



User Manual

User Manual and General
Instructions for researchers
finding CENTER-TBI data in
Mica and Opal

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1. Introduction

The CENTER-TBI study data were collected in 69 sites in Europe, Israel, India, and Australia.

- The **CENTER-TBI (Europe and Israel)** dataset is composed of two parts:
 - The CENTER-TBI Registry (n= 22 782)
 - The CENTER-TBI Core (n= 4509)

- The **OzENTER (Australia)** dataset is composed of one part:
 - The OzENTER Core (n= 198)

- The **CINTER-TBI India** dataset is composed of two parts:
 - The CINTER-TBI India Registry (n= 3 904)
 - The CINTER-TBI India Core (n= 1 046)

The *Registry dataset* serves to validate and generalize results of the Core dataset.

All datasets were collected using the same e-CRF and the same inclusion criteria. The Australian and Indian dataset are more limited than the European dataset. For logistic reasons, not all variables from CENTER-TBI have been captured in the dataset of Australia and India.

This is a non-exhaustive list of data that was not or less captured in Australia:

- only ICU stratum (no ER or ADM stratum)
- only CT scans in acute phase (no MRI substudy)
- no lab sampling performed
- only waiver of consent, no confirmation of consent
- no registration of other studies, other registries or associated trials
- no physician concern recorded in TIL
- only 6 and 12month outcome
- only GOSE and SF-12 performed as outcome assessments (at 6/12 month only)
 - this means: no capture of follow up surgical data, follow up medications, follow up rehab data, follow up socio-economic data, ...

This is a non-exhaustive list of data that was not or less captured in CINTER (India):

- only CT scans in acute phase (no MRI substudy)
- no lab sampling performed
- no registration of ICD codes
- no brain monitoring
- only 3 and 6 month outcome
- only questionnaires performed as outcome assessments (at 3/6 month)
- Structured Reporting of CT scans not performed (yet)

For the Core dataset, sites were able to participate in one or more of the three strata that are differentiated according to care path:

- Patients seen in the Emergency Room and discharged [ER]
- Patients primarily admitted to the hospital ward (non-ICU) [Adm]
- Patients primarily admitted to the ICU [ICU]

Important remark: the stratum is allocated at presentation based on planned care paths. However, possibility exist that a patient allocated to for example the ER stratum, was still admitted to WARD or ICU in a later stage of his care path due to worsening.

In addition, a number of sub-studies were performed: some patients received extensive MRI imaging and some patients received High Resolution monitoring. Inclusion in these sub-studies was centre specific.

Patients in the Core dataset had extensive follow up assessments that could go up to 2 years after enrolment. The type and timepoints of follow up assessments depend on the strata and sub-studies (see below overview).

Type A: questionnaires only	Type B: questionnaires + neuropsychological assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participant Q A - GOSE questionnaire - GOSE interview - SF12 - SF36 - Qolibri - PCL-5 - RPQ - PHQ-9 - GAD-7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participant Q A - GOSE questionnaire - GOSE interview - SF12 - SF36 - Qolibri - PCL-5 - RPQ - PHQ-9 - GAD-7 - Participant Q B - GOAT - RAVLT - TMT + RAVLT - Mobility - CRS-R

	2-3 wks	3 months	6 months	12 months	24 months
ER non MR*	A	A	B		
ER MR*	B	B	B		
Adm non MR*		A	B	A	
Adm MR*	A	A	B	B	B
ICU non MR*		A	B	A	
ICU MR*		A	B	B	B

*non MR: patient did not receive extensive MRI imaging / MR: patient did receive extensive MRI imaging

See previous table for A (type A) and B (type B) specifications

The overall time points of assessments and investigations differentiated by stratum and sub-studies is presented below. **You can find an interactive version of this table on the last page of this document.**

CENTER-TBI Core Data Collection : Guide to timing of assessments and investigations differentiated by stratum + Early MR imaging + Ultra early MR + External completion studies

TIME POINT	Day 1 (Adm)*	Post-op	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	2-3 Week	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month	24 Month
ER STRATUM: 1800											
Clinical data : on presentation/discharge ER and at time of follow-up											
Blood Sampling	Routine hospital	All									
	Biomarkers	All					MR Sites	MR Sites ²			
	Genetics	All									
	ROTEM/TEG ³										
MRI (only MR sites)	Ultra early MR										
							MR Sites	MR Sites ²			
Outcome Measures	Neuropsych						MR Sites	MR Sites ²	All		
	Questionnaires						All	All(F2F)	All		
ADMISSION STRATUM: 1800											
Clinical data : on presentation, day 1-7, day 10, day 14, day 21 and day 28 unless discharge earlier											
Blood Sampling	Routine hospital	All					MR Sites		All	MR Sites	MR Sites
	Biomarkers	All									
	Genetics	All									
	Ext. Coag ³	Ext. Coag ⁴									
MRI (only MR sites)	Ultra early MR										
							MR Sites		MR Sites	MR Sites	MR Sites
Outcome Measures	Neuropsych								All	MR Sites	MR Sites
	Questionnaires						MR Sites	All	All	All	MR Sites
ICU STRATUM: 1800											
Clinical data : on presentation, day 1-7, day 10, day 14, day 21 and day 28 unless discharge earlier											
Blood Sampling	Routine hospital	All		All	All	All					
	Biomarkers	All		All	HR ICU	HR ICU	MR Sites		All	MR Sites	MR Sites
	Genetics	All									
	Ext. Coag ³	Ext. Coag ³	Ext. Coag ³								
MRI (only MR sites)	Ultra early MR										
							MR Sites		MR Sites	MR Sites	MR Sites
Outcome Measures	Neuropsych								All	MR Sites	MR Sites
	Questionnaires							All	All	All	MR Sites

CORE DATA

MR

Ultra Early MR

HR ICU

Extended Coagulation

Day 1 = Defined as day of Admission; in most cases this will be the same as day of injury, but in some (those patients presenting in the evening) it may be the next day.

Day 2 = Day after Admission

HR ICU: only sites participating in the HR ICU sub-study

² Initially target all patients scanned at 2-3 weeks, may later be restricted to only those with an abnormal MR at 2-3 weeks

³ only sites participating in the extended coagulation sub-study

CORE DATA

MR

Ultra Early MR

HR ICU

Extended Coagulation

2. Understanding e-CRF, forms and variables

As the CENTER-TBI data consists of a large number of variables (over 2500 clinical variables alone), it is important to have an understanding about the overall structure of the e-CRF, the different data collection forms, and the associated variables in order to identify the relevant variables and export them.

The main structure of the e-CRF consists of data related to:

- The patient type, injury, and enrolment
- The pre-hospital and presentation status
- Additional Ward or ICU data (depending on the type of patient)
- Additional MRI or HR ICU data (depending on the sub-studies performed)
- Transitions of care
- Treatment (labs, medication, surgery)
- Outcome assessments

More details can be found in the study protocol: Maas et al. Collaborative European NeuroTrauma Effectiveness Research in Traumatic Brain Injury (CENTER-TBI), *Neurosurgery*. 2015 Jan;76(1):67-80 doi: 10.1227/NEU.0000000000000575

The categories/domains used in the data collection regrouping variables are:

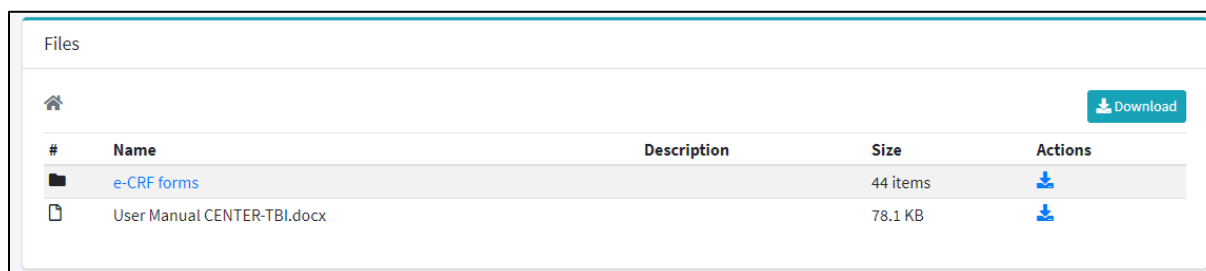
Domain/Dataset	Details
AIS	Abbreviated Injury Scale details
Biomarkers	Metadata and results from biomarkers samples
Brainmonitoring	Metadata from ICU files
CTMRI	Imaging CT/MRI details, contains data in session/experiment level. We recommend however using “Imaging” domain.
CentralHaemostasis	Metadata and results from Central Haemostasis samples
DailyTIL	Daily Therapy Intensity Level
Genetics	Metadata from genetics samples
Imaging	Imaging details, CTMRI domain contains data in session/experiment level, whereas Imaging domain has data in scan level. This also contains metadata from scans including header and QC information and structured reporting
InjuryHx	Injury details including details coming from Cause of injury, ER therapy and discharge, ER arrival status, Second insults, Neurological assessments and Behavioral history
Labs	Lab values coming from ICU, ER and Admission labs.
LabSampling	Blood sampling data collection details
FollowUp	Patient follow up details coming from Unscheduled follow up, Follow up appointments, ER Therapy and discharge, Hospital discharge forms
Hospital	Hospital discharge and ICU monitoring details






HourlyValues	Vitals measured every second hour
HourlyMeasurements	Hourly values in long format with datetime
MedHx	Medical History prior to the accident
Medication	Therapies and medications during the hospital stay
Meds	Medication during the hospital stay
Outcomes	Outcomes details coming from Follow up appointments, Outcome Assessments, Rivermead RPQ, Rivermead Assessment RPQ, GOSE Structured Interview, GOSE Questionnaire, QoLIBRIOS, QoLIBRI, GAD-7 Anxiety, PCL5, PHQ9 Depression, SF12, SF36, TMT RAVLT, 10m Walk & Timed Up and Go, JFK CRSR
PriorMeds	Medical History prior to the accident
Subject	Patient details coming from Informed Consent, Demographics and Socioeconomic Status, ER therapy and discharge, Hospital Discharge, Vitals Target Dates, Neurological Assessments, Follow up appointments
Surgeries	Surgery details
SurgeriesCranial	Cranial surgery details
SurgeriesExtraCranial	Extracranial surgery details
TransitionsOfCare	Transition of care and ward admission details
Vitals	Daily Vitals, GCS, Four Score, Second Insults details

Find here the overall tree structure of the eCRF with the link to each eCRF form: [Annex 8](#)

Or click on the following link or the image to access the individual e-CRF forms in MICA.

[Access the e-CRF forms](#) (at the bottom of the webpage; see screenshot below)



Files				
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#	Name	Description	Size	Actions
	e-CRF forms		44 items	
	User Manual CENTER-TBI.docx		78.1 KB	

Read the "[Annex 1: Imaging](#)" of this manual for more details on specifically the imaging data, outcome data, HR ICU data and biomarkers data.

3. Data anonymization

The CENTER-TBI data is anonymized, the images are de-faced and the variables are associated with individual patients based on the Global Unique Personal Identifier (GUPI). As part of the anonymization, the following elements are modified or not available.

- Site identifier - Not available; however an anonymized site code is available.
- Country - Not available
- Dates - Date of Injury of all the subjects are made to 1st January 1970 and other dates are shifted relative to the date of injury
- Free text - all of the identifiable information were either modified or removed

4. Baseline derived variables

As baseline and for risk adjustment we recommend using the following variables:

- InjuryHx.PupilsBaselineDerived
- InjuryHx.GCSScoreBaselineDerived
- InjuryHx.GCSMotorBaselineDerived

For outcome, we recommend using:

- Subject.GOSE6monthEndpointDerived

For predictive modelling, the imputed variable might be preferred ([see annex 3](#)):

- Subject.DerivedImputed180DaysGOSE

5. Data access requests

For data access requests, submit a study plan proposal on the CENTER-TBI website: <https://www.center-tbi.eu/data>.

The following data access routes are available:

- **OPAL:** Access to data tables and variables in Opal . See chapters 6 to 9.
- **XNAT:** Imaging Nifti files in XNAT. See [Annex 1](#) .
- **Personal file transfer:** Separate data files that are not stored in Opal or XNAT can be requested and will be transferred by the user in person. These files are listed in the table below

Data files	file format(s)	number of files
Imaging controls	csv	1
Imaging phantoms	csv	1
Metabolomics	mzML	25
Genotype data	vcf, txt	23 VCF files & 23 statistics files
High resolution data of vital parameters	hdf5	284
Imaging DICOM header files	json	Available on request
Imaging QC results	json	Available on request
Imaging Bval	bval	Available on request
Imaging Bvec	bvec	Available on request
Imaging CT Quantitative analysis (icobrain icometrix)	csv, pdf	2
Biomarker results ABCDx Cytokines	csv	2
Biomarker results ABCDx GFAP & IL10	csv	1

6. About Mica and Opal

Mica and Opal are part of the [Obiba](#) open source software suite.

