

# Validation, Deployment, and Real-World Implementation of a Modular Toolbox for Alzheimer's Disease Detection and Dementia Risk Reduction: The AD-RIDDLE Project

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## Abstract

The Real-World Implementation, Deployment, and Validation of Early Detection Tools and Lifestyle Enhancement (AD-RIDDLE) project, recently launched with the support of the EU Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) public-private partnership and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), aims to develop, test, and deploy a modular toolbox platform that can reduce existing barriers to the timely detection, and therapeutic approaches in Alzheimer's disease (AD), thus accelerating AD innovation. By focusing on health system and health worker practices, AD-RIDDLE seeks to improve and smooth AD management at and between each key step of the clinical pathway and across the disease continuum, from at-risk asymptomatic stages to early symptomatic ones. This includes innovation and improvement in AD awareness, risk reduction and prevention, detection, diagnosis, and intervention. The 24 partners in the AD-RIDDLE interdisciplinary consortium will develop and test the AD-RIDDLE toolbox platform and its components individually and in combination in six European countries. Expected results from this cross-sectoral research collaboration include tools for earlier detection and accurate diagnosis; validated, novel digital cognitive and blood-based biomarkers; and improved access to individualized preventative interventions (including multimodal interventions and symptomatic/disease-modifying therapies) across diverse populations, within the framework of precision

medicine. Overall, AD-RIDDLE toolbox platform will advance management of AD, improving outcomes for patients and their families, and reducing costs.

*Key words:* Alzheimer's disease, dementia, biomarkers, precision medicine, implementation, real world data.

## Introduction

In an aging global population, the number of people with dementia is forecasted to grow from over 57 million (2019) to 153 million by 2050 (1). The annual global costs of dementia already exceed \$1.3 trillion (2)—and health systems worldwide are not prepared for its future impact.

The pathology of AD can start 15–25 years before individuals start showing symptoms, and diagnosis is often substantially delayed (3). Diagnosing AD in the prodromal stages of the disease remains a notable challenge in the primary care setting: as a result, 60–75% of adults with AD never receive a formal diagnosis or are diagnosed at more advanced stages of dementia (4,

**Figure 1.** The AD-RIDDLE Consortium

5, 6). Yet earlier detection gives patients and healthcare providers more and better options for prevention and treatment, including recently approved disease-modifying therapies (DMT) (7, 8). Data from real-world clinical settings indicate that only a fraction of patients (27% of those with mild cognitive impairment) are potentially eligible for the disease-modifying therapies (DMTs) that currently exist, so it is critical to accurately identify as many of the people who can benefit from those therapies as possible (9). Research indicates that European healthcare systems are currently capacity-constrained and ill-prepared to detect cognitive decline in a timely manner, risking delaying diagnosis and as a result otherwise eligible patients may struggle to access DMTs (10, 11, 12).

While prevention, screening, and early detection strategies have been developed and implemented for many other chronic diseases, they have been lacking in the dementia field. Although there are promising findings in these research areas, literature shows that it takes on average 17-20 years for clinical innovations to translate into practice (13). The World Health Organization (WHO) has laid the groundwork to better integrate emerging innovations into clinical practice via the Integrated Care for Older People (ICOPE) guidelines, but substantial work remains to equip health systems to screen for, predict, prevent and treat dementia (14).

Public-private partnerships, such as the EU Innovative Health Initiative (IHI, [www.ih.europa.eu](http://www.ih.europa.eu)), work across a broad range of sectors and involve all key stakeholders, thus providing optimal ways to address challenges in AD management. The IHI call 3 in 2023 focused on “Screening platform and biomarkers for prediction and prevention of diseases of unmet public health need.” Within this call, the aim of the Real-World Implementation, Deployment, and Validation of Early Detection Tools and Lifestyle Enhancement (AD-RIDDLE) project is to develop, test, and deploy a modular toolbox platform that can eliminate

