



# Orphanet 20 years later Lessons on Information needs and Value of Data

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# Orphanet was established in 1997 in France to address identified problems

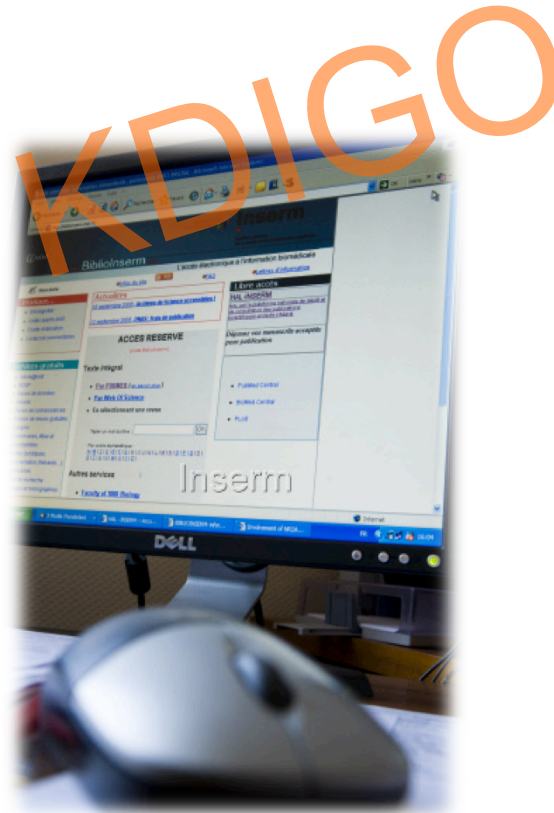
Report to the Minister of Health

Lack of information	→	Inventory and Encyclopaedia
Scarce expertise	→	Directory of experts/clinics
Too few collaborations	→	Directory of research projects
Difficult recruitment	→	Directory of clinical trials
Isolation of patients	→	Directory of patient organisations

# Orphanet had Ancestors

- 1974 GENDIAG:
  - A computerized system to support the diagnosis of patients attending a genetic clinic
- 1992 GENINFO:
  - A directory of expert clinics and research groups of relevance to advance Gene Mapping

It is now the reference portal worldwide  
because it provides answers





*Rare diseases are rare, but rare disease patients are numerous*

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## Access our Services

Search a disease

OK

Inventory, classification and encyclopaedia of rare diseases, with genes involved

Assistance-to-diagnosis tool

Emergency guidelines

Inventory of orphan drugs

Directory of medical laboratories providing diagnostic tests

Directory of expert centres

Directory of ongoing research projects, clinical trials, registries and biobanks

Directory of patient organisations

Directory of professionals and institutions

Newsletter

Collection of thematic reports: Orphanet Reports Series

### Read Orphanet reports

Prevalence of Rare Diseases

Disease registries in Europe

European research projects & clinical networks

Lists of Orphan Drugs

Orphanet Activity Reports

Satisfaction Surveys

### Contribute to Orphanet

Register your activity

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### Download Orphanet data

Orphadata [\[↗\]](#)

## Newsletter

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## Other documents

[Council Recommendation on an action in the field of rare diseases \[\\[↗\\]\]\(#\)](#)

[State of Art of rare diseases \[\\[↗\\]\]\(#\)](#)

## Other rare diseases websites

[Rare Diseases - European Commission](#)

[EUCERD](#)

[European Medicines Agency](#)

[Office of rare diseases research \(US\)](#)