Mica is an online data portal that includes the study catalogue and a searchable variable dictionary giving insight into the CENTER-TBI dataset. It also provides additional information on the study goals, design and participants.

The data dictionary, available in [Mica](#) and through the [CENTER-TBI website](#), provides:

- A description of each variable, including measurement methods, unit type and entity type (i.e. level on which the variable was measured)
- The option groups / look-up values
- The location in the e-CRF
- A link to the e-CRF's.
- Any relevant remarks concerning the curation of variables
- Frequency tables giving some orientating insight into the availability and distributions of the data ([see also annex 6](#))

Opal is the data warehouse where you can view datasets and export & download the data, or connect your local R session to the Opal server, using a special R package (OpalR). Because of its integration with R, complex statistical analysis and reports can be performed in R without having to access the Opal user interface and without having to store a dataset from Opal onto your local pc storage.

7. Mica

The Mica environment is an online data catalog and portal to provide insight into the CENTER-TBI dataset. It has a direct connection to the Opal data warehouse.

You can find the CENTER-TBI Mica portal at <https://mica-ctbi.clinicalresearch.nl/>.

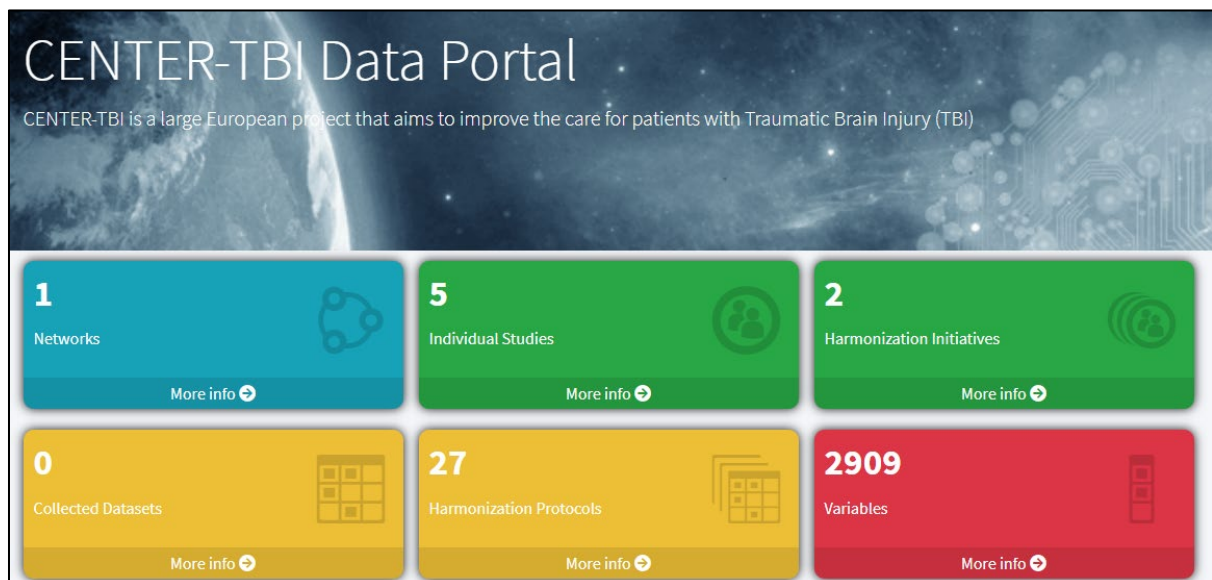
7.1 Login

Logging in is not necessary to enter the Mica portal or to request variables. You can log in in Mica with your CENTER-TBI account if you like to store your lists of requested variables.

7.2 The Mica environment

On the CENTER-TBI Mica homepage you can see the main building blocks of Mica:

- Networks,
- Studies and Initiatives,
- Datasets and Protocols (=corresponding to the domains described in chapter 2) and
- Variables.



7.2.1 Networks, Studies, Initiatives, Protocols and Variables


The network is the overarching umbrella that houses the various studies. By clicking on networks, you can find the CENTER-TBI network. Click on 'Read more' to navigate to the network page.

Networks

Home / Networks

A network is a group of epidemiological studies that has specific research interests.

Networks



CENTER-TBI

CENTER-TBI


CENTER-TBI is a large European project that aims to improve the care for patients with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).


It forms part of the larger global initiative InTBIr: International Initiative ...

[Read more](#)

The network page shows an overview of the number of studies, initiatives, datasets, protocols and variables within the CENTER-TBI network.


CENTER-TBI






Studies

5




Datasets

0




Variables

0




Initiatives

2



Protocols

27



Dataschemas

2,909

The network currently holds 5 individual studies: CENTER-TBI Core, CENTER-TBI Registry, OzENTER Core, CINTER Core and CINTER Registry. By clicking on one of these studies, you will be taken to the study-specific page.

The study pages of the individual studies show information on the study details, including study design, the timeline, the number of participants and availability of data.

Individual Studies

Show 25 entries

Search:

Acronym	Name	Study design	Participants	Countries
CENTER-TBI Core	CENTER-TBI Core Study		4,509	Finland , Norway , Sweden , Netherlands , Belgium , Denmark , Germany , United Kingdom , Spain , France , Switzerland , Austria , Lithuania , Latvia , Hungary , Serbia , Romania , Italy , Israel
CENTER-TBI Registry	CENTER-TBI Registry		22,782	
CINTER-TBI Core	CINTER-TBI Core Study	Other	1,046	India
CINTER-TBI Registry	CINTER-TBI Registry		3,904	
OzENTER-TBI Core	OzENTER-TBI Core Study	Other	198	Australia




Note that the individual study pages do not include information about the actual datasets and collected variables; you can find these in the Harmonized Initiatives.

The Center-TBI network contains 2 overarching Harmonized Initiatives: 'TBI Core: Harmonized' and 'TBI Registry: Harmonized'. You can find these at the bottom of the Network page, under 'Harmonization Initiatives', or on the homepage behind the green box.

Harmonization Initiatives	
Show 25 entries	Search: <input type="text"/>
Acronym	Name
TBI Core: Harmonized	TBI Core: Harmonized
TBI Registry: Harmonized	TBI Registry: Harmonized




To see the specific datasets or variables that belong to the Center-TBI studies, select one of the Harmonization Initiatives and click on the icons for Protocols or Variables. This will guide you to the search environment, where all protocols and variables are listed.

TBI Core: Harmonized

 Networks 1
  Protocols 26
  Variables 2,748

The protocols are equal to the data tables that belong to each study (see also domains described in chapter 2). Clicking on a protocol shows information on the contents of the dataset and shows the number of variables that make up the dataset. An example of a dataset ('Outcomes') can be seen in the following figure:

Outcomes


 Networks 1
  Variables 691

Outcomes details coming from Follow up appointments, Outcome Assessments, Rivermead RPQ, Rivermead Assessment RPQ, GOS-E Structured Interview, GOSE Questionnaire, QoLIBRI-OS, QoLIBRI, GAD-7 Anxiety, PCL5, PHQ-9 Depression, SF12, SF36, TMT RAVLT, 10m Walk & Timed Up and Go, JFK CRS-R

The CENTER-TBI team developed Frequency Tables for the CENTER-TBI data. These Frequency Tables do not lend themselves to analyses of the CENTER-TBI data, but serve to provide some orientating insight into the availability and distribution of data in the CENTER-TBI dataset. The Frequency Tables are available [here](#).

Number of Participants	5,753
Approach ⓘ	Prospective
Type ⓘ	Qualitative
Procedures	General approach
Participant Inclusion	All participants (n=5753) of the individual datasets (CENTER-TBI n=4509, Oz-ENTER n=198, CINTER-TBI India n=1046) are included in the harmonized dataset.

The studies for which this dataset has been harmonized can be found under 'Studies Included' (under each "Dataset"). Here you can click on the study, population or data collection event for more information on the included studies.

Studies Included		
Study	Population	Data Collection Event
CENTER-TBI Core	TBI patients CENTER-TBI Core	CENTER-TBI data collection
CINTER-TBI India Core	TBI patients CINTER-TBI	CINTER-TBI India data collection
OzENTER-TBI Core	TBI patients OzENTER-TBI	OzENTER-TBI data collection

At the bottom of the protocol page you can find an overview of the harmonization. It shows which variables in this protocol are available from the different included studies. Some variables will only be available in the CENTER-TBI study, since they were not collected in CINTER-TBI India and OzENTER-TBI. This overview can also be downloaded by clicking the download button.

Variable	CENTER-TBI Core Outcomes	CINTER-TBI India Core Outcomes	OzENTER-TBI Core Outcomes
Outcomes.OutcomesID	✓	✓	✓
Outcomes.SubjectID	✓	✓	✓
Outcomes.Timepoint	✓	✓	✓
Outcomes.GOSEDate	✓	✓	✓
Outcomes.GOSEQuestionnaireMode	✓	✓	✓
Outcomes.GOSEResponse	✓	✓	✓

The protocol page also includes a list the variables collected in this protocol. If you click on one of the variables in the list, you will be directed to an overview page for the selected variable, providing you with extra insight into its metadata, based on the [CENTER TBI data dictionary](#).

Dataschema Variable / Outcomes.GOSEResponse

GOSE assessment completed by

This variable describes for the GOSE Structured outcome test who completed the questionnaire.

[Frequency Tables](#)

Overview

Value type Text

Nature Categorical

Entity type Record (OutcomesID)

Unit null

Categories

Name	Label	Missing
1	Relative/friend/caretaker alone	
0	Patient alone	
2	Patient plus relative/friend/caretaker	

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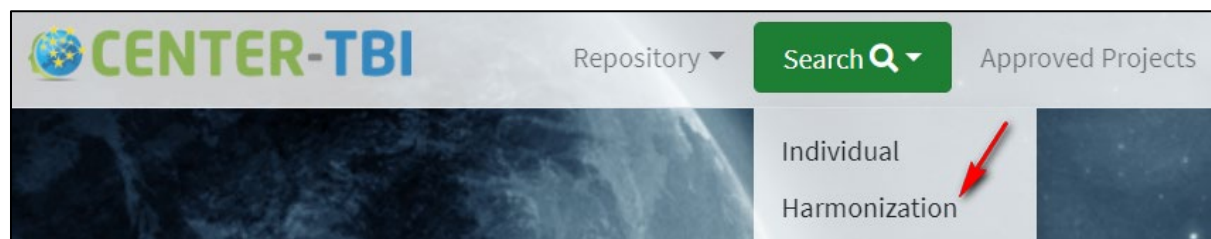
Definition

Protocol [Outcomes](#)

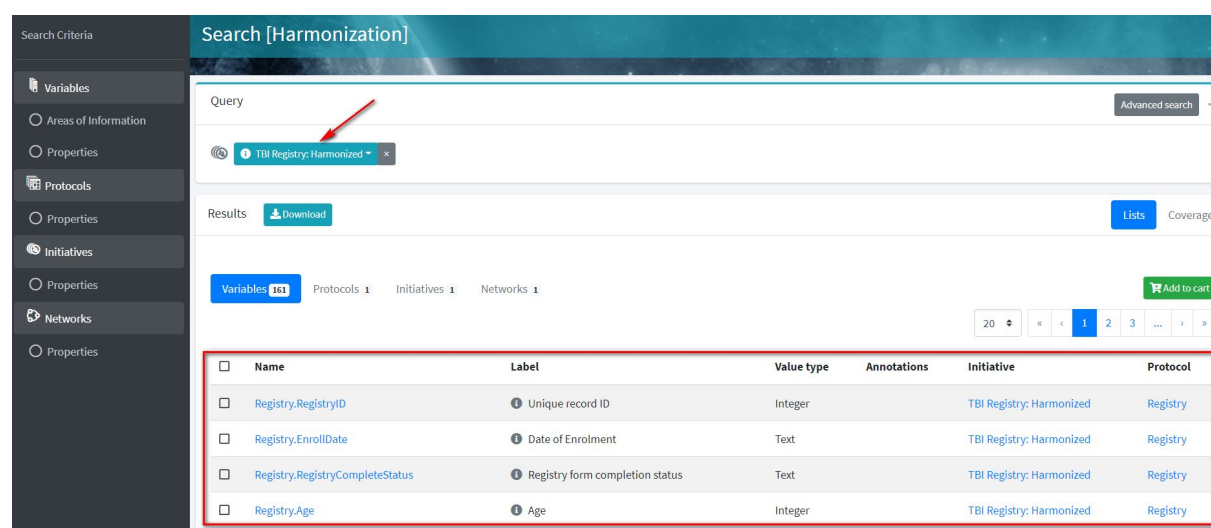
Initiative [TBI Core: Harmonized](#)

7.3 The MICA search environment

To search for variables or protocols, click on the green Search button on the top of the screen and select 'Harmonization'.