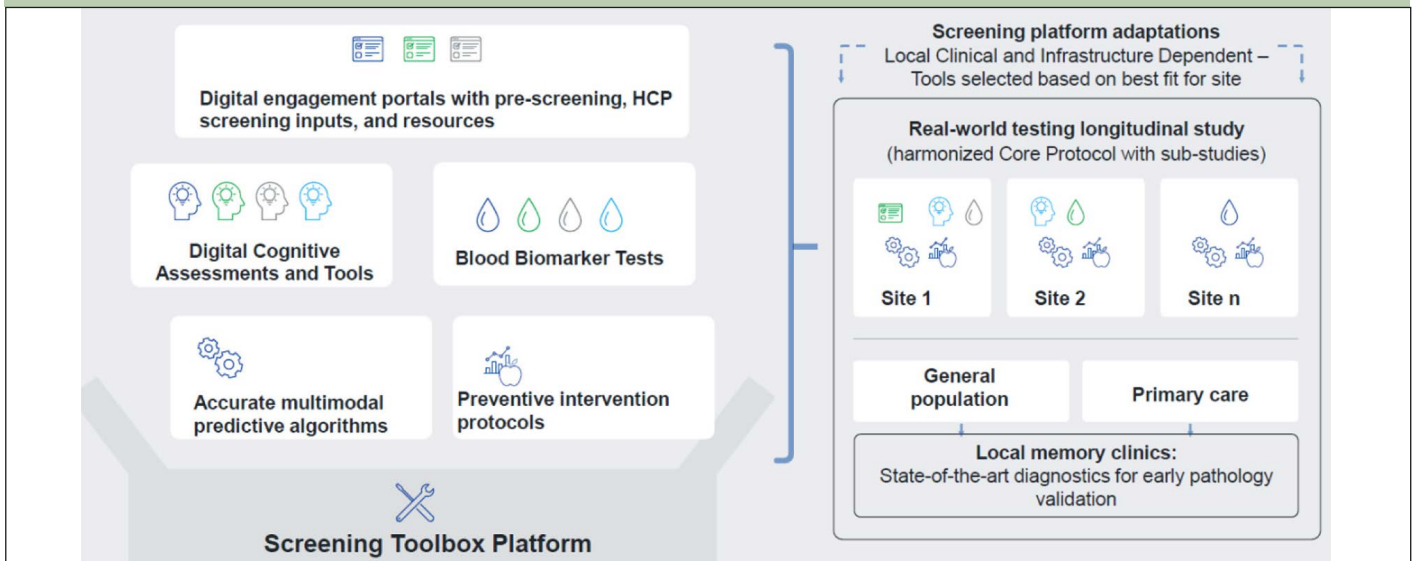
barriers to Alzheimer’s disease (AD) early detection, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment. By focusing on the health system and health worker practices, the AD-RIDDLE consortium (Figure 1) seeks to improve and smooth AD management at and between each key step of the clinical pathway and the disease continuum, from at-risk asymptomatic stages to early symptomatic ones. The public-private partnership assembled to tackle this project will enable linkage of multiple industry sectors to exploit and share data, access to healthcare systems, tools and innovations, and deep domain expertise.

### *The timely approach of the AD-RIDDLE project*

Given the slow, gradual progression of AD neuropathology from an asymptomatic stage or before symptoms are detectable with cognitive tests (preclinical AD) to mild cognitive impairment (prodromal AD) to dementia (the end-stage of AD) there is a window of opportunity for early intervention (15). Individuals could benefit from interventions delaying symptom onset and progression, as well as early AD detection—including via better symptom management, more coordinated care plans, cost savings, and delayed institutionalization (16) before substantial accumulation of neuropathology and the onset of considerable cognitive symptoms.

