

The European Prevention of Alzheimer's Dementia (EPAD) project aims to develop an infrastructure that efficiently enables the undertaking of adaptive, multi-arm Proof of Concept studies for early and accurate decisions on the ongoing development of drug candidates or drug combinations for the prevention of AD dementia.

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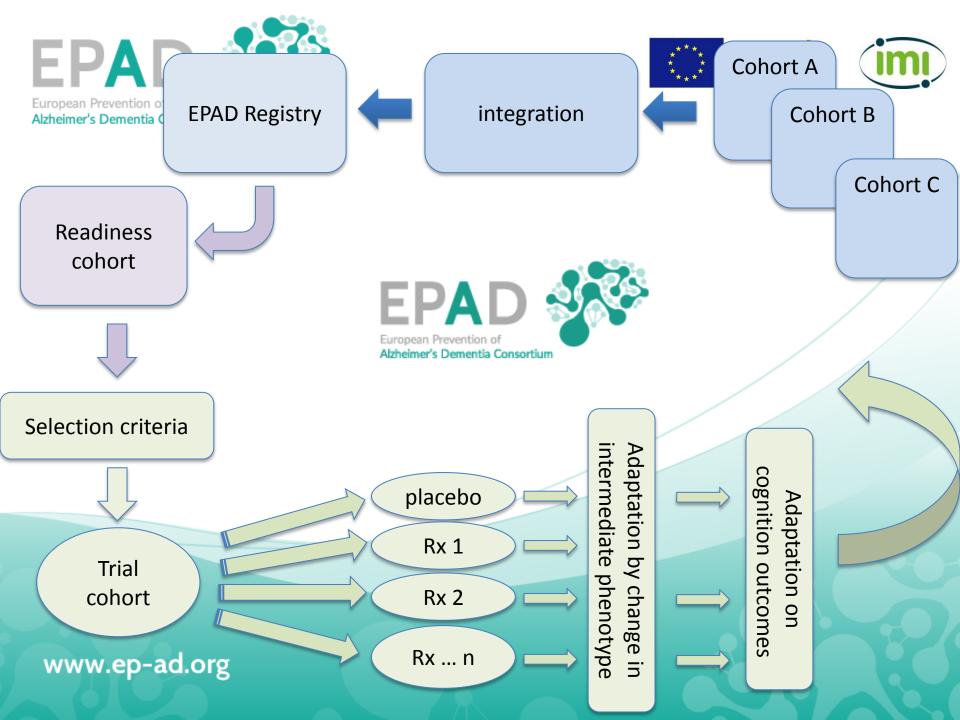




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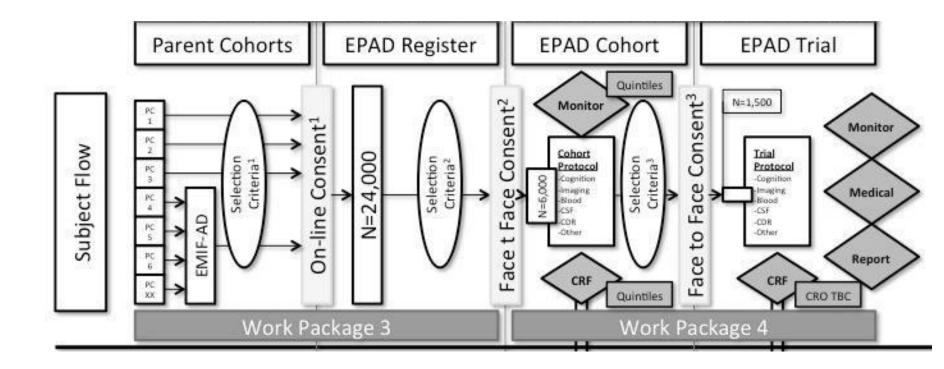
Slides from Craig Ritchie















