggest cancer killer worldwide.
- Every 30 seconds, someone, somewhere in the world dies of LC.
- The current five-year survival rate following diagnosis of all types of LC is 21% (17% for men and 24% for women).
- Five-year survival rate for some of the LC types varies between 5% (small cell LC) to 25% for non-small cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC).

# The Challenge

Poor knowledge of risk factors and cellular processes associated with LC.



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"The Findings: A new study by the Institute of Medicine cites that more than 5% of diagnoses are in error, translating to 70,000 to 80,000 deaths directly from misdiagnosis."

"Nearly every person will experience a diagnostic error in their lifetime"

### PATIENTS

- Clinical benefit (patient safety)
- Patient empowerment
- Satisfaction
- Value of knowing and deciding

RERD

### HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

#### ECONOMIC EFFICIENCIES

- Patient triage
- Avoided cost of disease progression
- Waiting time
- Avoided advers events
- (Re-)hospitalisation
- Shift to community care

### HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

PATIENT MANAGEMENT

TIZEN

### HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- Turn around time
- Operational costs
- · Quality (reliability, reproducibility)





# **Failures in the Diagnostic Process**





#### 20% COMMUNICATION AMONG PROVIDERS • Regarding the patient's

- Failure to read medical
- record
- Poor professional relationship/rapport
- Handoffs



- Regarding clinical findings
- Review of care
  Clinical rational
- Clinical rationale

Source: The Sullivan Group





### **Factors Involved in Failure to Diagnose Cases**

85% of claims in ED diagnosis-related malpractice claims cite an inadequate assessment.



Source: The Sullivan Group



### The Need

• To establish risk factor assessment tools for LC and its sub categories, including less frequent forms of LC, to gain a better understanding of LC as a disease.

### Why it's important?

- Allow to better orient public health policies towards more effective LC screening and diagnosis pathways.
- Understanding the molecular basis through which risk factors act to foster the genesis and progression of LC will identify new avenues for therapeutic intervention, particularly for less common and rare types of LC.



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4	Fundació Centre de Regulació Genómica	CNAG	ACA	Spain
5	Fundación Centro de Tecnología de Interacción Visual y Comunicaciones Vicomtech	VICOM	RES	Spain
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8	University of Ulster	ULSTER	ACA	UK
9	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	UPM	ACA	Spain
10	Bilbomatica S.A.	BILB	IND	Spain
11	Latvijas Universitate	LU	HOS	Latvia
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13	Servicio Andaluz de Salud	SAS	HOS	Spain
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Quick Facts: Partners: 22 Countries: 9 Clinical centers: 6 Academy: 6 SMEs: 6 Industry: 1 RTD: 2 RES: 1





### **Objectives and Ambitions**

LUCIA aims to develop a toolbox for studying and understanding risk factors and causes of LC via three complementary domains that feed into each other: (i) the **personal risk factors**; (ii) the **external risk factors**; and (iii) the **cellular processes**.

	To identify and use relevant comprehensive databases comprising clinical LC studies,
SO1	biobanks and registries, demographics, lifestyle, and exposure, and others to support
	LC risk factor assessment tools.

To work with patients, healthcare providers and policy makers to define the
 SO2 specifications and requirements of AI tools for the identification and modelling of risk
 factors and health determinants relevant to LCs and their progression.





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	out for a comprehensive insight of the risk factors impact on cellular pathways.
SO4	Integrate the retrospective and prospective information with LC-related polygenic
	scoring, epidemiological analysis for mapping risk factors and their effect on LC.
SO5	Use the risk factor mapping from SO4 to develop a systematic understanding of cellular
	processes that lead to subtypes of LC and their progression, and to define
	mechanistically how novel risk factors promote transformation.
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	prospective observational cohort studies.
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	with EU-funded initiatives.



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#### Assessment of Lung Cancer (LC) Risk Factors

#### **Understanding Cellular Pathway**















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## Implementation Strategy





**Project and Innovation Management** 



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# Data Collection and Integration





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### Data Management





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30%

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European Commission

BMC Cancer

**22,** 475 (2022)

Awareness/ Prevention

Awareness measures **Risk factors** 

> Preventive measures

This initial search feels extremely overwhelming for many patients -People with NSCLC are desperate & eager to, but are guickly intimidated by

the amount of information available and by all the unfamiliar medical terms

Nearly all patients were discouraged by the survival statistics they found online



CT Scan X-ray

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Bronchoscopies

Biopsies

X-rays & CT-scans were mentioned as preliminary tests followed by bronchoscopy & biopsy as the confirmatory techniques. At diagnostic stage patients were found to be overwhelmed with the available stories, statistics or critical opinions about other patients' online



146

35%

but quickly learn about all

available treatments'

options - including

chemo, radiation or

treatment is, the

safety risks

targeted therapy. They

want to learn what the

likelihood of success and

Challenges at work and social life Insurance and

20%

financial burden

#### Diet

Recurrence was often discussed as a precursor to other treatment options. Relapsed cancer Patients sought advice & support in forums

Remission/Recovery

Positive Hope

Fear of

Once patients gather an understanding of what treatment is, they then want to uncover patients' stories, experiences, and perceptions of treatment. For this, they turn back to their community-based sites

Patients are passive and focus on learning and expanding their knowledge

21%

Symptoms

Pain in the shoulder

back, neck

Shortness

of breath

Fatigue

Weight loss



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Thank you for listening

# **Questions? & Answers**

LUCIA (Horizon Europe) KICK-OFF MEETING 1-2.02.2023







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