Risk reduction and early intervention are increasingly possible. AD and related dementias are complex, resulting from interactions between non-modifiable (such as age, sex, and genetics) and modifiable (such as lifestyle, vascular, and metabolic) risk factors (17, 18, 19). AD-RIDDLE Consortium members developed the pioneering Finnish Geriatric Intervention Study to Prevent Cognitive Impairment and Disability (FINGER) multimodal dementia risk detection and prevention model (20, 21), which showed that older people at risk for dementia, even those with genetic susceptibility to the disease, experienced clear cognitive and other health

**Figure 2.** The AD-RIDDLE Toolbox Platform - a modular structure allowing each clinical site to choose and combine the most suitable tools for screening purposes



Abbreviations: HCP, healthcare professionals

benefits from a multidomain, lifestyle-based intervention combining nutrition advice, exercise, cognitive training, social activities, and management of vascular/metabolic risk (21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26). Likewise, DMTs and other interventions in the AD field are progressing rapidly: some DMTs, such as the A $\beta$ -targeted drug lecanemab, may soon be available (27, 28). Eligibility for treatment with lecanemab is currently limited to people with prodromal or mild dementia due to AD, and evidence from trials such as TRAILBLAZER-ALZ2 and Clarity AD showed a greater slowing of clinical decline in participants at earlier stages of the disease, underscoring the value of timely detection and diagnosis (29, 30).

### *The AD-RIDDLE Consortium and aims*

Developing and implementing large-scale European strategies for early detection and prevention can enable health systems, providers, caregivers, and patients to take advantage of new advances in AD diagnostics, therapeutics and prevention (18, 31). The 24 partners in the AD-RIDDLE Consortium—a unique, interdisciplinary collaboration of academic researchers, healthcare providers, industry, regulatory bodies, and patient advocacy organizations (Figure 1)—will develop and test the AD-RIDDLE toolbox platform and its components individually and in combination in eight primary care and memory clinics in six European countries (Sweden, Finland, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, and the UK). They will leverage their world-class research, medical practice, and digital and data platform capabilities, as well as significant advances in tools and methods for early AD detection, such as new developments in blood-based biomarkers (BBMs) and digital tools for cognitive assessment, to meet the project's aims:

- 1) Increase timeliness and accuracy in early risk detection and AD diagnosis;
- 2) Increase the availability of validated, novel digital cognitive assessment tools and blood-based biomarkers;
- 3) Improve the integration of screening, confirmation (CSF/MRI/PET), and prevention to match individuals and therapies using advanced analytics; and
- 4) Improve access to tailored interventions (including multimodal interventions and symptomatic/disease-modifying therapies) across diverse populations, within the framework of precision medicine.

The AD-RIDDLE project will span five years and include the development of a community outreach toolkit for screening and stakeholder activation, real-world testing of digital cognitive assessments and blood-based biomarkers, development and testing of predictive algorithms for early risk and disease detection, and designing a decision support toolkit for precision prevention therapies. Implementation research will enable an understanding of the barriers and enablers to implement these tools in real-world settings. In parallel, a cross-cutting team will provide guidance and recommendations for the project on aspects related to ethics, health economics, health technology assessment and sustainability. This will include a scoping review of ethical concerns linked to screening approaches for AD/dementia risk, a policy and practice review across European countries, evaluation of data privacy and GDPR compliance of the toolbox platform, and health economic model building and assessment of health technology assessment (HTA) evidence requirements. Finally, all the above activities will be enabled by communication, public involvement, and outreach activities throughout the project duration.

## The AD-RIDDLE Toolbox Platform

Innovative elements contributing to the uniqueness of the AD-RIDDLE toolbox platform include its flexible structure and foreseen use. Diagnostic and clinical management pathways differ significantly across countries and within countries, with diverse approaches to cognitive and biomarker testing, follow-up, and reimbursement (32). Thus, taking a one-size-fits-all approach would not be successful. Consequently, the AD-RIDDLE platform will feature a modular toolbox, allowing health systems and healthcare providers to mix, match, and tailor its component tools to their needs. (See Figure 2) Components of the AD-RIDDLE toolbox platform include:

- A modular digital engagement portal with pre-screening tools alongside resources for patients, caregivers, and the general public
- Digital cognitive assessment (DCA) tools
- Blood-based biomarker (BBM) tests
- Protocols for preventive intervention based on iterative research findings
- A platform algorithm that can analyse an array of data and scientific inputs and generate personalized intervention recommendations.