You can also get to the search environment if you click on the red 'Variables' box on the Mica homepage or another page. Depending on where you do this, the search environment will automatically filter for that selection. For instance, when you are in the 'TBI Registry: Harmonized' project and click on the red 'Variables' box, the search environment will automatically list all variables within TBI Registry:



Clicking on any of the shown search results (highlighted in the red box above) will take you back out of the search environment and to the page of your selected variable, protocol or harmonization initiative.

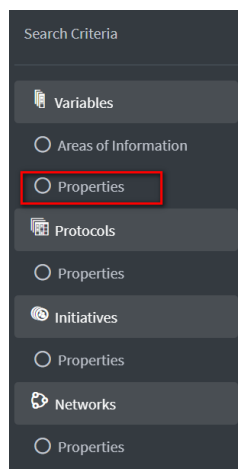
7.3.1 Searching within the search environment

The search environment gives you the ability to search for specific Harmonization Initiatives, datasets (here named Harmonization Protocols) or variables.

When searching within the search environment, make sure that you select the right level. For instance, when you want to search variables, you need to select the 'Variables' button :



By making use of the properties buttons in the search criteria menu on the left, you can narrow down your search.



For instance, when you click on *Properties* under *Variables*, you can narrow down your selection by Study, Dataset or data type or search for parts of the variable name or variable label. For example, by selecting the Dataset AIS, it will show only the available variables within the AIS table.

Dataset
Select All
Clear Selection

Dataset in which the variable appears.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIS	<input type="checkbox"/> Biomarkers	<input type="checkbox"/> Brain monitoring
<input type="checkbox"/> Central hemostasis	<input type="checkbox"/> CT MRI	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily TIL
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow up	<input type="checkbox"/> Genetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/> Hourly measurements	<input type="checkbox"/> Hourly values	<input type="checkbox"/> Imaging

[▼ More](#)

You can also search for specific variables, using (part of) the variable name or label.

Criteria selection
Display results

Filter the selection criteria by keyword
Filter

Variable properties

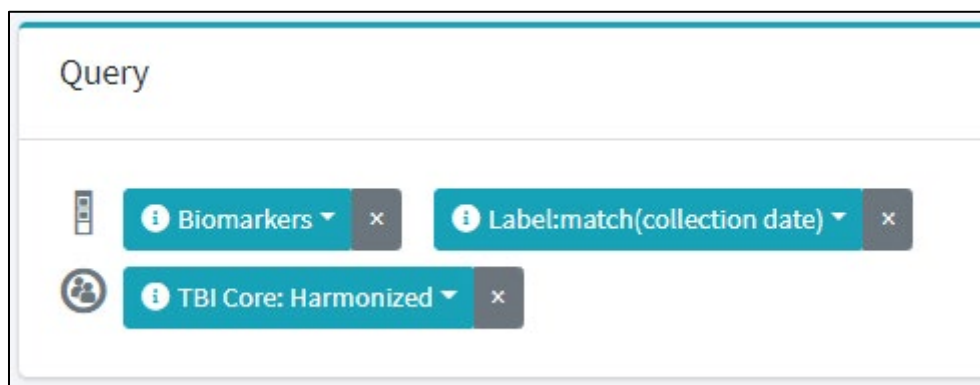
Variables properties as defined in the catalogue.

Name Clear Selection <div> Variable name. <input type="text" value="GOSE"/> </div>	Label <div> Variable label. <input type="text"/> </div>
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After specifying your selection, click 'Display results' on the top right of the window.

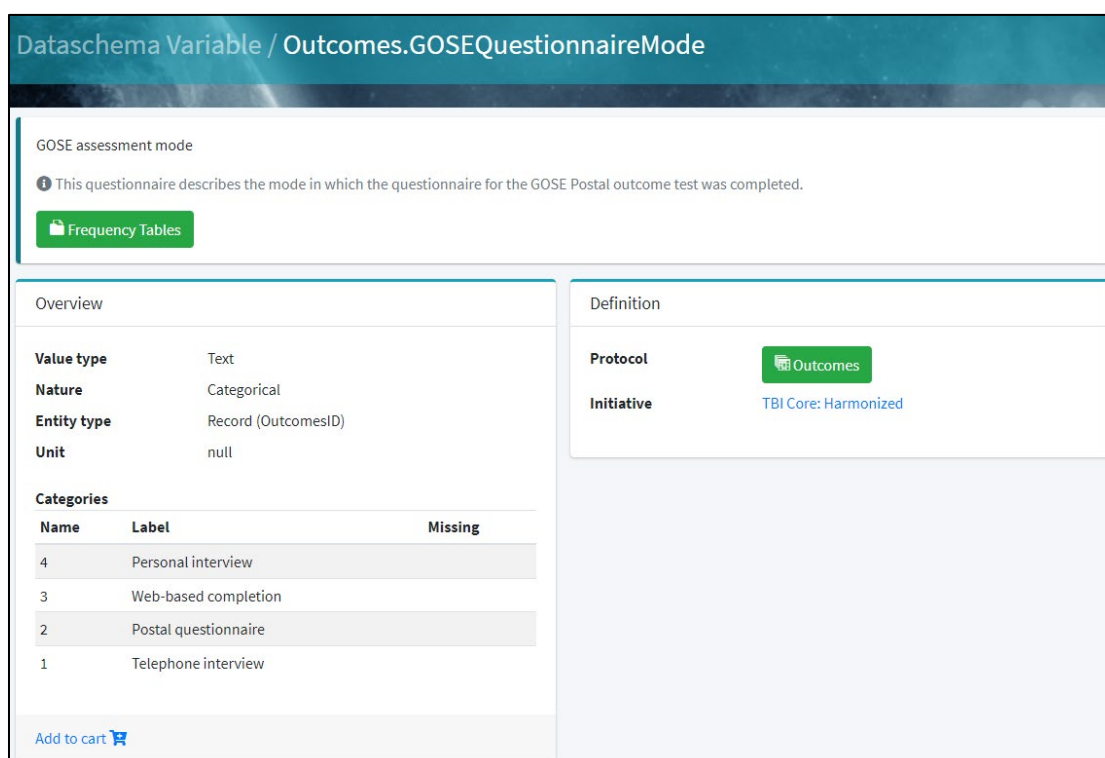


By using a combination of variable names/labels and studies or datasets, you will always be able to find the correct variable. The selection criteria that you chose will be shown at the top, under 'Query'.



By clicking on the criteria, you open a small menu where you can always alter your criteria, and further specify the request. By clicking the crosses, you can quickly remove unwanted criteria.

Once you have found your chosen variable, you can click on the name to be directed to an overview page for the selected variable, providing you with extra insight into its metadata, based on the [CENTER TBI data dictionary](#).



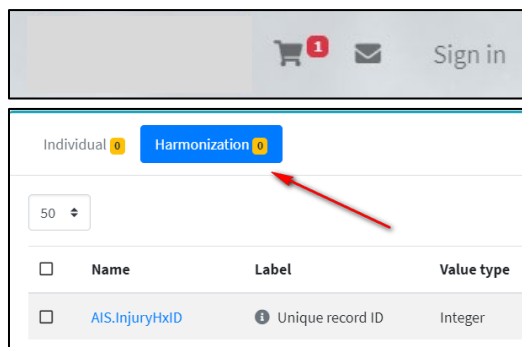
8. Data access requests and shopping cart in MICA

External researchers who are not part of the Center-TBI collaboration, can request access to variables in Opal required for their research proposal. In the MICA catalogue they can search for relevant variables (as described in the previous chapter) and select these for their data access request, as described below.

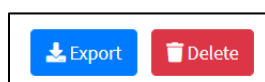
By clicking 'add to cart' in [MICA](#), either on the variable page or within the search environment, you can add a variable to your shopping cart. You can also select multiple variables within the search environment, and then click on the green 'add to cart' icon in the top right:



You can see which variables are currently in your shopping cart by clicking the 'cart' icon in the top row and go to 'Harmonization' to see the items listed:



The variables in your shopping cart can be downloaded as a zip file, by clicking the 'Export' button on the shopping cart page. The zip file contains multiple csv files.



When you are logged in to Mica with your Agate account ([see: 9.1 sign up](#)), you can add the items in your shopping cart to lists that can be stored for later re-use or export. Creating and saving multiple lists is possible. Your lists can be found next to your cart on the top right.



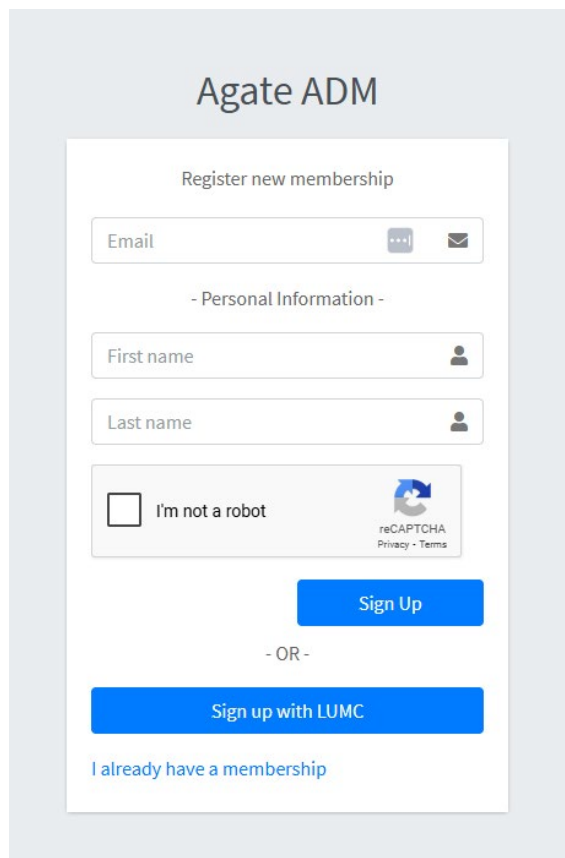
Attach the original, unchanged zip file to your data access request, to clarify the variables that you would like to request. For further information about data access requests, see (<https://www.center-tbi.eu/data>).

9. Opal

[Opal](#) is the core data warehouse application of [OBiBa](#) software stacks that provides all the necessary tools to import, validate, derive, query, report, analyze and export data. Because of its integration with R, complex statistical analysis and reports can be performed within Opal as well. Further user guides of Opal are available [here](#).

9.1 sign up

All users that require access to Opal, will need an account in Agate first, to register in Agate go to <https://agate.clinicalresearch.nl/signup>. If you have a LUMC account there is a difference in the sign up method, which is explained below.



The image shows a screenshot of the 'Agate ADM' registration page. The page has a light blue header with the text 'Agate ADM'. Below the header is a white box containing the registration form. The form is titled 'Register new membership'. It includes an 'Email' input field with a password strength indicator and an email icon. Below the email field is a section titled '- Personal Information -' which contains 'First name' and 'Last name' input fields, each with a person icon. There is a checkbox labeled 'I'm not a robot' next to a reCAPTCHA logo and the text 'reCAPTCHA Privacy - Terms'. Below these fields is a blue 'Sign Up' button. Under the button is the text '- OR -'. Below that is a blue button labeled 'Sign up with LUMC'. At the bottom of the form is a link that says 'I already have a membership'.

After registering in Agate, you will not yet have access to Opal. To get access, you have to inform the ADM project manager; who will be able to arrange you access to Opal and add you to relevant projects and tables.

Regular sign-up for non LUMC users:

You are able to register yourself into [Agate](#) by filling in your work Email address, name and verifying that you are not a robot, and pressing the “Sign Up” button. You will then receive an email with the message your account is under review. An Agate administrator at ADM will approve your sing-up request (this might take some time). When your request has been approved, you receive another e-mail which lets you create an password. Note: Never share your password with other people and keep it safe.

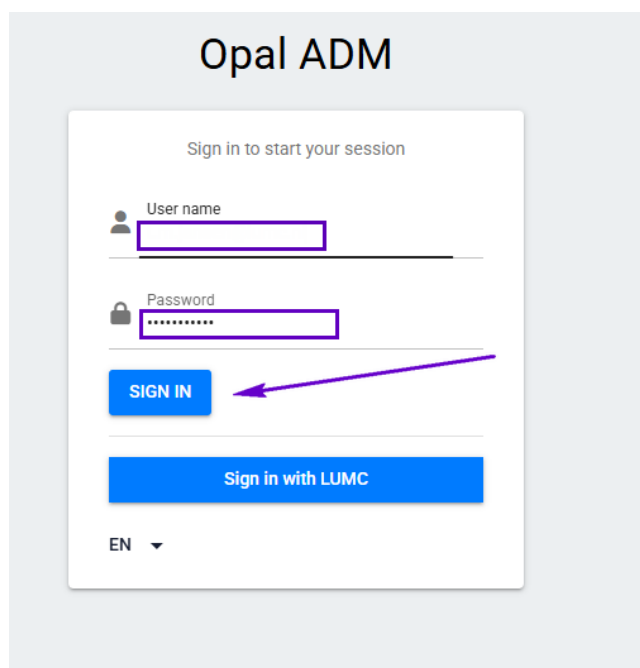
For users with LUMC account:

If you got an LUMC account, it is possible to register yourself into [Agate](#) using the “Sign up with LUMC” button. After clicking on this button, you will receive a permissions requested popup for the Obiba production environment (Microsoft popup), which you have to accept. This will lead you into an already filled in screen from which you only have to press the Sign Up button at the bottom. After this you get the confirmation screen your membership registration has been completed.

