



Mapping ICD-10 Codes for Oncology Diseases to OncoTree: Lessons Learned

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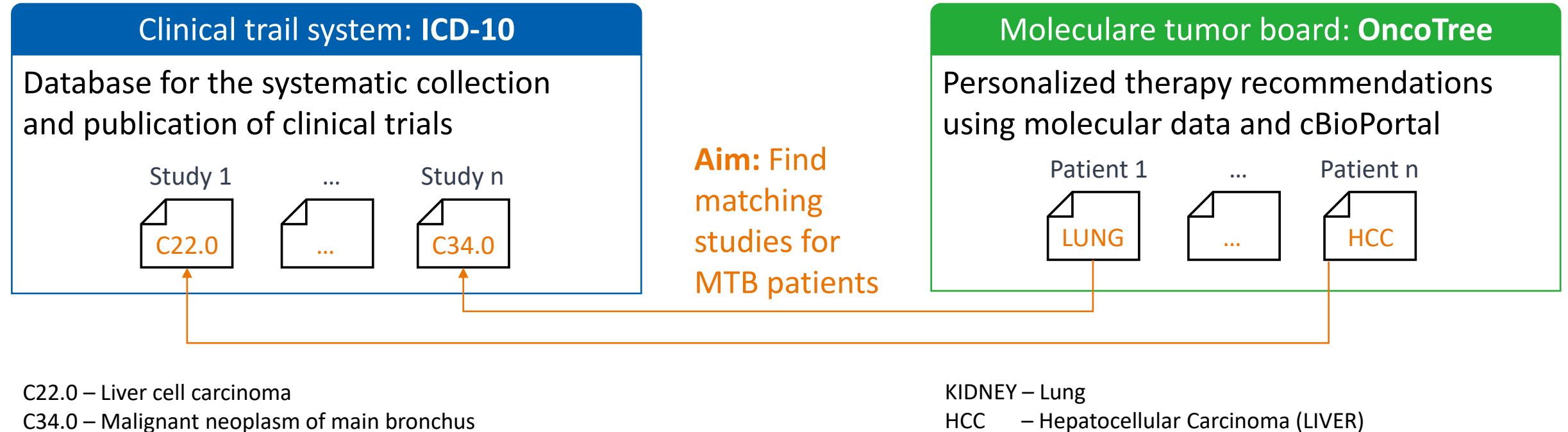
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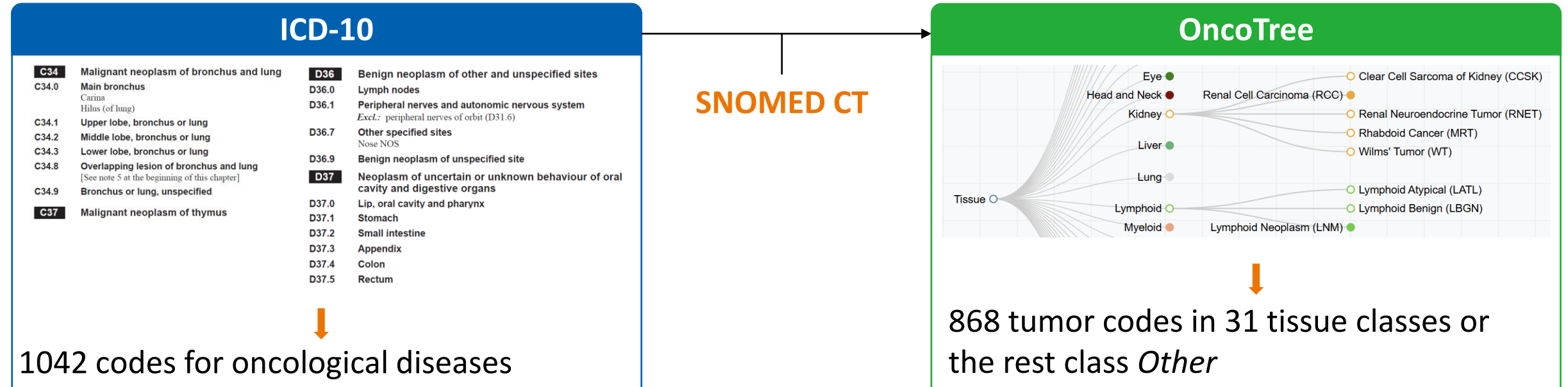
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1 Initial situation