Timely diagnosis of AD and dementia requires an orchestrated multi-step process in primary care settings and beyond, involving multiple healthcare professionals: physicians—including neurologists, geriatricians, and/or psychiatrists—as well as nurses, neuropsychologists, speech therapists, and MRI and/or PET neuroimaging specialists. Variations in professionals involved partly depend on which specialty (Geriatrics, Neurology, or Psychiatry) is assigned primary diagnostic and therapeutic responsibility in a specific country or region. This variation of tasks and responsibilities in different contexts is one reason why the AD-RIDDLE toolbox platform is designed to be modular and flexible, with multiple entry points and means of engagement for patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers. To test the platform in the real world, eight clinical sites across six European countries participating in AD-RIDDLE have the capacity and experience to cover the entire screening and prevention trajectory, from the general population to primary care to memory clinics. Each study site will have the flexibility to assemble a set of tools adapted to the local healthcare setting, and tailored to meet the needs of the patients and caregivers it serves, addressing the psychosocial and biographical components of cognitive impairment. For example, patients diagnosed with AD could be allocated to personalised, pharmacological or non-pharmacological treatments, including disease-modifying therapies for patients (e.g. anti-amyloid drugs for those with confirmed amyloid pathology), interventions targeting modifiable risk factors (e.g. FINGER multidomain intervention) or combination

therapies. Older adults at risk of AD/dementia will have timely access to personalised, preventive therapies based on lifestyle interventions, with the toolbox platform enabling early detection and monitoring of people who could benefit from self-guided interventions, and those who need support from healthcare professionals to optimise the therapeutic response.

Another key feature of the AD-RIDDLE project is the implementation research module, which aims to identify generalizable learnings that can be applied across diverse clinical settings to increase the adoption of key components of the modular toolbox platform (e.g., DCA, BBM, fluid biomarkers). The implementation evaluation will be guided by a mixed-methods protocol developed with clinical setting leaders, taking into account the unique requirements and current practices of each setting, guided by the revised Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR; 33). The evaluation will document data about the implementation process and outcomes including:

- The challenges of incorporating toolkit components into existing care pathways both within and across sites
- Barriers and facilitators to sustained practice change within and across sites
- The role of site and setting factors on implementation successes and challenges

Communications in clinical settings regarding risk assessment, diagnostic procedures, and decisions about engaging in preventive or therapeutic interventions (including both pharmacological and non-pharmacological) will also be assessed. As a result, AD-RIDDLE aims to identify best practices to enable the improvement of health literacy and shared decision-making of patients and care partners, as well as efficient allocation and improved adherence to preventive or therapeutic treatments. Furthermore, participating sites will engage with their patients to ensure that digital literacy or connectivity does not become a barrier to accessing needed care.

AD-RIDDLE envisions the continuum of AD screening, diagnosis, and treatment as a pipeline, and right now, that pipeline is complex. The project aims to take apart the pipes, identify the obstacles and their location, and put them back together again so that patient and provider can flow more smoothly, making a difficult process more efficient, effective, and patient-focused. Drugs and other therapies are only useful if they reach the patients who need them—and they can only reach the patients who need them if people with preclinical or prodromal AD receive a timely, accurate diagnosis based on pathology and associated clinical care.

Effectively utilizing novel screening tools, diagnostics, and treatments for Alzheimer's disease is as new to doctors and other healthcare providers as it is to patients. Physicians are typically incentivized to work in their practice, not on it. AD-RIDDLE focuses on both, collecting

data at each step so health systems can do more and better for an aging global population.