Login into Opal:

When your Agate account has been set up and approved, ADM will notify you that your account has been linked to your opal project. After this, you can login into opal via <https://opal-ctbi.clinicalresearch.nl/> or Mica via <https://mica-ctbi.clinicalresearch.nl/>.

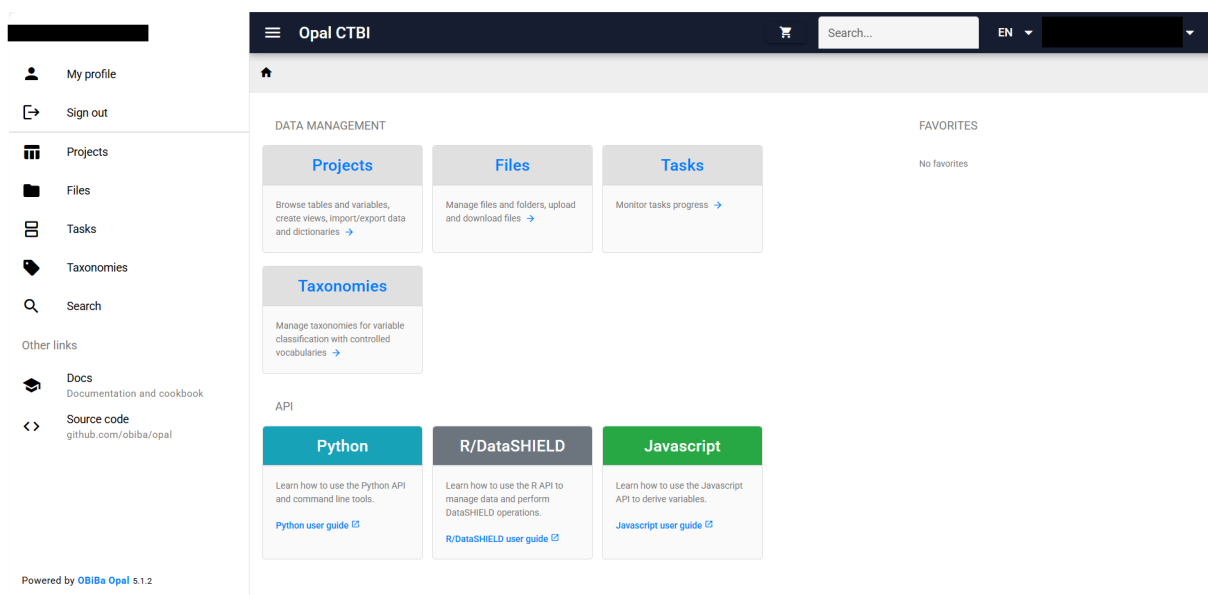
1. LUMC users that access have to sign in via the “Sign in with LUMC” button.
2. Users outside of the LUMC can fill in their username and password and press the "SIGN IN" button. When first logged in, you are asked to set up Two-factor authentication (2FA). It is mandatory you configure 2FA login before you are able to access projects and tables/data views within Opal. After setting this up, each time you login you will be asked to fill in your 2FA code from the authenticator app.



The image shows the Opal ADM login interface. At the top, it says "Opal ADM". Below that is a white box with the heading "Sign in to start your session". Inside the box, there are two input fields: "User name" and "Password". The "Password" field is masked with dots. Below these fields are two buttons: a blue "SIGN IN" button and a blue "Sign in with LUMC" button. A purple arrow points to the "SIGN IN" button. At the bottom left of the white box, there is a dropdown menu showing "EN".

9.3 The Opal environment

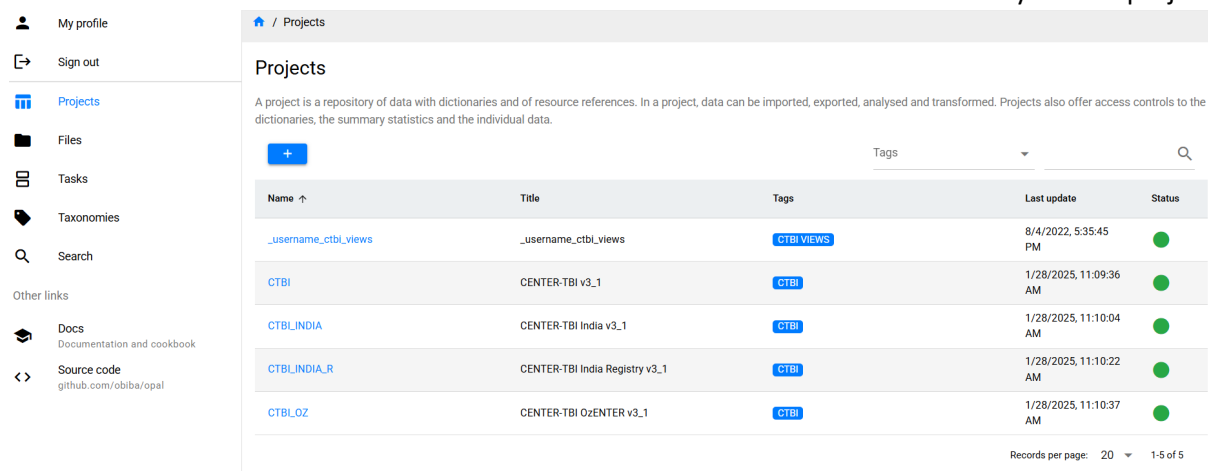
Upon opening Opal, you start on the dashboard page. From the dashboard you can navigate to your datasets, search specific tables or variables, and manage files within the Opal environment.



The Opal CTBI Home Dashboard features a dark blue header with a search bar and language selector. A left sidebar contains navigation links for 'My profile', 'Sign out', 'Projects', 'Files', 'Tasks', 'Taxonomies', 'Search', 'Docs', and 'Source code'. The main content area is divided into 'DATA MANAGEMENT' (Projects, Files, Tasks, Taxonomies) and 'API' (Python, R/DataSHIELD, Javascript) sections. A 'FAVORITES' section is also present on the right.

9.3.1 Exploring data in Opal

To get to the data, you can go to 'Projects' button, or click on 'Projects' in the side bar. This will guide you to the project section, where you can find the different datasets: CENTER-TBI Core, CENTER-TBI Registry, CINTER-TBI India Core, CINTER-TBI India Registry and OzENTER-TBI, or for external researchers: the views that have been created for your project.

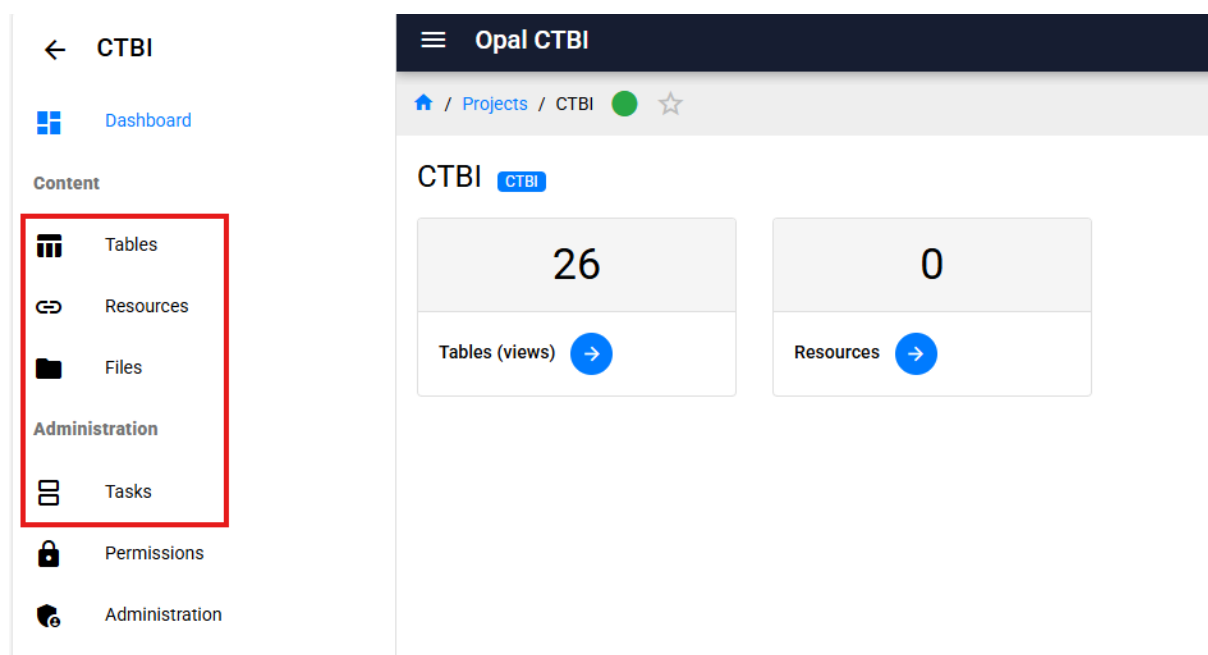


The Projects page shows a list of projects with columns for Name, Title, Tags, Last update, and Status. A description of a project is provided above the table.

Name ↑	Title	Tags	Last update	Status
_username_ctbi_views	_username_ctbi_views	CTBI VIEWS	8/4/2022, 5:35:45 PM	●
CTBI	CENTER-TBI v3_1	CTBI	1/28/2025, 11:09:36 AM	●
CTBI_INDIA	CENTER-TBI India v3_1	CTBI	1/28/2025, 11:10:04 AM	●
CTBI_INDIA_R	CENTER-TBI India Registry v3_1	CTBI	1/28/2025, 11:10:22 AM	●
CTBI_OZ	CENTER-TBI OzENTER v3_1	CTBI	1/28/2025, 11:10:37 AM	●

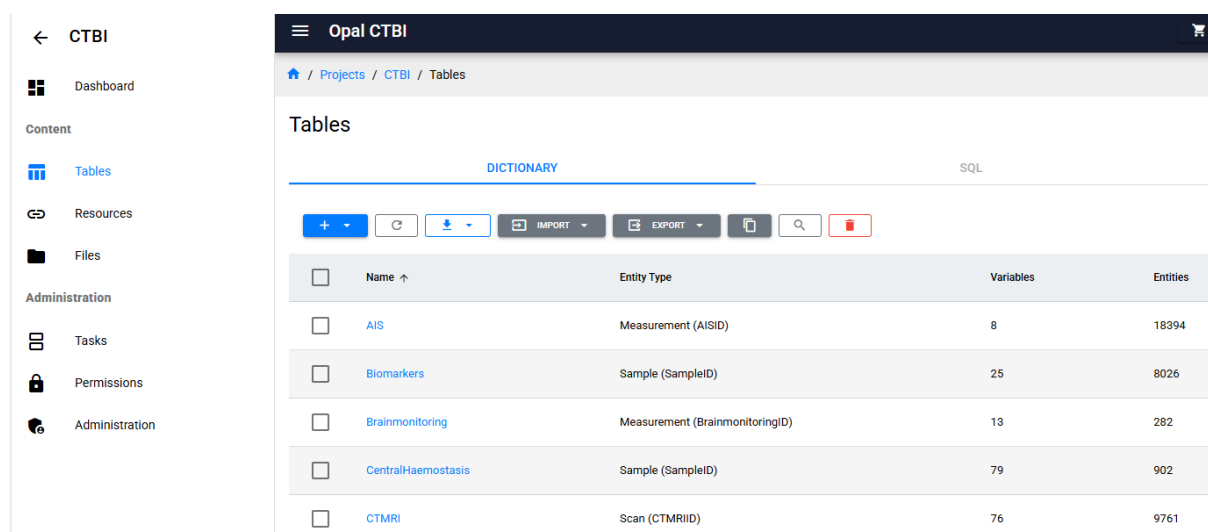
Records per page: 20 1-5 of 5

Clicking one of the projects will take you to the project Dashboard. The project dashboard gives an overview of the number of tables/views that are available within the project.



Using the options on the left side, you can navigate to different sections.

Tables directs you to the tables section within the project.



The overview also shows the number of variables and entities, which corresponds with the number of unique ID's. The column 'Entity Type' gives some insight into the nature of the ID's.

In the tables section you can click on the tables to navigate to a table. You can also select tables for export, or write SQL statements to make subsets of the data. More on how to use these options can be found in the export section of this manual.

After clicking on a table, you will see an overview of all the variables in the table.