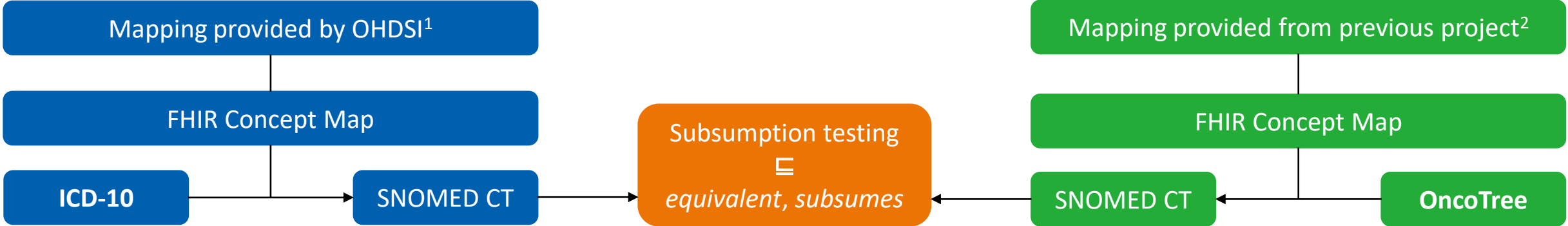
2 Mapping with intermediate step SNOMED CT



Previous work:

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3 Methods



EXAMPLE:



¹ OHDSI. Athena – OHDSI Vocabularies Repository [Internet]. [cited 2025 Jul 29]. Available from: <https://athena.ohdsi.org/search-terms/start>

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4 Results

- Manual validation by experts

Validation	Results
ICD-10 to SNOMED CT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accuracy of 97.81 %
OncoTree to SNOMED CT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Created in a previous project by a medical PhD student• No critical deviations and already revised
Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1,042 ICD-10 codes successfully mapped• 79 distinct OncoTree codes used• Accuracy of 86.18 %

5 Discussion

1. Discrepancies in the structure of the coding systems

- OncoTree: Pragmatic clinical design
- ICD-10 + SNOMED CT: Strict logical hierarchies
- Example: Bronchus tumors assigned to *LUNG* in OncoTree, but no subtype relation in SCT

5 Discussion

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2. **No Finding site in pre-coordinated SNOMED CT concepts**
 - OncoTree: Post-coordinated with *Finding site* and *Associated morphology*
 - SNOMED CT pre-coordinated concepts: Missing topography, especially in leukemias
 - Possible improvements:
 - Re-check *OTHER*-category ICD-10 codes
 - Temporarily ignore topography in OncoTree
 - Build ICD-10 codes as post-coordinated expressions

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3. **Less precise mapping from ICD-10 to SNOMED CT**
 - Example: *C44.2* (Other and unspecified malignant neoplasm of *skin of ear* and external auricular canal)
Mapped to broader *Malignant neoplasm of ear*
More precise: *Primary malignant neoplasm of skin of ear*
 - Future step: Review and refine existing mappings

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4. **Comparison: ICD-O vs. ICD-10 mapping**
 - Less specific mapping with ICD-10 due to its broader, less granular structure

6 Conclusion

- Mapping approach effectively assigns ICD-10 codes to OncoTree using SNOMED CT and FHIR service *\$subsumes*
- ConceptMap is open source for broader use and sharing
- Identified challenges offer valuable insights for future improvements
- Supports easier patient data integration, personalized therapies, and improved oncology workflows



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