## Events

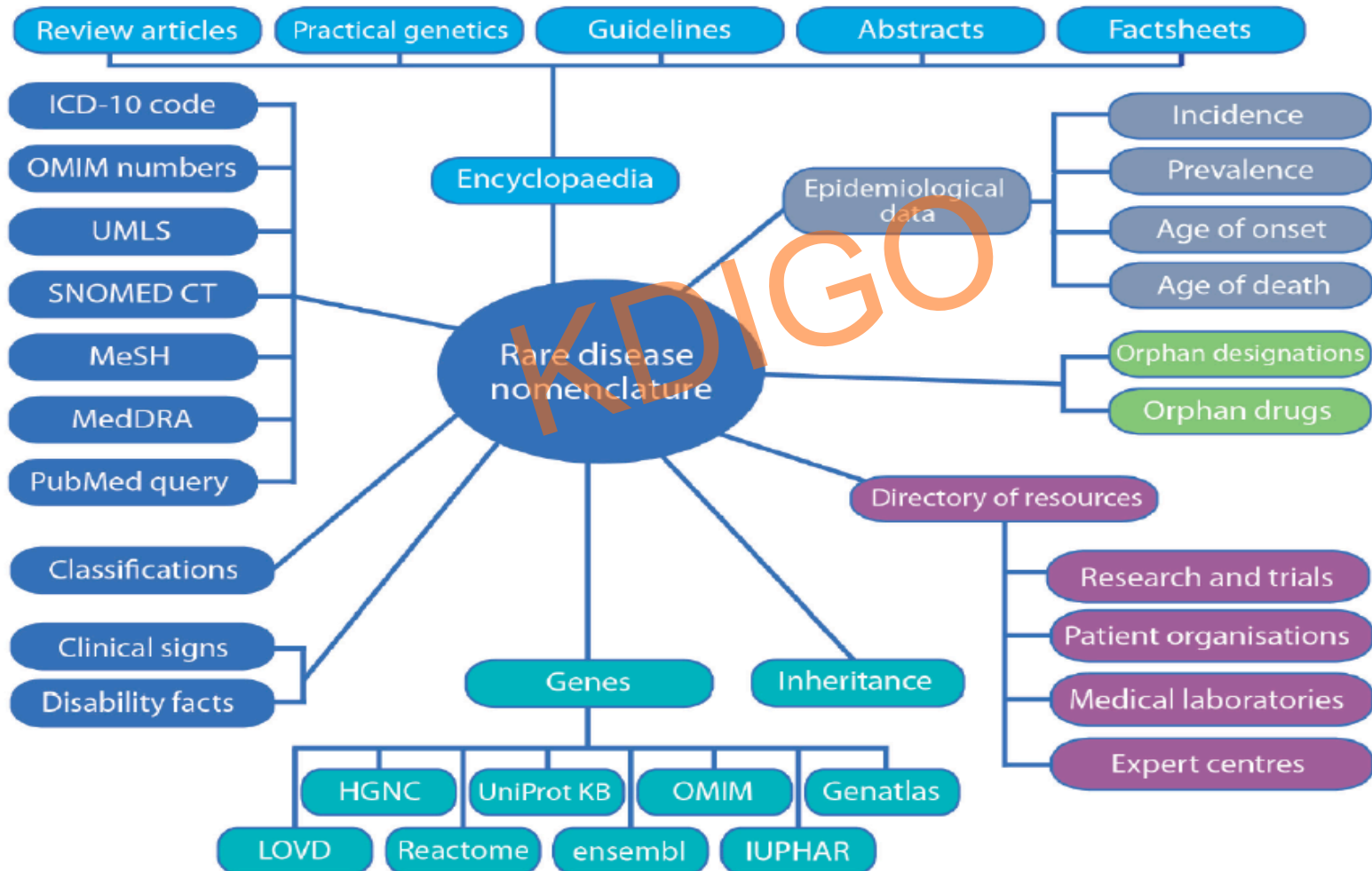
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[EpiRare International Workshop: Rare Disease and Orphan Drug Registries \[\\[↗\\]\]\(#\)](#)

8-9 Oct 2012, Roma, Italy [\[↗\]](#)

# Content of Orphanet



# Orphanet Consortium for Expert Services in 2016





The End Users

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# Orphanet: over 13 Million Visits from 1 million unique Users in 2015