- Access data in Parent Cohorts
- Run Participant Discovery Software (EMIF)
- Generate list to Parent Cohort Owner who invite potential participants to attend local EPAD TDC.
- Parent Cohort Engagement ongoing





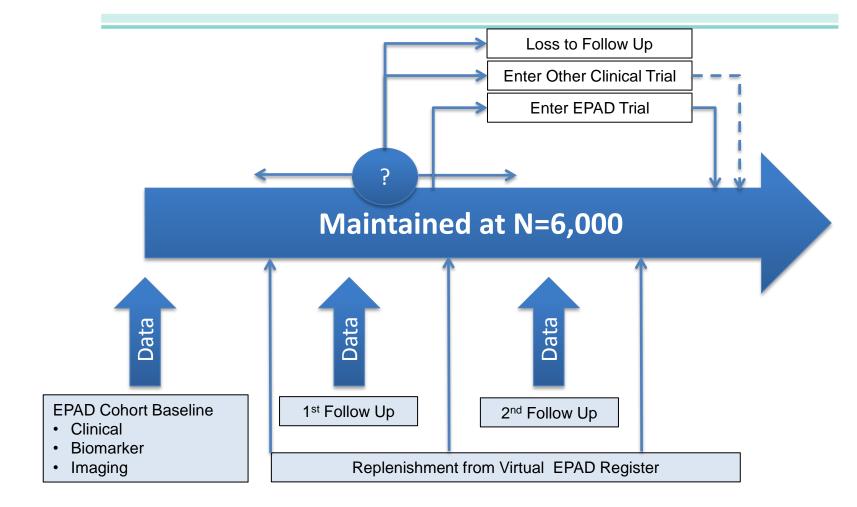
Finding and filtering for EPAD LCS

- EPAD LCS is the gateway into the EPAD Project for the Research Participants
- We need to make sure that the LCS population is fit for purpose
- We do this by looking for data that defines the most suitable people from the parent cohorts for EPAD





## The EPAD Longitudinal Cohort Study







The EPAD LCS Protocol

- Annual assessments
  6/12 Cognition Assessment
- EPAD Neuropsychological Evaluation (ENE)\*
- Neuroimaging\*
- 100% will give CSF Sample for Aβ/Tau (Gothenburg)
- Blood, urine and saliva for genomics (blood) and storage for exploratory biomarkers (Edinburgh)
- Safety labs done locally at the TDCs
- Clinical and other risk factors





## EPAD Neuropsychological Examination (ENE)

#### **Cognition (in order of administration)**

#### RBANS (Primary)

- Verbal Episodic Memory: List Learning & Story Memory
- Visual Episodic Memory: Figure Recall
- Visuospatial/Constructional: Figure Copy & Line Orientation
- Language: Picture Naming
- Attention/Executive Functioning: Semantic Fluency, Digit Span, Coding

Four Mountains Task - (allocentric space; **Exploratory**) Dot counting - (working memory; **Secondary**) Flanker - (choice reaction time and set-shifting; **Secondary**) Name/Face pairs - (paired associate learning; **Secondary**) Supermarket Trolley Virtual Reality - (egocentric space; **Exploratory**)





# **EPAD Neuroimaging Battery (ENB)**

### **Neuroimaging outcomes**

### Structural MRI

- Cortical thickness, deep GM volumes
- Fractional anisotropy (FA) of temporal lobe, diffusion kurtosis (multi b-value DTI), network alterations

### Functional MRI

- Global & parietal CBF
- Changes within the default-mode network (DMN) & relation with hippocampal activity (rsfMRI)
- Bolus arrival time (multi-delay ASL)
- Network analysis (rsfMRI)

### PET Amyloid Imaging

To be confirmed in IMI2





- April 1<sup>st</sup> expect First Research Participant to be Recruited into EPAD LCS.
- Success of project predicated on close academic collaboration with Parent Cohorts across Europe and engagement with public on the vision of EPAD.
- Forming a key part of the developing global network of aligning projects:
  - GAP, CPAD, JPAD and APAD

