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First papers published by French researchers given free access to THIN, the real-world medico-economic database managed by GERS Data

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GERS Data is a Cegedim Group subsidiary and a key healthcare market data and analysis player in France. The company is pleased to announce that the first papers by research physicians given free access⁽¹⁾ to real-world data⁽²⁾ from the THIN database have been published.

One group of physicians focused on the "Analysis of diagnostic strategies for Sjogren's syndrome in France in primary care clinics using an electronic health database⁽³⁾". Their work was presented at the 76th Franco-Maghreb Internal Medicine Conference. Another group dealt with "Assessing monitoring of recommendations for treating urinary infections in primary care clinics in France⁽⁴⁾". The second group presented their results in June at the French Infectious Disease Society's 19th annual conference in Nantes.

THIN is the new name for GERS Data's real-world database

GERS Data is now marketing the database created from Cegedim's medical software in France and the UK under the name *THIN (The Health Improvement Network)*. The database uses a big data format that can be accessed using AI techniques. The UK version of THIN has been used in over 600 research papers worldwide and is well known in international medical research circles.

The THIN database complies with all current data protection laws (GDPR) and adheres to the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP) model. That means it is compatible with most existing international data sources. Researchers using THIN can extract a targeted, accurate set of medical and economic data on patient pathway from both private practices and hospitals.

The real-world data are hosted on servers certified to host personal health records and are available virtually in real time. The data can be accessed as anonymized data with big data technologies using secure SaaS protocols. They meet all standards for quality, representative data for performing real-world research, particularly the requirements for conducting retrospective studies.

Researchers given free access to THIN, the first Franco-British real-world database ⁽¹⁾

GERS Data understands the difficulties "unsponsored⁽²⁾" French researchers have had gaining access to real-world medico-economic data. The company is now giving those researchers free access to its data, requiring only a quick, simplified application process.

"We are proud to see the first results from French researchers to whom we've given free access to the GERS Data real-world medico-economic data. I want to sincerely thank all of the physicians who worked on this project, as well as Professor Jean-François Bergmann and his colleagues, who volunteered their time to make it all work," said *Jean-Claude Labrune, Cegedim Chairman and CEO*. "There are more papers on the way. Some of them deal with rare diseases for which in-depth patient histories are vital, because years often go by between the first doctor visit and the diagnosis," he added.

¹ Anonymized data comply with all current laws.

² Notably as part of unsponsored research programs.

³ Mangin, O.; Lekens, B.; Mouly, S.; Bergmann, J.F. and Sene, D. "Analyse des stratégies de diagnostic du syndrome de Gougerot Sjögren en France en médecine de ville à partir d'une base de données de santé électronique". *La Revue de Médecine Interne*, December 2017, V38, S2: A91-A92.

⁴ Iordache, L.; Strazzula, A.; Lekens, B.; Bergmann, J.F. and Diamantis, S. "Évaluation du suivi des recommandations de prise en charge des infections urinaires en médecine de ville en France". *Médecine et Maladies Infectieuses*, June 2018, V48, I4: S101-S102.

About GERS Data:

For more than 40 years, *GERS Data* has offered data and analyses for the healthcare market from a single data collection system. The offer to cover the different healthcare professionals and the distribution channel for general practitioners and hospitals. The data range (Purchases & Sales) the geographic accuracy, France to the point of sale as well as modern visualization solutions meeting the needs of the players in the self-medication drugs, food supplements, medical and dermo-cosmetic devices. The reliability and accuracy of its data have made *GERS Data* highly recommended with the health authorities and unions.

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Founded in 1969, Cegedim is an innovative technology and services company in the field of digital data flow management for healthcare ecosystems and B2B, and a business software publisher for healthcare and insurance professionals. Cegedim employs more than 4,200 people in more than 10 countries and generated revenue of €457 million in 2017. Cegedim SA is listed in Paris (EURONEXT: CGM).

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