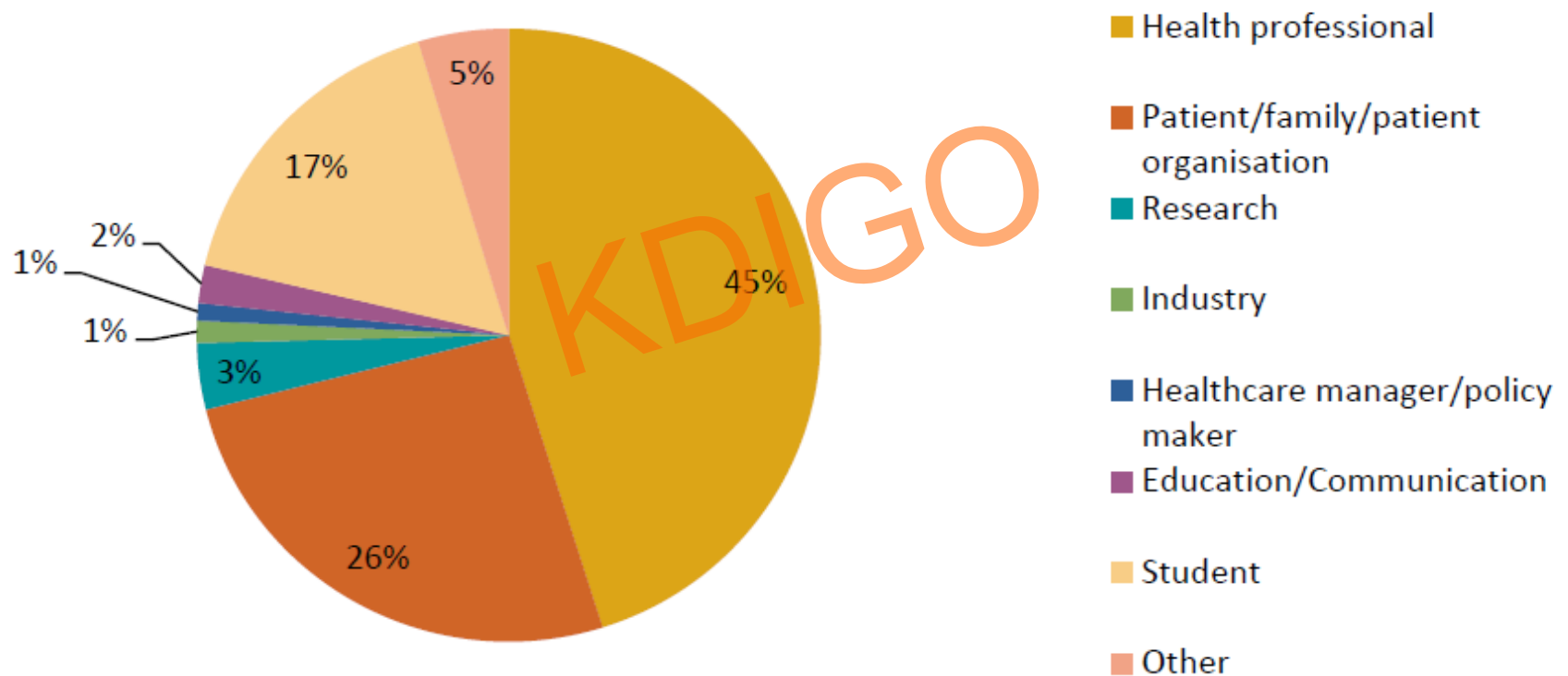


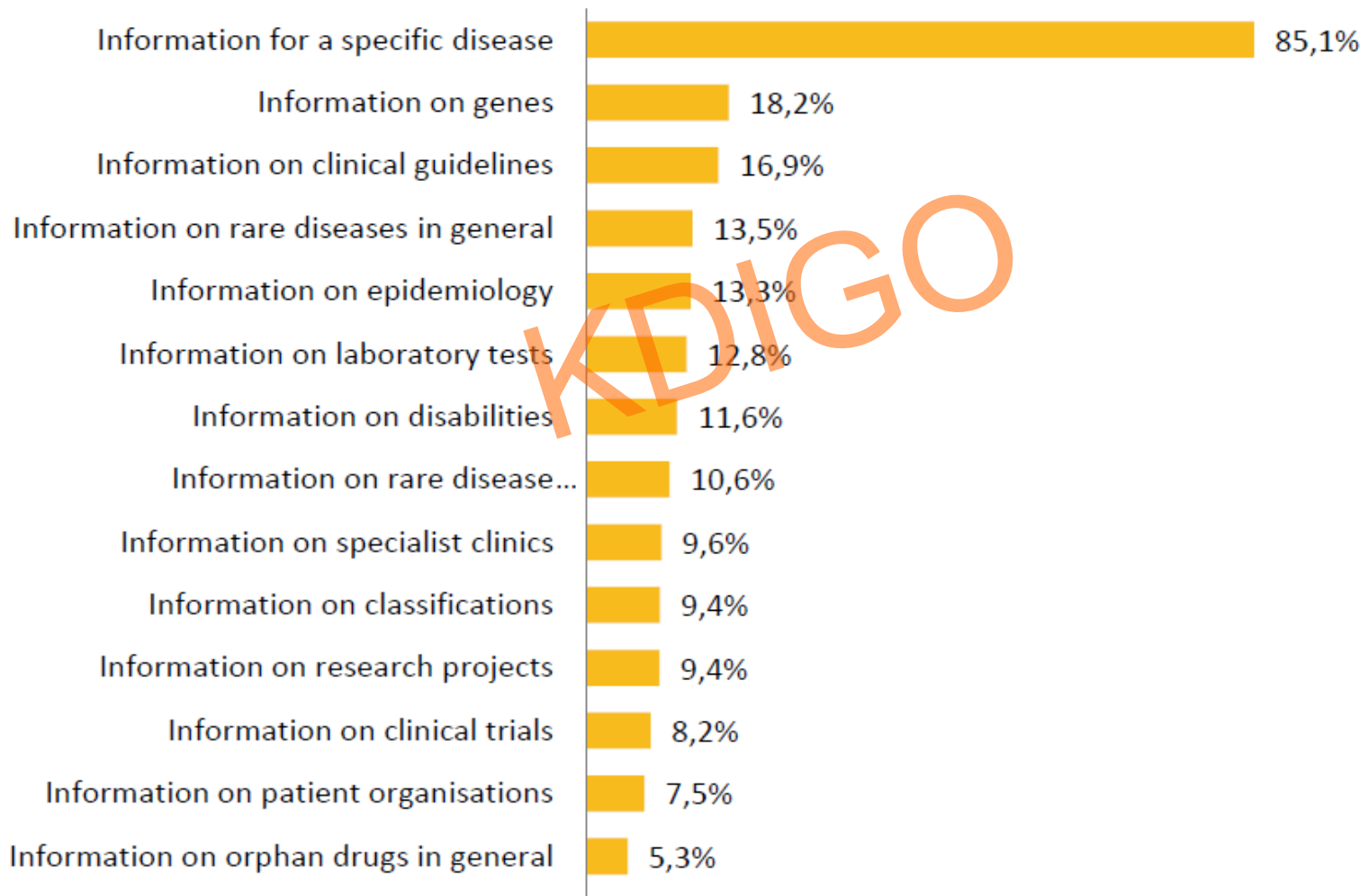
Figure 27 Types of Orphanet users (percentage of total respondents) n = 3795