## Methodology

Building on existing technology, tools, and biomarkers, many developed by AD-RIDDLE Consortium partners through earlier EU-funded projects, development of the AD-RIDDLE toolbox platform will be based on the crucial need to provide modular solutions that can be flexibly combined and matched in different health systems and settings across multiple countries.

The AD-RIDDLE toolbox components are:

### 1) Digital engagement portals with resources to enable patient pre-screening and screening

To raise awareness and enable screening in the general population, the AD-RIDDLE partners will develop a community entry point toolkit, or “front door.” This will take the form of a digital engagement portal, developed initially as a test wireframe, and iteratively refined in consultation with healthcare professionals, patients, caregivers and older adults during the project into a fully functional product that is accessible and useable for people across a wide digital literacy spectrum. Key components of this portal are expected to include: a public-facing website online cognitive pre-screening tools, chatbots, or other interface for public engagement, a contact management system to enable self-guided assessment and follow-up communications, patient and family/care partner resources, and general healthcare provider support tools to enable screening and activation. The digital engagement portal will be launched alongside a public awareness campaign, co-designed with patients, caregivers and older adults in order to cross the digital divide, leveraging existing networks to reach diverse audiences.

The goal is to provide a seamless entry point that will guide diverse users through the platform. Developers will capitalize on the experience and assets of consortium members related to dementia-inclusive messaging to promote positive engagement with brain health and reduce the stigma around cognitive impairment and dementia.

### 2) Digital cognitive assessments and tools

Compared with standard paper-and-pencil testing, digital tools for early AD detection and prevention have great potential due to the possibility for higher sensitivity to early disease and better ecological validity (34, 35). By removing the need for individuals to travel for their assessment(s), they capture sensitive, specific, and valuable cognitive measures on a large scale with ease while offering greater cost-effectiveness, accessibility, and data aggregation (such as, in some settings, allowing for task-shifting to decrease the utilization of more expensive

health resources) (36). The AD-RIDDLE platform will offer a variety of digital cognitive assessment (DCA) tools via computer, smartphone, and/or tablet for predicting AD risk in cognitively healthy individuals and monitoring the real-world impact of prevention and treatment. These DCAs will include the eCOG and cNeuro cDSI from Combinostics, the Amsterdam IADL Questionnaire, Neotiv’s digital cognitive assessment battery and the NeotivTrials Web Portal, CANTAB and NeuroVocalix from Cambridge Cognition, among others – offering a variety of CE-marked tools validated across multiple languages and settings.

### 3) Blood-based biomarkers (BBMs) relevant for AD

Among the highest priorities in AD biomarker research is evaluating high-performing BBMs in diverse real-world populations in both memory and primary care clinics. To determine clinical robustness, these biomarkers should be studied prospectively; yet to date no studies have been published in which high-performing AD BBMs were prospectively and rigorously validated in patients with memory impairment in memory clinics, and certainly not in primary care (37, 38).

Based on the healthcare infrastructure in the selected European countries involved in AD-RIDDLE, research biomarker protocols and BBMs already approved for use in clinical practice, AD-RIDDLE has a unique opportunity to study the clinical robustness and accuracy of plasma AD biomarkers prospectively in broad, diverse, and unselected populations that are generalizable to other real-world settings.

AD-RIDDLE Consortium members have shown that AD BBMs, together with brief cognitive tests, can accurately predict future development of dementia in specialist memory clinic patients with mild memory complaints (39). Others have recently achieved major breakthroughs in accurate AD BBMs, including A $\beta$ 42/40 ratio, phosphorylated (p)-tau217, p-Tau231, p-Tau181, neurofilament light chain (NFL, neurodegeneration marker), and glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP, early marker of A $\beta$ -related reactive astrogliosis) (40, 37). However, such novel biomarkers must now be thoroughly and prospectively validated in clinical practice before they can be implemented in specialist or primary care clinics worldwide. The project will also test exploratory fluid biomarkers based on ongoing work by Consortium partners.