Table 'Vitals' (in the study 'CTBI'):

Dashboard

Content

Tables

Resources

Files

Administration

Tasks

Permissions

Administration

Projects

CTBI

Tables

Vitals

Vitals

EXPORT

Name

Vitals

Created on

5/19/2022, 11:29:02 AM

Full name

CTBI.Vitals

Last update

1/27/2025, 3:46:17 PM

Entity Type

Measurement (VitalsID)

DICTIONARY

SUMMARY

VALUES

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Select some variables to see more actions.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Label	Value type	Categories
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vitals.VitalsID	Unique record ID	Integer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vitals.SubjectID	Unique patient ID	Integer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vitals.DVTimepoint	Day of recording of vital signs (Day 1 is the day of admission to ICU/Ward)	Text	28, 21, 14, 10, 6, 7, 4, 5, 2, 3, 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vitals.PatientLocation	Location of patient at the time of daily vitals assessment	Text	ICU, Ward

Here you can click on a variable to see more details, or select variables for creating views.

Variable ‘Subject.PatientType’ (in the table ‘Subject’, in the study ‘CTBI’):

Projects

CTBI

Tables

Subject

Subject.PatientType

Subject.PatientType

Add to view

Add to cart

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Stratum

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Subjects enrolled in the Core data collection of CENTER are differentiated by stratum (3 strata): ER: discharged directly from ER (dead or alive); Adm: admitted to hospital ward from the ER (may be transferred later to ICU); ICU: directly admitted from ER (or other hospital) to ICU.

Patients remain in the stratum allocated, even though they may be internally transferred after admission. This means that the stratum is allocated at presentation based on planned care paths. But possibility exists that a patient allocated to for example the ER stratum, was still admitted to WARD or ICU in a later stage of his care path due to worsening.

General enrollment criteria for Core study: Patients with a clinical diagnosis of TBI and clinical indication for CT scan.

DICTIONARY

SUMMARY

VALUES

PERMISSIONS

Properties

Name	Subject.PatientType	Repeatable	false
Full name	CTBI.Subject:Subject.PatientType	Occurrence group	Subject
Entity Type	Subject (SubjectID)	Unit	null
Referenced entity type		Mime type	
Value type	text	Index	51

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Label	Missing
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	ER	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Admission	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	ICU	

Attributes

Attributes can be used to store metadata in a structured way.

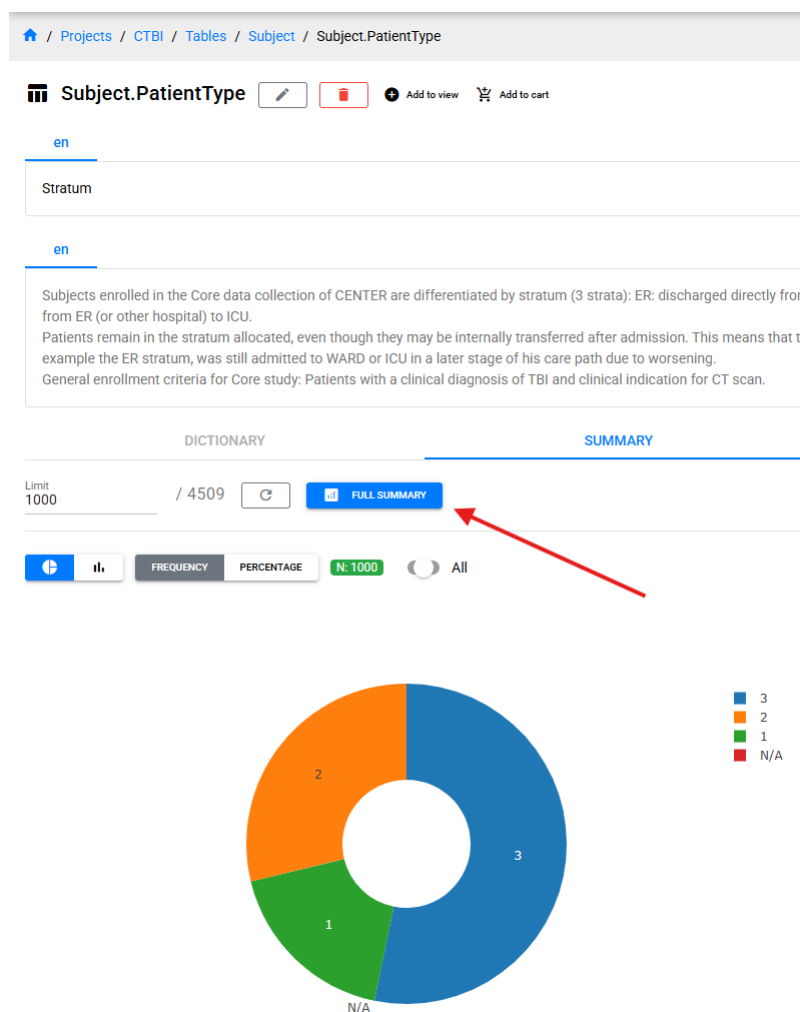
ANNOTATIONS

LABEL & DESCRIPTION

RECORDS

Annotations are attributes that are described by taxonomies. They are used to provide additional information or to classify the variable.


The ‘Summary’ tab gives an overview of the basis data descriptives, such as frequency diagrams and tables. !Note that by default Opal only shows the summary data based on the first 1000 records. Click on ‘Full Summary’ to see the summary of all records.




The ‘Values’ tab shows you a table of the data values for this specific variable.


When you are looking at a specific variable, and you want to go back to the table view, click on the table name, e.g. “Subject”. You can also use the “back” option in the browser. When you want to go back to the list of all the tables in the Project, you can click on “CTBI” in this example:


← CTBI

 Dashboard


Content


 Tables

 Resources

 Files



Administration

 Tasks

 Permissions

Opal CTBI

Home / Projects / **CTBI** / Tables / **Subject** / Subject.PatientType

Subject.PatientType  Add to view  Add to cart

en

Stratum

en

Subjects enrolled in the Core data collection of CENTER are differentiated by stratum (3 strata): ER (may be transferred later to ICU); ICU: directly admitted from ER (or other hospital) to ICU. Patients remain in the stratum allocated, even though they may be internally transferred after admission. But possibility exists that a patient allocated to for example the ER stratum, was still admitted to WARD or ICU in a later stage of his care path due to worsening. General enrollment criteria for Core study: Patients with a clinical diagnosis of TBI and clinical indication for CT scan.



Files

directs you to the files system, where you can find your downloaded files and extract them to your computer. Also see '[Exporting your data](#)'.

9.4 Exporting your data

There are two ways of accessing the data in Opal for data analysis. The recommended method is to load data into R through a direct connection with Opal. You can run your analyses in R, without having to store the data outside Opal. In this way, the data don't leave the server and this prevents many copies of the data roaming around. Alternatively, exporting the data to data files for use within other programs is also possible.

9.4.1 Loading data into R

To analyze the data, you can load tables and views into R. R is widely used free statistical software that is available for Windows, MacOS and UNIX platforms. For more information on R, or to download the software, you can go to <https://www.r-project.org/>. It is recommended to also use the Rstudio software, which provides a more user-friendly graphical interface. Rstudio can be downloaded [here](#).

For loading data from Opal into R, you need the '[opalr](#)' package. To install and use this package, you can run the following commands in R:

```
install.packages('opalr')  
library(opalr)
```

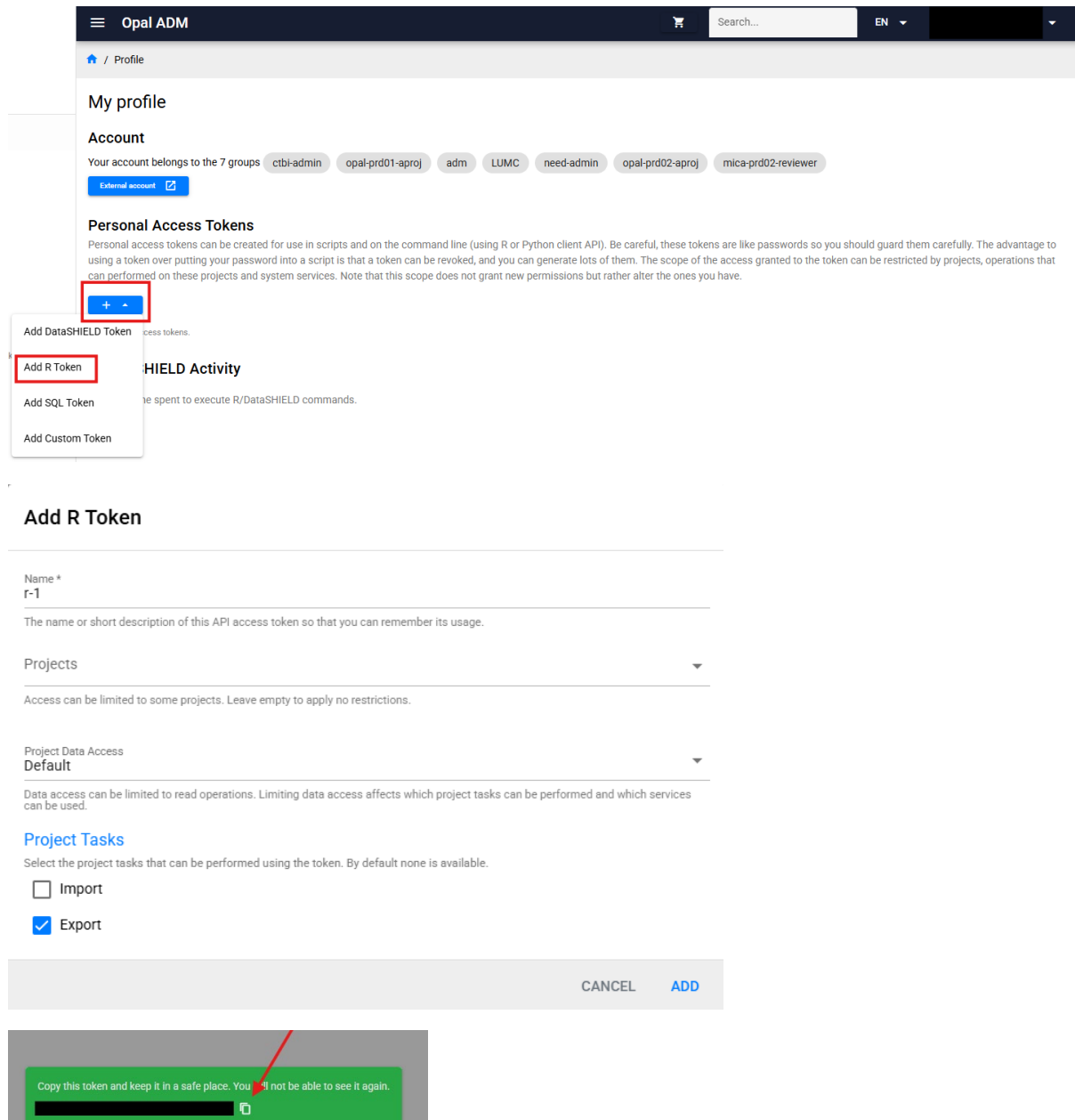
You use a personal Opal token to make a connection to the Opal database. Never type your token directly in your R scripts, since scripts might be shared with other people or stored on shared spaces. It is strongly recommended to save your token in a password manager, instead of directly in your scripts. The '[keyring](#)' R package is recommended as a good way to safely store your token(s) in the password vault on your pc.

Store your Opal token with the keyring package (this needs to be done only once):

1. Navigate to [Opal](#) and login. Click on My Profile by clicking on your username



2. Click on the **Add Access Token** button followed by **Add R token**.
 - a. A standard name is provided for your token. If you wish, you can change the name.
 - b. Remember the token name you've entered and copy the token that has been created.
Please note that the token will appear only once!
 - c. Leave 'Projects' empty to get access with this token to all your Opal projects. If you wish to work with only one or two projects, you can select the names of those projects.
 - d. At 'Project tasks', make sure that 'export' is selected.



3. Open R
4. Make sure you've installed the 'keyring' package in R:

```
install.packages('keyring')
library(keyring)
```

5. Set keyring by the following script: `keyring::key_set("name of your token")`. You can give any name you wish to the key, but it would make sense to choose the same name as given to the R token in step 2. A pop-up will appear. Paste the token that has been created in step 2. You will not see a confirmation, but you can check whether the key has been stored correctly by typing: `keyring::key_get("name of your token")`.
6. The keyring will be saved in the Windows Credential Store (or other system safe store) of your device.

Use the keyring to access Opal

To make a connection to the Opal database, run the following code in R:

```
opal_connection <- opal.login(token = keyring::key_get("name of your token"), url = 'https://opal-ctbi.clinicalresearch.nl/')
```

For loading your data into R, you can use the `opal.table_get` command as shown below, where you need to insert the name of your project and view or table in the appropriate place. After loading the data, it is ready to be used for data analysis within R.

```
data_table1 <- opal.table_get(opal = opal_connection, project = 'insert name of project', table = 'insert view or table name')
```

e.g.