# Visitors from over 200 countries

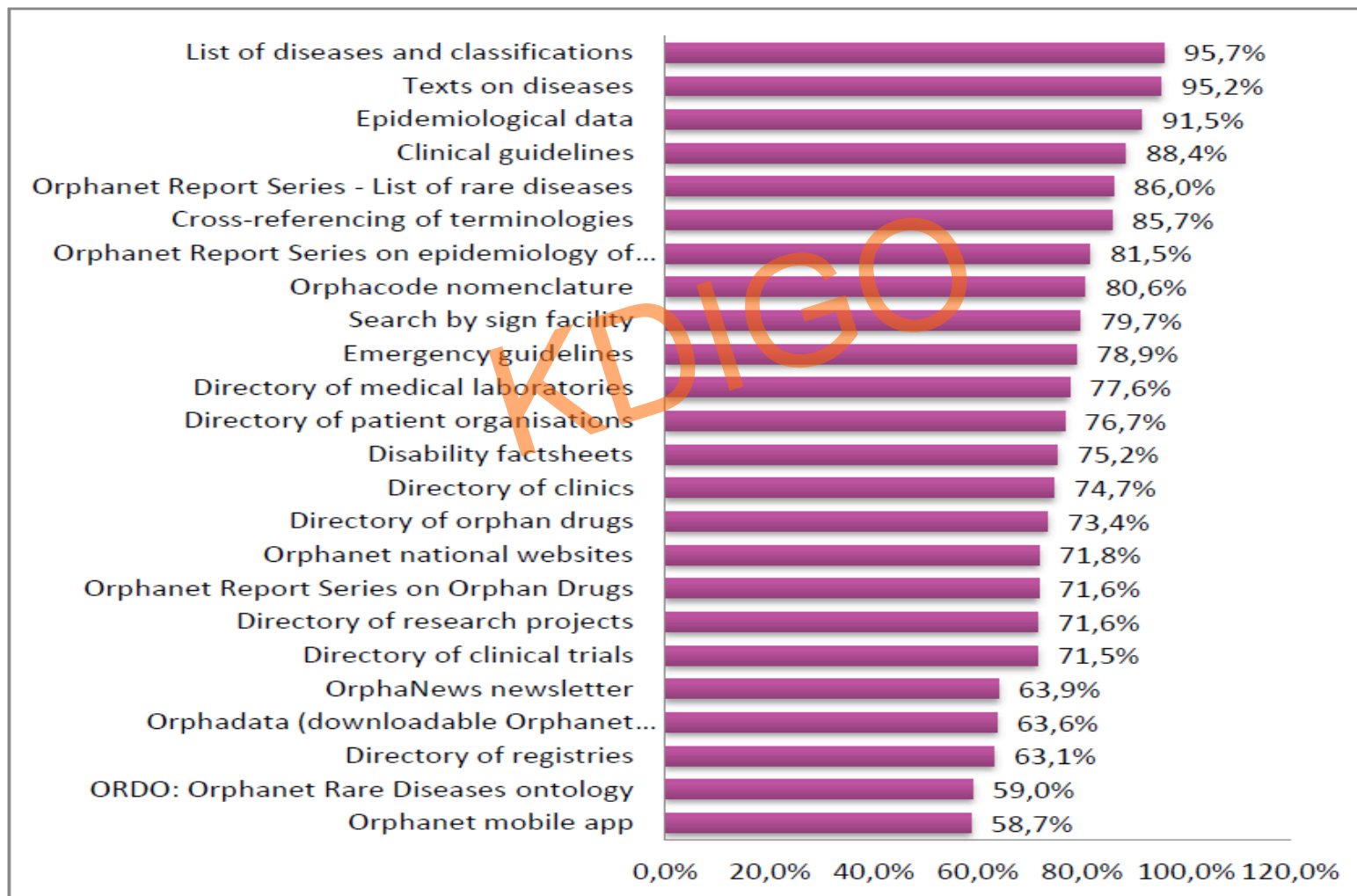
Synthèse géographique



# Main Reason for Visiting



# Utility of Orphanet services as ranked by users



# 20 years of Feed-back from End-Users

- 1- Inventory of Rare Diseases
- 2- Encyclopaedia
- 3- Inventory of Drugs (R&D and Marketed drugs)
- 4- Inventory of Expert services
- 5 - Data freely accessible to researchers for re-use
- 6- Communication Channels