### 4) Predictive algorithms for early risk and disease detection; and 5) Decision support toolkit for precision prevention therapies

There has been extensive research on predictive algorithms for AD/dementia, considering various combinations of genetic and environmental factors, medical history, cognitive performance, and/or biomarkers (including blood, CSF, and imaging) (41). However, the use of predictive algorithms in clinical practice is very limited, due to the lack of widely

**Table 1.** Available settings for AD-RIDDLE's real world testing study span a range of European countries and healthcare settings, offering a diversity of current standards of care, local restrictions, and workflows

Country	Setting	Available settings for real-world testing study
Sweden	Memory Clinic	Karolinska University Hospital
	Primary Care	Region Stockholm (healthcare region)
	General population	Region Västra Götaland & Sahlgrenska Univ. Hospital
	Primary Care	Region Skåne (healthcare region)
	General population	
	Memory Clinic	Skånes universitetssjukhus
United Kingdom	Primary Care	Imperial College NHS Healthcare Trust-BRC
	Secondary Care	
Netherlands	Memory Clinic	Alzheimer Center Amsterdam
	General Population	Dutch Brain Research Registry (Hersenonderzoek.nl)
Italy	Memory Clinic	Perugia University Hospital
	Health Aging Center	Cognitively normal cohort
Finland	Geriatric clinics	North Savo healthcare region
	Memory clinic	Kuopio University Hospital
	General population	UEF Brain Research Unit
Spain	General population	Barcelonaβeta Brain Research Center
	Primary or secondary care	
	Memory Clinic	

accessible digital tools to implement them and limited evidence on their real-world accuracy in general populations at primary care or memory clinics. The current disconnect between risk/disease prediction and dementia prevention creates difficulties for clinicians when early detection of people at-risk or in early AD stages is not linked to clear intervention-related decision-making.

The AD-RIDDLE project is unique in its combination of several large datasets, including both observational cohorts and interventional randomized clinical trials (RCTs), for AD/dementia prevention. The datasets are particularly suited for prediction and prevention work because they cover the full spectrum of stages—from brain-at-risk through preclinical and prodromal AD to dementia—and can seamlessly connect risk prediction to real-world preventive interventions. Consortium members maintain these datasets and make them readily accessible for analysis, leveraging the EU-funded European Platform for Neurodegenerative Diseases (EPND) (42). The development and validation of the algorithm will also be based on new real-world data collected during this project.

### ***Real-world testing of the toolbox platform, digital cognitive assessments, and BBMs***

A three-year-long real-world testing study, co-designed with Consortium partners, will be conducted at eight