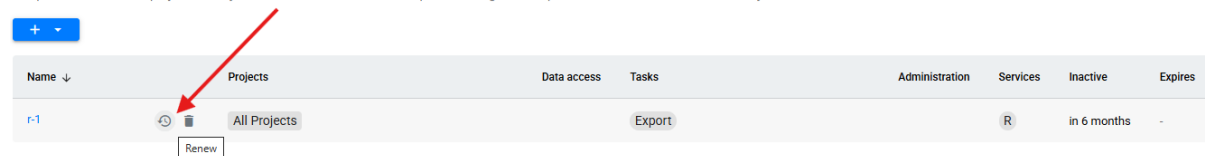
```
data_table1 <- opal.table_get(opal = opal_connection, project = 'CTBI', table = 'Surgeries')
```

Expiration of Opal tokens

Please note that an Opal token expires 2 months after last use. When your token is expired, you can renew the token yourself by logging into Opal, going to your profile and under Personal Access tokens, click on the 'renew' symbol.

Personal Access Tokens

Personal access tokens can be created for use in scripts and on the command line (using R or Python client API). Be careful, these tokens are like passwords so you should guard them carefully. The advantage to using a token over putting your password into a script is that a token can be revoked, and you can generate lots of them. The scope of the access granted to the token can be restricted by projects, operations that can be performed on these projects and system services. Note that this scope does not grant new permissions but rather alter the ones you have.



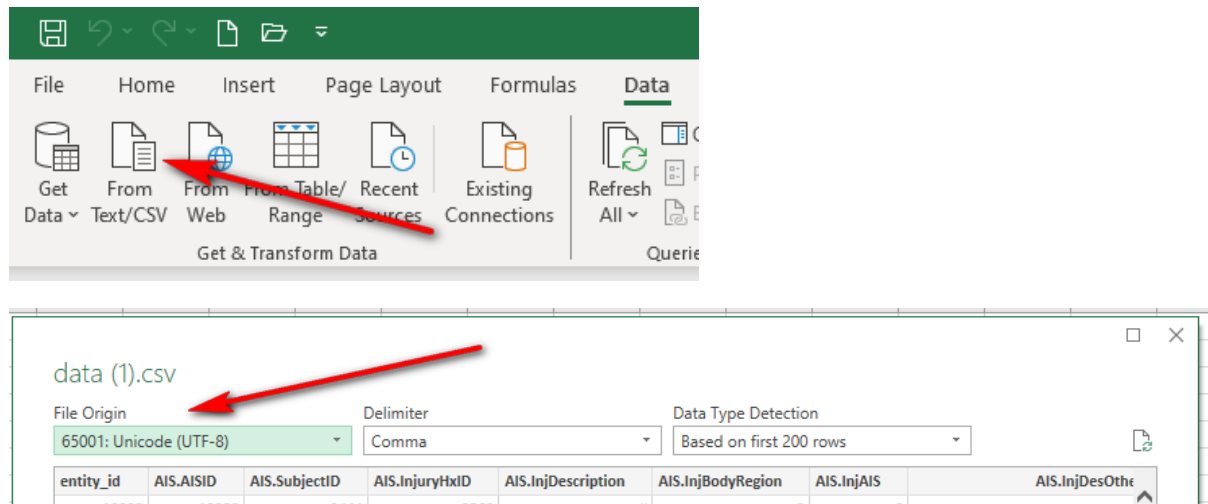
9.4.2 Exporting to a data file

If you prefer not to work with R, it is also possible to export data from Opal into various formats, like CSV or SAV (SPSS). To do this, you have to navigate to the view, and then click on the export button. A window will pop up where you can specify the data format.



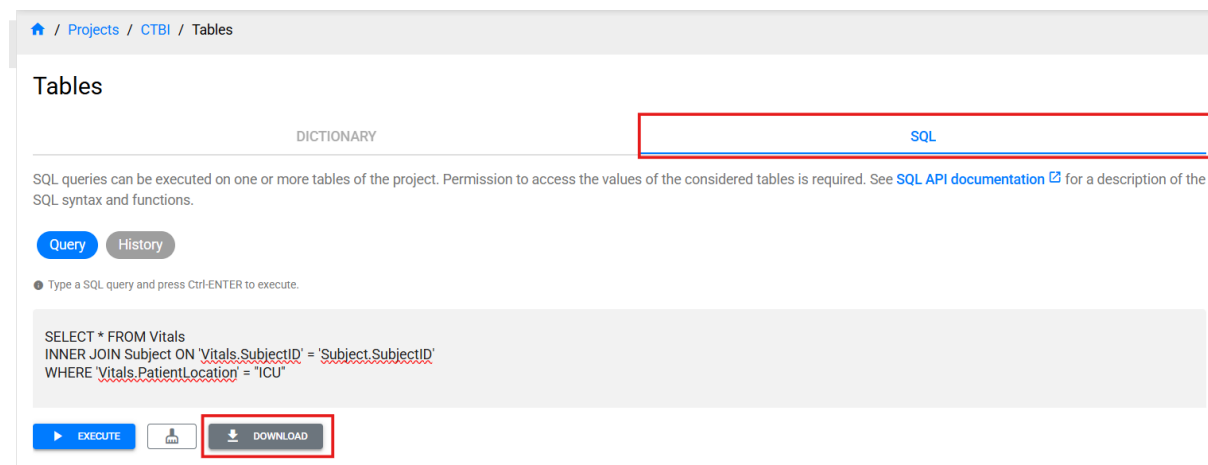
The export will be placed in your personal export folder within Opal, found in the files section. From there, you can download it to your personal computer. The file will stay available in your export folder for later use, until you delete it.

Note: Several text fields in Opal contain special characters, including Greek notations such as 'μ' to describe units of volume, size or weight. If you wish to use these fields in your analyses, please make sure to choose the correct encoding (UTF-8) when reading in the exported files. For example, when reading in a downloaded CSV file into Microsoft Excel, first open Excel and then read in the CSV file:



9.4.3 SQL selections

When making manual exports from Opal, it is also possible to use SQL statements to make selections in variables and records, commonly known as queries. In the 'SQL' tab, users can use standard SQL commands like SELECT, FROM and WHERE to make selections for the specific use-case. It is important to use backticks (`) around the names of table and variables within these query statements. The selection can be downloaded using the download button below the query. Creating joins between tables is also possible. **Beware** that this should only be used if the user has experience with SQL, as it is easy to make mistakes leading to incorrect datasets.



9.5 Deletion of personal view projects

For external users outside the Center-TBI collaboration, a personal view project is created which contains views on the variables they requested for their research project.

Once a user account has been deactivated, their personal view project will be deleted 1yr after last login date.

10. Useful Links

CENTER-TBI website: <https://www.center-tbi.eu/>

Data Dictionary: <https://datadictionary.center-tbi.eu/>

GitLab Repository: <https://git.center-tbi.eu>

Data access & publication requests <https://www.center-tbi.eu/data>

Cantab manual: <https://www.center-tbi.eu/manual/CANTAB-RS6-v20140728>

Annex 1: Imaging data

The domain 'Imaging' contains all the imaging-related variables in the Opal tables. These include (meta-)data concerning the imaging files, such as scanner settings and scan datetime, but also information extracted from interpretation of the images.

The actual imaging scans are stored as Nifti files in [XNAT](#), hosted on a server at the Leiden University Medical Center. XNAT is an open-source imaging informatics software platform developed by the Neuroinformatics Research group at Washington University, enabling access and viewing of the available Nifti scans. Access to the imaging files in XNAT can be requested via the Center-TBI office (see [chapter 5, 'Data access requests'](#)).

In addition, access to the following imaging metadata files can be requested through the Center-TBI office:

Data files	file format(s)
Imaging controls	csv
Imaging phantoms	csv
Imaging DICOM header files	json
Imaging QC results	json
Imaging Bval	bval
Imaging Bvec	bvec
Imaging CT Quantitative analysis (icobrain icometrix)	csv, pdf

By searching the domain 'Imaging' in Opal, you can access all the imaging-related variables in the Opal tables.

Variables in the Imaging table that contain the term 'URL' can be used to link the external files to the applicable data record: data file type	opal variable	variable content
Nifti files	Imaging.NiftiURL	XNAT URL per experiment (NB. multiple scans are possible per URL)
Snapshots	Imaging.SnapshotURL	"Can be found in XNAT under the specified scan session."
Thumbnails	Imaging.ThumbnailURL	"Can be found in XNAT under the specified scan session."
Dicom headers	Imaging.DicomHeaderURL	Filename
QC results	Imaging.QCResultsURL	Filename
Bval	Imaging.BvalURL	Filename incl folder structure (because file names are not unique)

Bvec	Imaging.BvecURL	Filename incl folder structure (because file names are not unique)
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We recommend using the “**Imaging.**” domain primarily, since that domain combines all data from CTMRI and FollowUp together with the imaging Meta data.

The “Imaging.CRF...” variables combine imaging data extracted from the e-CRF.

e.g. Imaging.CRFTimepoint = CTMRI.Timepoint + FollowUp.Timepoint.

Central Structured and Standardized Reporting was performed using the NINDS CDEs on all interpretable CT images. By searching “StructuredReporting” you can access this data.

An R code has been developed to help you extract into comprehensive tables the detailed structured reporting information from the Imaging.LesionData variable (JSON files). The code is available in the [CENTER-TBI Gitlab](#). You will also find an interactive diagram of the 25 CDEs and their possible attributes on the CENTER-TBI Gitlab.

CT early is considered “**first CT**”. When a Central review is not available this can be due to:

- Scan uninterpretable (wrong scans, bad quality, etc.)
- Scan not available/performed/uploaded
 - Reasons for scan not being available included:
 - Scan performed in referring hospital and images not available
 - Pediatric patient and MR performed instead of CT (reducing radiation risk)
 - Patient too uncooperative to undergo scan, and no indication for sedation.

In order to obtain the reports for the initial CT scan, follow the next steps:

- 1) in Opal download Subject.Gupi, Imaging.ExperimentId, Imaging.Timepoint and your variables of interest;
- 2) select for unique values of Imaging.ExperimentId;
- 3) select for timepoint = CT early;
- 4) you should get 4221 CT early reports of which 4088 were interpretable and interpreted

To measure the reproducibility of imaging data, in particular DTI data with the aim to enhance standardized analyses, both **phantom** and **healthy volunteer** data were collected in a selected number of sites. These files can be requested at the Center-TBI office.

For the following list of experiment IDs, Nifti scans are not available. This can be due to the uninterpretability, Dicom missing, preprocessing failed, too few slices, slice increment inconsistency, spine scans uploaded, etc..

CTBI_E00720	CTBI_E01568	CTBI_E06282
CTBI_E00750	CTBI_E02498	CTBI_E06314
CTBI_E00806	CTBI_E02714	CTBI_E06316
CTBI_E01185	CTBI_E04472	CTBI_E06338

CTBI_E06358	CTBI_E43307
CTBI_E07598	CTBI_E43311
CTBI_E08970	CTBI_E43315
CTBI_E10511	CTBI_E43319
CTBI_E10515	CTBI_E43323
CTBI_E10517	CTBI_E43327
CTBI_E13350	CTBI_E43331
CTBI_E13751	CTBI_E43335
CTBI_E14440	CTBI_E43339
CTBI_E15031	CTBI_E43343
CTBI_E18183	CTBI_E43347
CTBI_E18185	CTBI_E44845
CTBI_E19049	CTBI_E45724
CTBI_E19985	CTBI_E47528
CTBI_E20029	CTBI_E54085
CTBI_E20033	CTBI_E54687
CTBI_E20035	CTBI_E56454
CTBI_E20043	CTBI_E65876
CTBI_E20497	CTBI_E65993
CTBI_E21936	CTBI_E66128
CTBI_E25935	CTBI_E66364
CTBI_E27070	CTBI_E66384
CTBI_E28374	
CTBI_E29423	
CTBI_E30197	
CTBI_E32561	
CTBI_E32569	
CTBI_E41403	
CTBI_E43223	
CTBI_E43227	
CTBI_E43231	
CTBI_E43235	
CTBI_E43239	
CTBI_E43243	
CTBI_E43247	
CTBI_E43251	
CTBI_E43255	
CTBI_E43259	
CTBI_E43263	
CTBI_E43267	
CTBI_E43271	
CTBI_E43275	
CTBI_E43279	
CTBI_E43283	
CTBI_E43287	
CTBI_E43291	
CTBI_E43295	
CTBI_E43299	
CTBI_E43303	

For the following list of GUPI's there is no imaging data available because no images have been uploaded to the central repository:

2aKg329	3Mxj242	5hqa779	7CGC395	8rWe275
2aZc954	3nXP645	5hSR652	7DkP965	8swy254
2CwE756	3QtP966	5iBD359	7dKx492	8Tvi853
2CYR995	3rqp487	5iLF374	7dMi577	8xyJ537
2DLL573	3rth894	5JHf259	7FEV334	8Ypg329
2EeT899	3tPx998	5kgp479	7fzL326	8YQm799
2enN423	3Vzc963	5kGq874	7GjL839	9bkT239
2FXu462	3xYA486	5kxA247	7hBd367	9bPn863
2GBu796	3zCu247	5LXx254	7hQS673	9BQE783
2GEY763	4aiT765	5QpW899	7keL575	9ceB526
2gSm989	4arN655	5qyM254	7Ndj855	9frd568
2Hqs463	4cNx999	5uEp795	7ryW383	9gzj428
2LSz237	4CRz375	5xfa852	7TAg459	9hYZ524
2nEF378	4FmV422	5Xrg353	7TFQ763	9KhZ638
2Njt548	4fVB478	5yeX796	7tjT299	9LSS688
2pjV364	4GiQ982	5zEy356	7Uig748	9NAk452
2qbz679	4hJR542	6Amc624	7UiY495	9qCk363
2Qjc754	4hWG766	6AQD757	7uXt263	9qsP965
2rCM426	4JAW268	6bJy778	7VDS928	9QwR739
2SiV997	4Jbh597	6CSJ667	7vzi267	9SzG278
2tYg498	4mrF549	6eVk586	7Xrc556	9TAP374
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3iUs972	5hDc979	6ZTC457	8PTs464	
3Mic879	5hPD942	7AcU632	8qdZ537	

Annex 2: High Resolution ICU data

By searching the domain 'Brainmonitoring', you can access all the High resolution ICU related variables.