# 1- Inventory of Rare Diseases

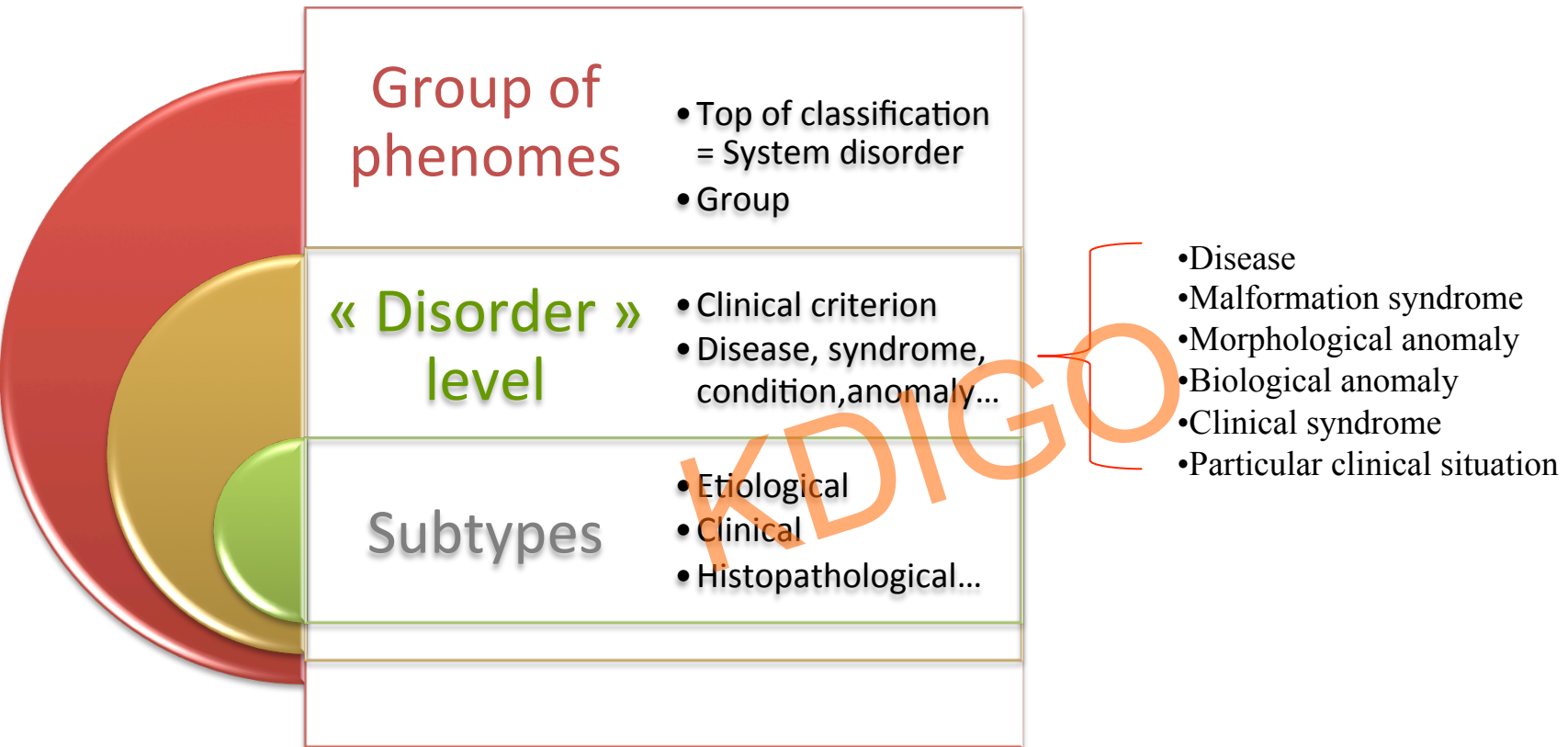
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# Orphanet Inventory of Diseases

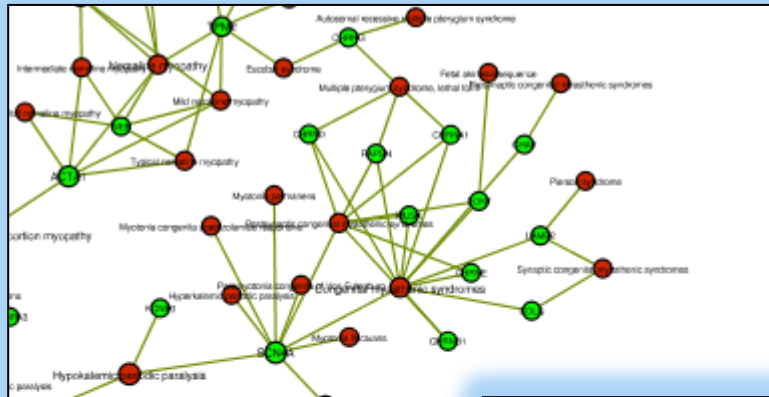
- Identity card + genes
- Unique Orpha number
  - Stable whatever the evolution of knowledge
  - Every disease is positioned in classifications
- **Suitable to code clinical activity / lab activity in information systems**
- Suitable to cluster diseases for research purpose
- Serve as a base for the revision of the International Classification of Rare Diseases at WHO