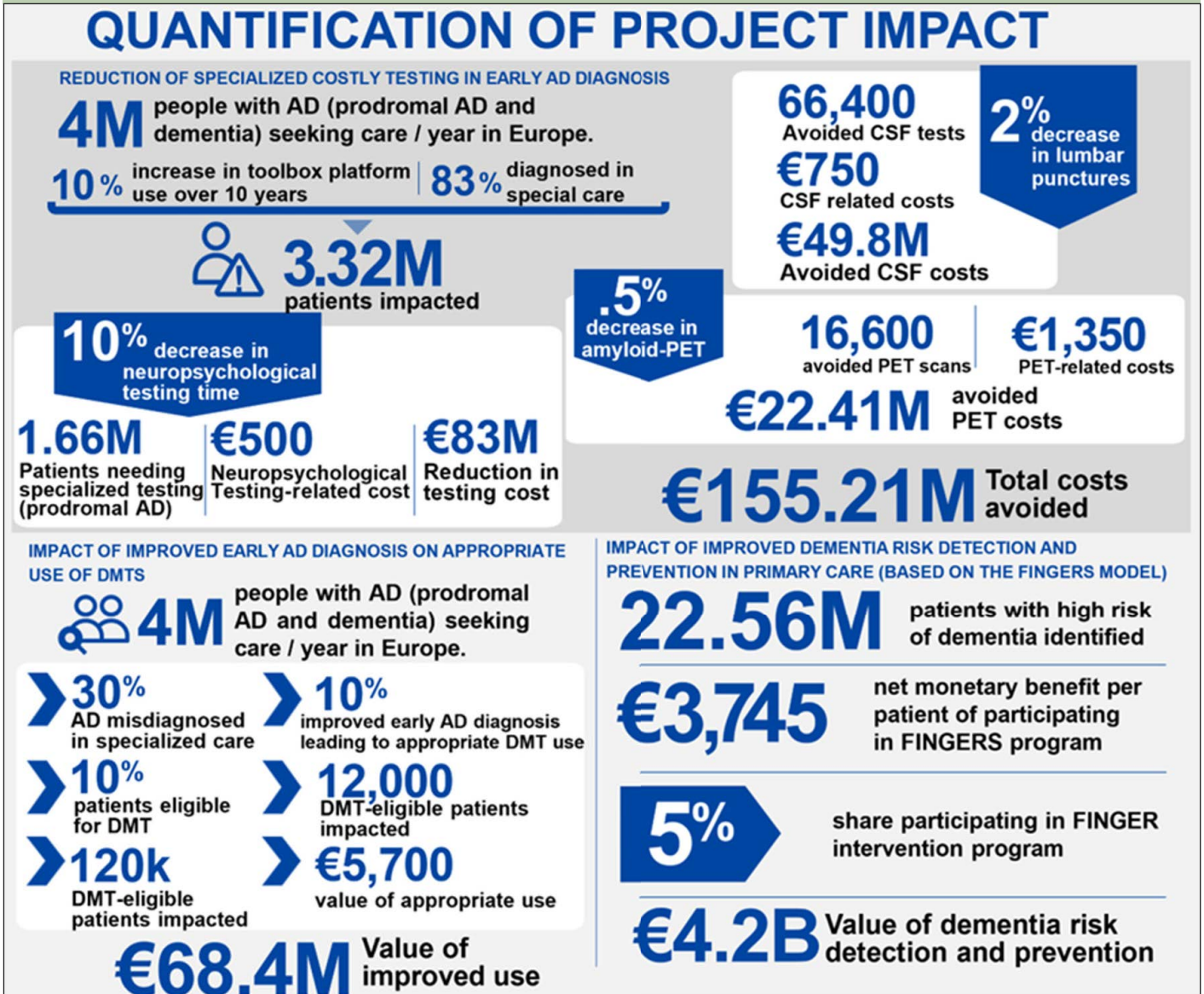
sites in six European countries. The partners will recruit participants from general populations, primary care or memory clinic settings, targeting individuals across the entire continuum from brain-at-risk to preclinical and prodromal AD. The Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative, a new global health initiative launched in 2021 by the World Economic Forum, will provide the Implementation Science support to collect the evidence basis of health system barriers and facilitators using rigorous evidence-based methods to support future clinical and policy changes (43).

Consortium partners will first aim to understand the standard of care and current best practices within each clinical setting, and subsequently develop a Core Protocol to coordinate sub-studies investigating how different primary care and/or memory clinic settings in different countries can adapt and use the AD-RIDDLE toolbox platform. This approach aligns with the modular toolbox platform design and will allow adaptation to match a variety of clinical site needs.

### ***Potential obstacles***

The main potential obstacle for the AD-RIDDLE project is that implementation may be delayed at the health system or site level. With sufficient lead time for local stakeholder engagement, however, clinical routines can be adapted, management and technical challenges can be overcome, and health care providers can be trained. The

Figure 3. Quantification of AD-RIDDLE project impact



Abbreviations: AD, Alzheimer’s disease; CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; DMT, disease-modifying therapy; PET, positron emission tomography. See also Supplementary Table 1 for additional details.

clinical partners will provide evidence of the added value and efficiency of AD-RIDDLE tools, paving the way for implementation outside the consortium.