To gain access to the HDF5 files themselves, a data access request can be made via the Center-TBI office. Once the request has been approved, a personal data transfer will be prepared and additional information will be provided on how to download the files.

Variable Brainmonitoring.HDF5URL in domain 'Brainmonitoring' contains the file names that could be used to link the data records in Opal and the HDF5 files belonging to each record.

Annex 3: Outcome data: GOSE scoring

There are four main sources for GOSE ratings in CENTER-TBI, summarized as follows:

- (1) Clinician overall GOSE rating (*Outcomes.GOSEScore*). Structured interviews for the GOSE were conducted face to face or by telephone with either the patient or another informant. Interviewers then assigned an overall rating. Occasionally a clinician rating may have been recorded without an interview, if contact was not possible, and there was sufficient information from other sources.
- (2) Centrally assigned GOSE based on structured interview responses. Completed GOSE questionnaires were assigned a rating centrally on the basis of the responses recorded, as described above.
- (3) GOSE self-report questionnaire scored centrally as already described. Questionnaires could be completed by patients alone, by patients with the help of carers, or by relatives / carers alone.
- (4) Deaths assigned using date of death in the database. Central scoring added the outcome rating 'dead' to the composite GOSE variables when appropriate. 'Dead' is assigned if (a) the date of death occurs before the follow-up window for the timepoint has closed, (b) no other outcome has been assigned to the composite (from interview or self-report sources), (c) A follow-up is due at the timepoint per protocol.

Approaches to GOSE assessment used in CENTER-TBI were sufficiently well aligned to justify construction of composite and derived variables for use in subsequent analyses.

In Mica/Opal you will find the following available GOSE variables:

Outcomes.GOSEScore:

This GOSE Structured rating was assigned by the rater/interviewer at the time of the interview and entered in the e-CRF for a particular follow-up time-point, along with responses on the sections of the interview.

Outcomes.DerivedCompositeGOSE:

This GOSE rating is a derived composite score calculated from sources in the following order of precedence:

- (a) Central scoring based on GOSE interview questionnaires completed by investigators
- (b) Central scoring based on GOSE self-report questionnaires completed by patients and/or carers
- (c) Interviewer ratings for survivors, when neither the interview or self-report questionnaires have been completed
- (d) From date of death or investigator recorded death

Subject.GOSE6monthEndpointDerived:

A six month GOSE endpoint that uses both observed ratings (i.e. *Outcomes.DerivedCompositeGOSE*) and imputed values (when the observed value was missing or outside the pre-specified time window (5-8 months))

Subject.DerivedImputed180DaysGOSE:

This variable contains a GOSE that has been imputed at exactly 180 days after injury. In this variable the observed values also were replaced by imputed values.

We recommend using **Subject.GOSE6monthEndpointDerived** for analyses. This variable conforms to conventional expectations that imputation is only used when observed values are not available.

For predictive modelling, the imputed variable **Subject.DerivedImputed180DaysGOSE** might be preferred. This variable takes advantage of smoothing accomplished by the imputation process, and avoids using a hybrid of observed and imputed values.

These variables have very similar values and the choice of which to use will have little in the way of practical implications.

A MSM model has been used for imputation in both variables (see also <https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/10.1089/neu.2019.6858>).

Outcomes.GOSEScores and *Outcomes.DerivedCompositeGOSE* contain a higher number of missing values and are not being recommended for general-purpose use in subsequent analyses.

The GOSE was collected at 3 months and 6 months across all strata, and at 12 months in the admission and ICU strata. Depending on the strata and on the MRI sub-study the GOSE may have been collected in other subgroups at particular timepoints. The same rules and models have been applied for 3 month and 12 month outcome, leading to the following variables available in Mica/Opal:

Subject.GOSE3monthEndpointDerived

Subject.DerivedImputed90DaysGOSE

Subject.GOSE12monthEndpointDerived

Subject.DerivedImputed360DaysGOSE

GOSE scoring OzENTER (Australia) dataset:

GOSE was measured by either a postal questionnaire or a structured telephone interview by a trained assessor.

Subject.GOSE6monthEndpointDerived: does not include imputed values in the OzENTER data set. It equals the composite GOSE at 6 months.

GOSE scoring CINTER India dataset:*Outcomes.GOSEScore*

For the 3 and 6 month GOSE scoring, the Indian investigators did not perform a structured interview (as was done in CENTER-TBI), since this was too time consuming for many patients. The investigator asked some general questions about quality of life and how the patient felt and then completed the GOSE questionnaire in the e-CRF based on their clinical judgement. Hence, the “Outcomes.GOSEScore” variable is a guided interview, in line with the original GOS approach, in which the clinician has a description of different GOS categories and, based on the information available, makes a judgement about the overall rating.

Outcomes.DerivedCompositeGOSE / Subject.GOSE6monthEndpointDerived:

Data entered in the Postal GOSE, is a copy of the interview GOSE – no postal questionnaires were performed.

As questionnaires were only interview based, no composite or derived variable is available for the Indian dataset, the variable “Outcomes.GOSEScore” should be used.

Annex 4: Outcome data: Cantab

Researchers who wish to understand the way that the CANTAB tests are administered and the outcomes are derived, should refer to the CANTAB Eclipse Test Administration Guide that is available through this link: <https://www.center-tbi.eu/manual/CANTAB-RS6-v20140728>

The guide to modes and outcome measures that gives the key to the specific CENTER-TBI outcomes as recommended by Cambridge Cognition can be found below.

There is some redundancy among these outcomes and researchers may want to be selective in their final choice of variables.

The main (confounding) covariates for these tests are age and education level, and particularly the former. These need considered in analyses.

The CANTAB outcomes can be skewed and/or have outliers, and depending on your analysis you may want to transform (e.g. Log10) and/or truncate variables or otherwise deal with these problems.

CANTAB: Guide to Modes and Outcome Measures for CENTER-TBI study

Cambridge Cognition. February 2016

Research - Cantab Research Suite

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Attention Switching Task (AST)

Designed to assess: executive function that provides a measure of cued attentional set-shifting (cognitive flexibility)

Mode: 8d1-8d2-40d2a-8s-40sa-8s8d-40s40da

Block	Number of Trials	Rule?	Practice Assessed?	or	Feedback
1	8	Direction	Practice		Yes
2	8	Direction	Practice		Yes
3	40	Direction	Assessed		No
4	8	Side	Practice		Yes
5	40	Side	Assessed		No
6	16	Direction and Side	Practice		Yes
7	80	Direction and Side	Assessed		No

Duration: ~8 minutes

Key Outcome Measures	Definition
Median Switching cost	The difference between the median latency of response (from stimulus appearance to button press) during assessed blocks in which the rule is switching versus assessed blocks in which the rule remains constant. Calculated by subtracting the median latency of response during non-switching block(s) from the median latency of response during switching block(s). This measure is complex in sense. Close to zero indicates less variation in latencies across non-switch and switch trials. A positive score indicates that the subject responds more quickly in non-switching block(s).

Median Congruency cost	The difference between the median latency of response (from stimulus appearance to button press) on the trials that were congruent versus the trials that were incongruent. Calculated by subtracting the median congruent latency (in ms) from the median incongruent latency. This measure is complex in sense. Close to zero indicates less variation in latencies across congruent and incongruent trials. A positive score indicates that the subject is faster on congruent trials and a negative score indicates that the subject is faster on incongruent trials.
Median Reaction Latency	The median latency of response (from stimulus appearance to button press), calculated across all correct, assessed trials

Paired Associates Learning (PAL)

Designed to assess: episodic memory and visuospatial learning

Mode: *Clinical*

Stage	Number of Patterns	Number of Boxes	Practice Assessed or	Max Number of Attempts
1, 2	1	6	Assessed	10
3, 4	2	6	Assessed	10
5, 6	3	6	Assessed	10
7	6	6	Assessed	10
8	8	8	Assessed	10

Duration: ~10 minutes

Key Outcome Measures	Definition
Total errors (adjusted)	The number of times the subject chose the incorrect box for a stimulus on assessment problems but with an adjustment for the estimated number of errors they would have made on any problems, attempts & recalls they did not reach due to failing or aborting the test
First trial memory score	The number of correct box choices that were made on the first attempt during assessment problems.
Stages completed	The number of stages that the subject passed.

Reaction Time (RTI)

Designed to assess: reaction time, movement time and vigilance

Mode: RTI TBI

Stage	1 or 5 choice?	Practice Assessed	or	Number of Trials	Max Trials Allowed
1 (<i>identical to stage 2 in Clinical mode</i>)	5-choice Touchscreen	Practice		12 trials (stage repeated if less than 5 out of 12 correct)	40
2 (<i>identical to stage 5 in Clinical mode</i>)	5-choice Press-pad	Assessed		8 trials (stage repeated if less than 5 out of 8 correct)	40

Duration: ~X minutes

Mode: Clinical

Stage	1 or 5 choice?	Practice Assessed	or	Number of Trials	Max Trials Allowed
1	Simple Touchscreen	Practice		9 (stage repeated if less than 5 out of 9 correct)	18
2	5-choice Touchscreen	Practice		12 (stage repeated if less than 5 out of 12 correct)	40
3	Simple Press-pad	Practice		9 (stage repeated if less than 5 out of 9 correct)	18
4	Simple Press-pad	Assessed		9 (stage repeated if less than 5 out of 9 correct)	18
5	5-choice Press-pad	Assessed		8 (stage repeated if less than 5 out of 8 correct)	40

Duration: ~6 minutes

Key Outcome Measures	Definition
Median 5-choice reaction time	The median duration between the onset of the stimulus and the time at which the subject released the button. Calculated for correct, assessed trials in which the stimulus could appear in any one of five locations
Median 5-choice movement time	The median time taken to touch the stimulus after the button has been released. Calculated for correct, assessed trials where stimuli could appear in any one of five locations

Rapid Visual Information Processing (RVP)

Designed to assess: sustained attention and concentration

Mode: Clinical

Stage	Target Sequence	Practice or Assessed
1	357	Practice
2	357	Practice
3	357	Practice
4	357; 246; 468	Practice
5	357; 246; 468	Assessed
6	357; 246; 468	Assessed
7	357; 246; 468	Assessed

Duration: ~7 minutes (1 minute per stage, 9 target sequences per minute)

Key Outcome Measures	Definition
A' prime	A' (A prime) is the signal detection measure of sensitivity to the target, regardless of response tendency (the expected range is 0.00 to 1.00; bad to good). In essence, this metric is a measure of how good the subject is at detecting target sequences
Median latency	The median response latency during assessment sequence blocks where the subject responded correctly

Stockings of Cambridge (SOC)

Designed to assess: spatial planning and spatial working memory

Mode: Clinical

Problem Number	Practice or Assessed?	Number of Trials	Min. number of Moves Required	'Too Many Moves'
1,2,3,4	Practice	4	1	3
5,6	Practice	2	2	5
7,8	Assessed	2	2	5
9,10	Assessed	2	3	7
11,12	Assessed	2	4	9
	Follow-phase	<i>The computer replicates the moves the subject made to complete the previous 8 problems, and the subject must simply follow the moves on screen</i>		
13,14	Practice	2	2	5
15,16	Assessed	2	4	9
17,18,19,20	Assessed	4	5	12
	Follow-phase	<i>The computer replicates the moves the subject made to complete the previous 8 problems, and the subject must simply follow the moves on screen</i>		

Duration: ~10 minutes

Mode: *Clinical-no follow*

Overall Stage	Practice Assessed or	Number of Trials	Number of Moves Required	'Too Many Moves'
1	Practice	4	1	n/a
-	Practice	2	2	n/a
2	Assessed	2	2	5
-	Assessed	2	3	7
-	Assessed	2	4	9
3	Practice	2	2	n/a
-	Assessed	2	4	9
-	Assessed	4	5	12