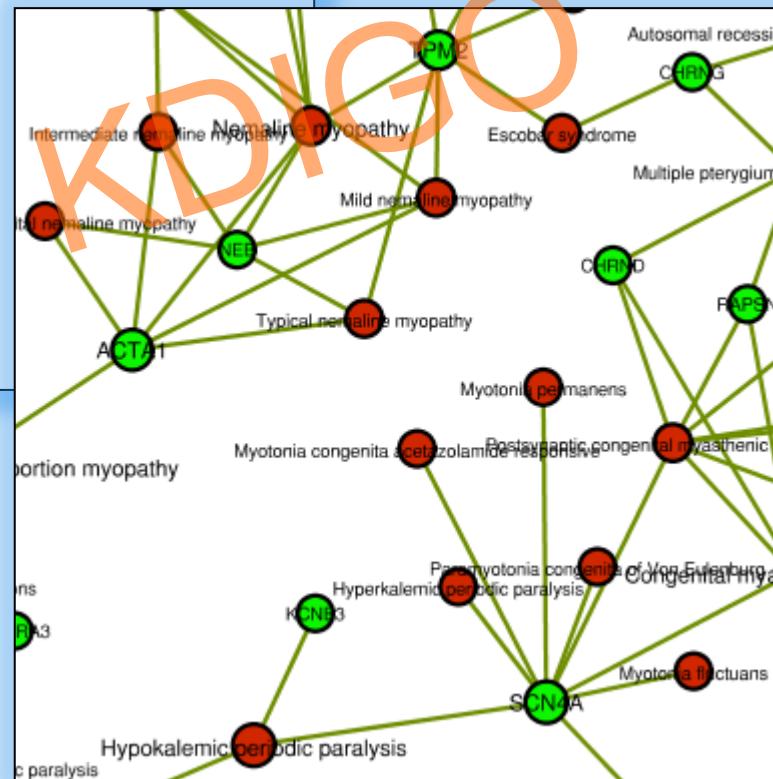
# Phenomes: a continuum + zooms



# Orphan Diseaseome



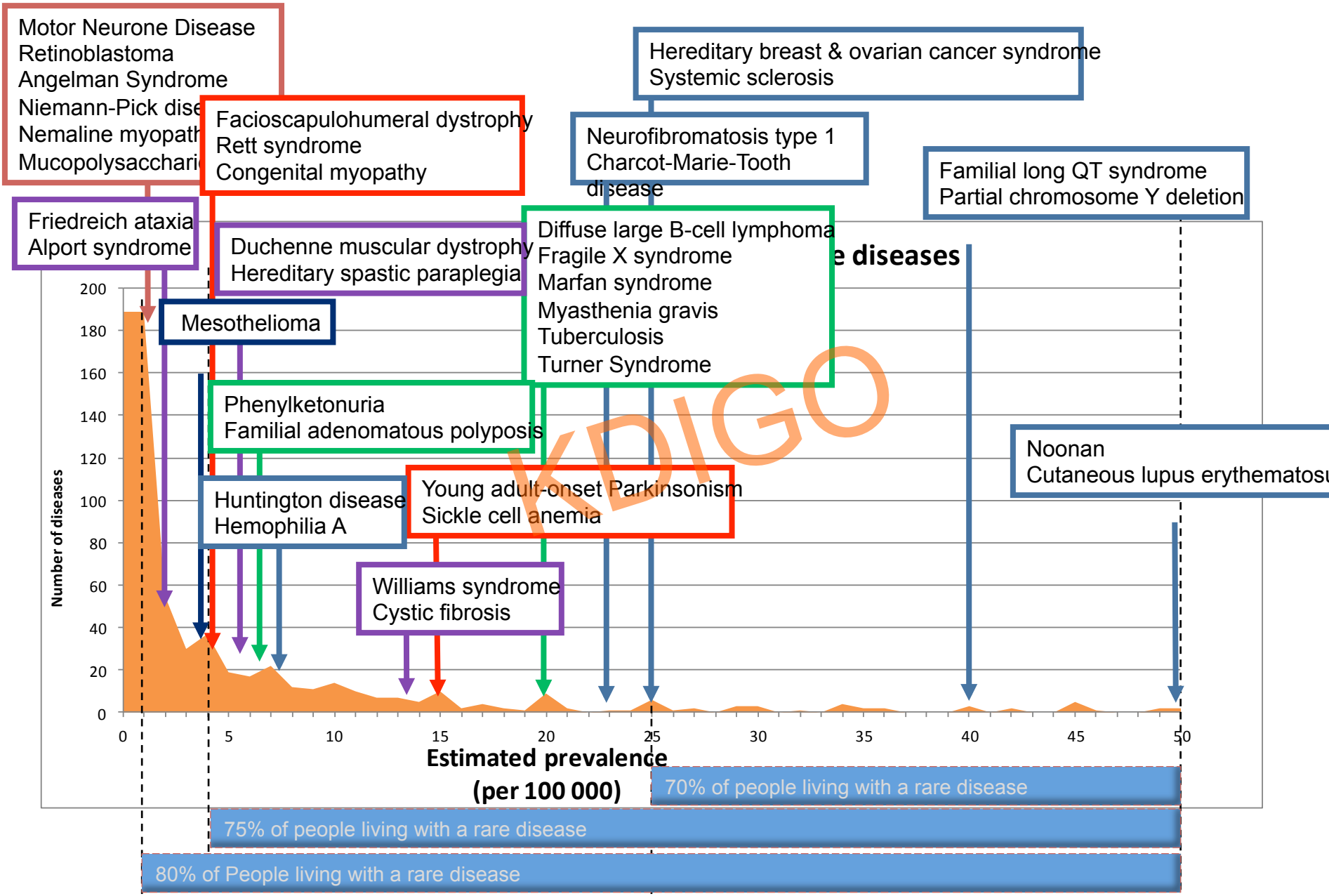
An Orphan Diseaseome permits investigators to explore the orphan disease (OD) or rare disease relationships based on shared genes and shared enriched features (e.g., Gene Ontology Biological Process, Cellular Component, Pathways, Mammalian Phenotype).