Early detection and tailored interventions require appropriate communication with key stakeholders, including patients, caregivers, and the public to ensure that messaging uses appropriate language, is supplied in the appropriate form (digital and/or paper), and responds to the needs of specific communities, including hard-to-reach populations. Likewise, clinicians will need clear guidance to manage reactions to biomarker disclosures, engage patients in decisions regarding the assessment of risk and prevention potential, and identify preventative and therapeutic treatments. AD-RIDDLE will address these challenges by building on the knowledge and expertise of consortium partners, and by embedding end user involvement at all stages of

the project, from public involvement consultations with patients, caregivers and older adults, to focus groups and workshops with healthcare professionals. Meaningful involvement of patients, caregivers and clinicians will enhance the useability, accessibility and value of the AD-RIDDLE toolbox platform, as well as its expected impacts at both individual and societal levels.

### Expected Impact of AD-RIDDLE

AD-RIDDLE began in January 2024 and will last 5 years. It aims to address many of the challenges AD and its related costs place on communities, health systems, healthcare professionals, patients, and caregivers. Expected outcomes for target groups include:

- Older adults (60+ years) and patients with preclinical

or prodromal AD will benefit from access to timely, personalized, evidence-based preventive therapies.

- Healthcare professionals will benefit from validated tools that will allow them to identify at-risk patients and select appropriate preventive action.
- Researchers will benefit from validated biomarkers to accelerate the development of precision therapies to prevent or delay AD dementia.
- Health systems will benefit from evidence that helps to identify the right patients, at the right time, for the right interventions to improve treatment outcomes and decrease resource utilization.
- Patients and caregivers will benefit from improved, timely detection and diagnosis. There are also societal benefits to a timely diagnosis: for instance, enabling patient and family education and counselling, and/or allowing for the early introduction of strategies and tools to maximize independence (44).
- Health technology developers will benefit from understanding barriers to adopting and operationalizing validated tools to improve commercialization efforts.

A specific area of focus to ensure sustainability will be collaborative work with partners from the private sector to ensure exploitation readiness of the tools within the AD-RIDDLE toolbox platform and to support regulatory validation where necessary. Insights from companies with certified tools will be leveraged for tools that are not yet available for clinical use. We will also proactively engage with healthcare systems from the early stages of the project, to understand market needs, barriers, and enablers for adoption, and to advocate for continued use of AD-RIDDLE tools.

The Scientific impact of AD-RIDDLE will include improved methodologies for early detection and more precise clinical characterization of AD, helping to accelerate clinical research and the development of new preventative therapies based on pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions.

The economic impact would entail cost savings resulting from reduced medical costs and reduced costs of social and informal care related to AD and dementia. The quantification of impact is based on available data on the occurrence of AD pathology in older adults in Europe (preclinical and prodromal AD) and current procedures and costs for diagnosis, which rely on costly tools available only in specialist settings. Impact assessment is also based on a cost-effectiveness analysis from FINGER, which showed that saving \$2000 USD per individual by reducing dementia risk can have a huge societal impact given the size of the target population (45, 46, 2) (Figure 3, see also supplementary table 1 for details on quantification of project impact, including individual and aggregated cost estimates, and full references). Furthermore, recent data from the European Brain Council indicate that early diagnosis by BBMs and

cognitive testing can save money by reducing medical costs and the burden of social or informal care (47). The findings of AD-RIDDLE, and the expected uptake of the toolbox components across Europe, are forecasted to optimize the use and thus costs of time-consuming and burdensome diagnostics (CSF, PET-scans), and increase the timely access to therapeutic approaches, including pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions. Beyond the economic benefit, this can also impact citizens (both those across the AD continuum and their relatives/carers) by potentially offering optimized and thus less stressful diagnostic, preventative and therapeutic pathways, with disease detection at earlier stages, and opportunities to postpone cognitive decline and disability.

Overall, the social impact related to the development of tools enhancing access to early diagnosis and preventive therapies will improve the lives of people with AD and reduce the individual and social burden related to the disease, enabling the promotion of sustainable societies, and curbing the strain of aging populations on health systems.

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