Duration: ~8 minutes

NB: use the Clinical mode if you want to look at thinking time as well as accuracy scores, whereas the Clinical-no follow mode should be used if you only want to look at accuracy scores and not latency scores

Key Outcome Measures	Definition
Problems solved in minimum moves	The number of times the subject has successfully completed a problem in the minimum possible number of moves
Initial thinking time <i>(NB: Applicable to the Clinical mode only)</i>	The mean difference of the time taken to select the first ball in the solve problem phase and the time taken to select the first ball in the follow problem phase. For n move problems
Subsequent thinking time	The subject's mean speed of movement after the initial move has been made for n move problems

Spatial Working Memory (SWM)

Designed to assess: executive function and spatial working memory

Mode: *Clinical*

Stage	Number of Tokens	Number of Boxes	Practice Assessed or	Max Number of Inspections (per problem)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				

Duration: ~5 minutes

Key Outcome Measures	Definition
Between errors	The total number of times the subject revisits a box in which a token has previously been found in the same problem (calculated for assessed problems only)
Strategy	For assessed problems with six boxes or more, the number of distinct boxes used by the subject to begin a new search for a token, within the same problem

Annex 5: Biomarkers and blood sampling data

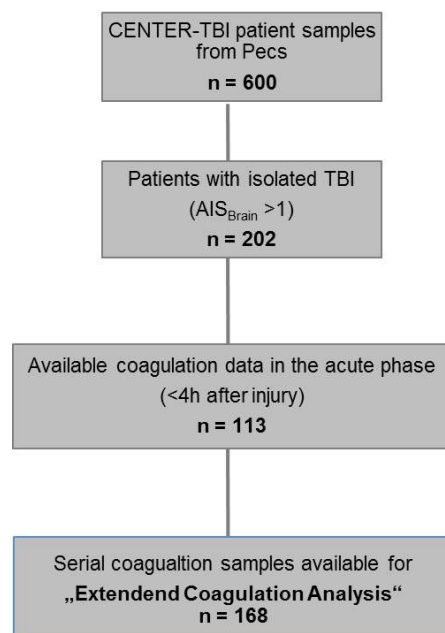
For all blood samples the curated Sample ID, collection date and time and freezer date and time, etc. has been uploaded to Mica/Opal.

We recommend using the “Biomarkers.” domain, “CentralHaemostasis.” domain and “Genetics.” domain primarily (instead of the “labsampling.”), as these contain the curated sample ID and curated collection/freezer dates and times.

In addition, for the biomarkers samples, the results of the following analyses were uploaded into Opal:

- ✓ Biomarkers.S100B
- ✓ Biomarkers.NSE
- ✓ Biomarkers.GFAP
- ✓ Biomarkers.UCH-L1
- ✓ Biomarkers.NFL
- ✓ Biomarkers.Tau

Concerning the extended coagulation analyses (CentralHaemostasis.), 600 patient samples from 9 sites were received. TBI patients with extracranial injuries and AIS Brain ≤ 1 were excluded, which gave a cohort of 202 patients, who had an isolated TBI. We focused on iTBI patients who received a coagulation test within the first 4 hours after TBI injury. In total, 113 iTBI had the information about early coagulation tests, together with serial blood collection samples, hence we achieved a sample number of 168 iTBI patients. Based on this iTBI cohort, an extended coagulation analysis was performed for which you will also find the results in Mica/Opal.



In addition to the data found in Mica/Opal, access can be requested to the following additional files through the Center-TBI office:

Data files	file format(s)	number of files
Biomarker results ABCDx Cytokines	CSV	2
Biomarker results ABCDx GFAP & IL10	CSV	1

Annex 6: Frequency tables

We have been developing Frequency Tables for the CENTER-TBI data. These Frequency Tables do not lend themselves to analyses of the CENTER-TBI data, but serve to provide some orientating insight into the availability and distribution of data in the CENTER-TBI dataset.

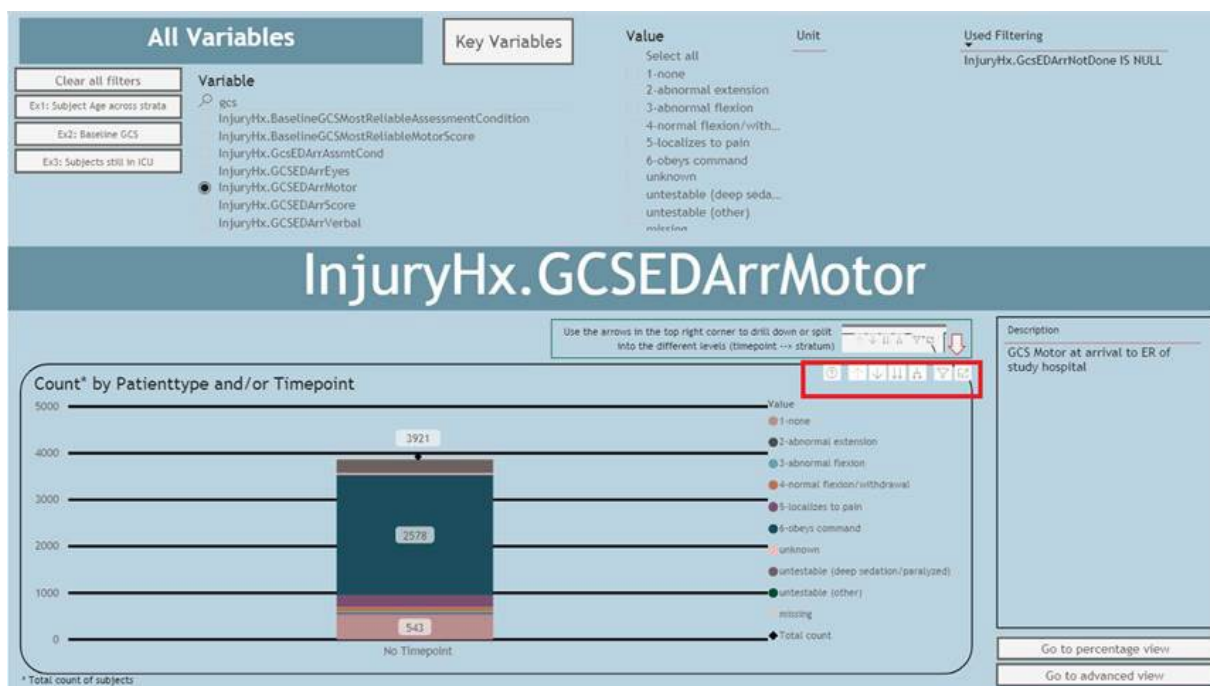
The Frequency Tables are available through the [CENTER-TBI Data Dictionary](#):

When you select a variable in the list of the Frequency Tables, the corresponding values, unit (if applicable) and frequency table will appear per patient type (ER, Admission, ICU).

In the upper right corner of the “all variables” view you will also see the rules used to establish missingness (as not all variables are applicable for all patients) under “Used Filtering” (when rules apply).

If you move your mouse to the top right corner of the table (underneath the green frame), arrows will appear (see screen shot) on which you can click to see the data per timepoint (for longitudinal data) or the total amount of data.

In the downright corner of the screen, you will see a button to go to the percentage view or advanced view. In the advanced view, you will find more parameters about this variable. You can click on them & select the ones that interest you.



Annex 7: Upload of statistical scripts for analyses to CENTER-TBI Gitlab

According to the data access and publication policies of CENTER-TBI, researchers are requested to save their final variable search and to upload the final statistical scripts used in preparation of CENTER-TBI manuscripts (please also see the SOP manual for data access and publication requests on the CENTER-TBI website (<https://www.center-tbi.eu/data>)).

Save statistical scripts:

Login to the script application on the website: <https://www.center-tbi.eu/scripts/>. (Use the same login credentials that are used to login to Mica/Opal)

You will see on the left an “explorer” part where you can navigate through the folders to see the available shared-scripts and download scripts you would like to use.

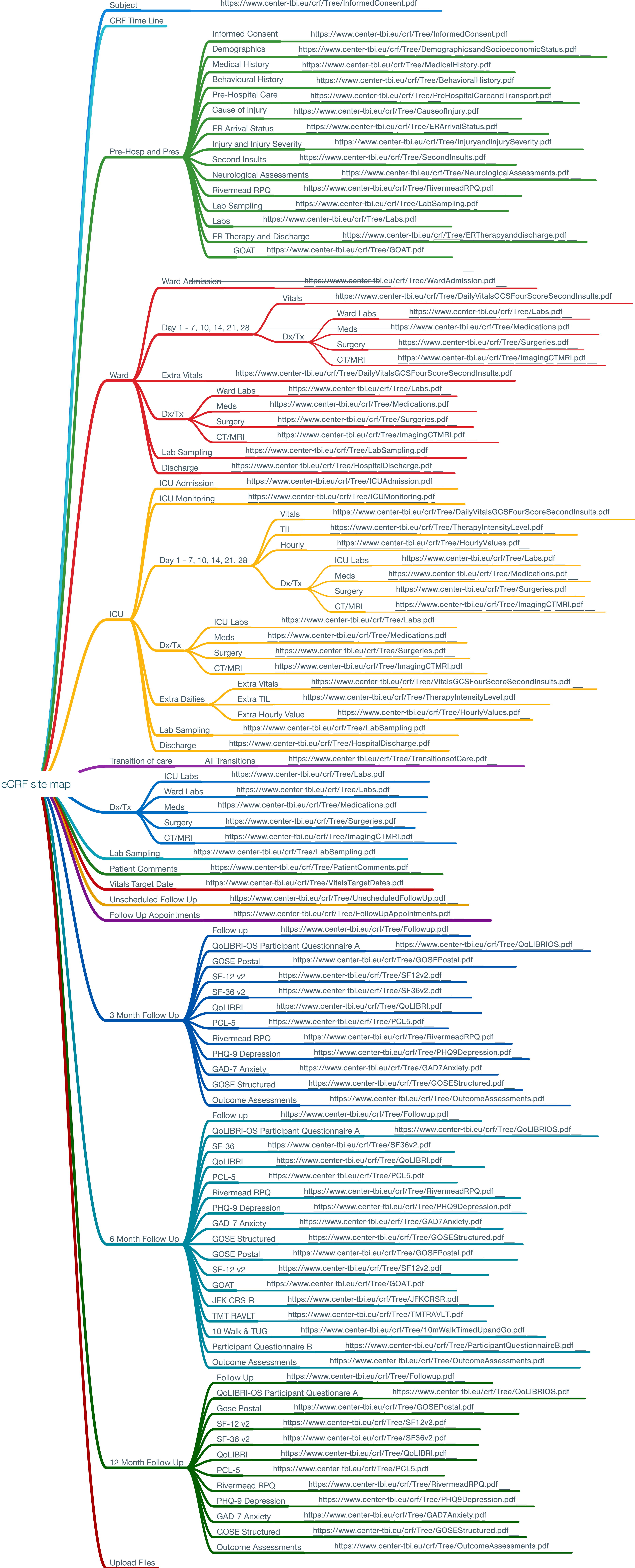
Below the explorer part, you see an “upload form” where you can upload a new script (or several scripts) you would like to share. Make sure to mention the Study Plan number or Manuscript reference in the Notes section, together with a brief description. Once uploaded, your script will be reviewed and then released.

On the right part, you see the “info box” with text from the README file pertaining to the folder you open in the explorer part.

And below that you see the list of “latest uploads” with the status (approved or awaiting approval). When you have uploaded a script, you can see here if your script has been approved yet or is still awaiting approval.

Annex 8: eCRF overview tree structure and linked forms

See next page.



Note: The interactive PDF may not work on all mobile devices

CENTER-TBI Core Data Collection : Guide to timing of assessments and investigations differentiated by stratum + Early MR imaging + Ultra early MR + External completion studies

TIME POINT		Day 1 (Adm)*	Post-op	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	2-3 Week	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month	24 Month
ER STRATUM: 1800												
Clinical data : on presentation/discharge ER and at time of follow-up												
Blood Sampling	Routine hospital											
	Biomarkers											
	Genetics											
Outcome Measures	Neuropsych											
	Questionnaires											
ADMISSION STRATUM: 1800												
Clinical data : on presentation, day 1-7, day 10, day 14, day 21 and day 28 unless discharge earlier												
Blood Sampling	Routine hospital											
	Biomarkers											
	Genetics											
Outcome Measures	Neuropsych											
	Questionnaires											
ICU STRATUM: 1800												
Clinical data : on presentation, day 1-7, day 10, day 14, day 21 and day 28 unless discharge earlier												
Blood Sampling	Routine hospital											
	Biomarkers											
	Genetics											
Outcome Measures	Neuropsych											
	Questionnaires											

Day 1 = Defined as day of Admission; in most cases this will be the same as day of injury, but in some (those patients presenting in the evening) it may be the next day.

Day 2 = Day after Admission