The red nodes represent the orphan diseases and the green ones the related genes. A disease is connected to a gene if and only if a mutation which is responsible of the disease has been identified on this gene.

# Ontologies in the field of RD

- HPO: Human Phenotype Ontology
  - To describe the signs and symptoms
  - Developed at La Charité, Berlin
- ORDO: Orphanet Rare Diseases Ontology
  - To describe the entity in an aggregated manner
  - Developed at INSERM, Paris
  - Collaboration with the EBI



# Contribution of each Medical Field in % of the RD total prevalence

• Dysmorphology	16.4	• Ophthalmology	3.7
• Oncology	10.9	• Pneumology	3.5
• Neurology	10.8	• Infectious diseases	2.6
• Metabolism	7.4	• Neuromuscular	2.4
• Haematology	6.8	• Vascular diseases	2.2
• Cardiology	6.7	• NET *	1.8
• Bone diseases	5.6	• <b>Nephrology</b>	<b>1.7</b>
• Dermatology	5.4	• Gastroenterology	1.7
• Rhumatology	4.5	• Hepatology	1.3
• Endocrinology	4.5	• Immunology	0.3

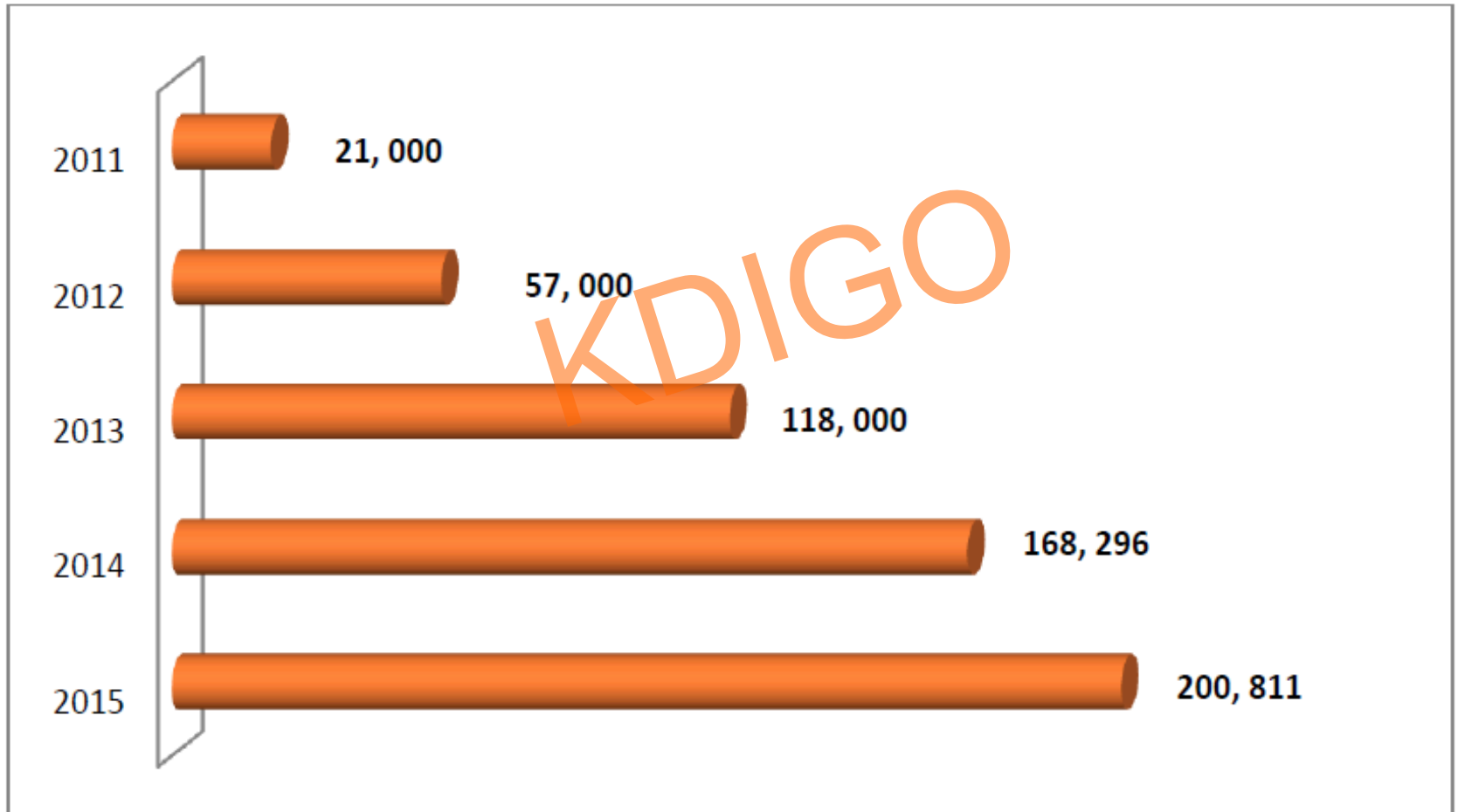
Orphanet data 2013

\* Neuroendocrine gastrointestinal tumors

# 5- Free Access to Orphanet Data Since 2011

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# Uptake of Orphadata Files 2011 - 2015



*Figure 21 Number of downloads from the Orphadata website since mid 2011*

# Most popular products for re-use

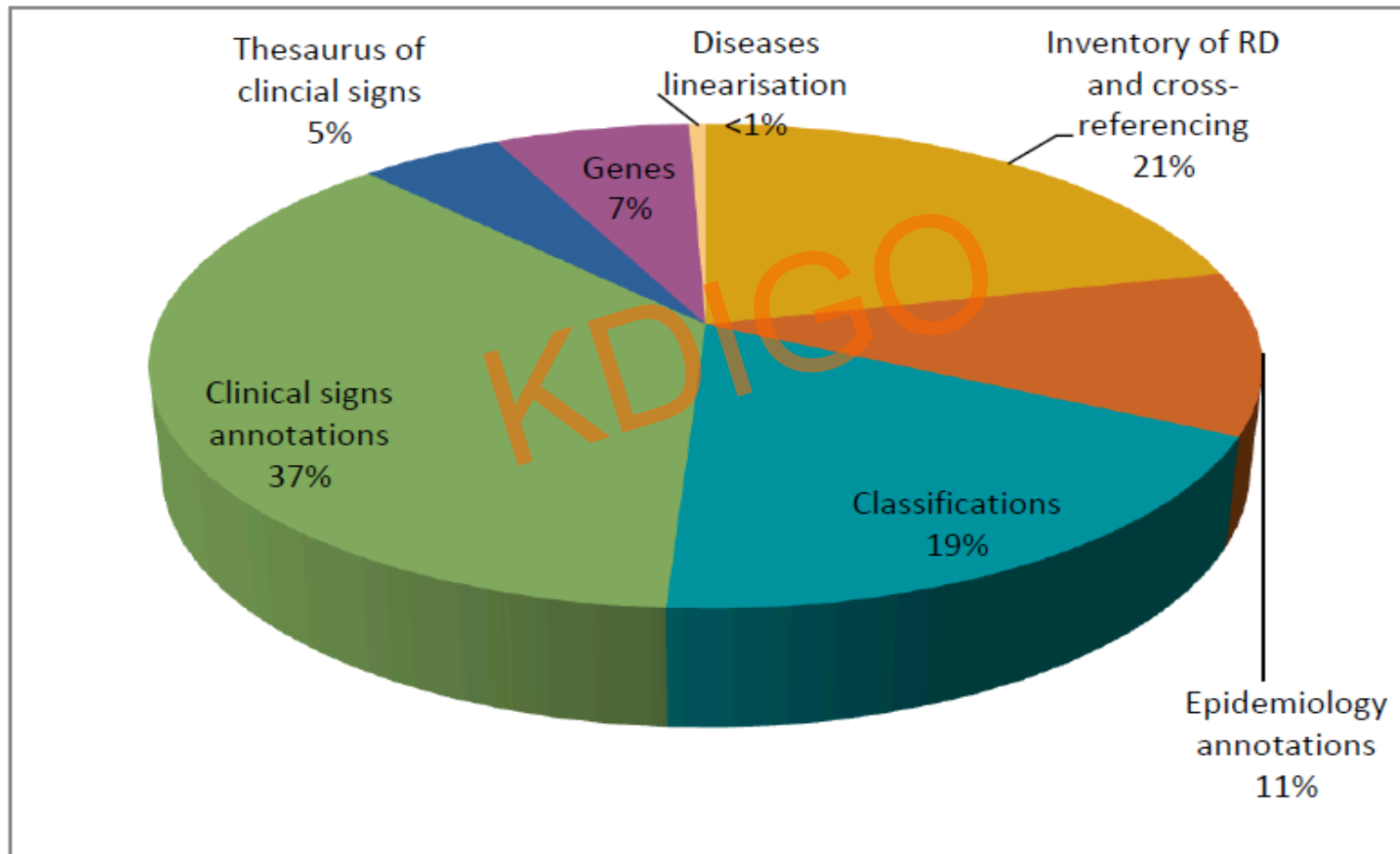


Figure 22 Distribution of the downloads of Orphadata freely available datasets in 2015  
[total of 200,383 downloads]



# 6- Communication Channels

**Orphanet Report Series**

**OrphaNews**

January 2011

Disease Registries in Europe

December 2012 | Number 1

List of rare diseases

Listed in alphabetical order

www.orpha.net



January 2013

Lists of medicinal products for rare diseases in Europe

www.orpha.net



European clinical networks

and contributing to clinical research in the field of rare diseases

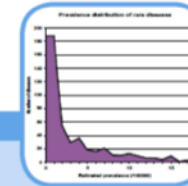
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November 2011 | Number 1

Prevalence of rare diseases: Bibliographic data

Listed in alphabetical order of diseases



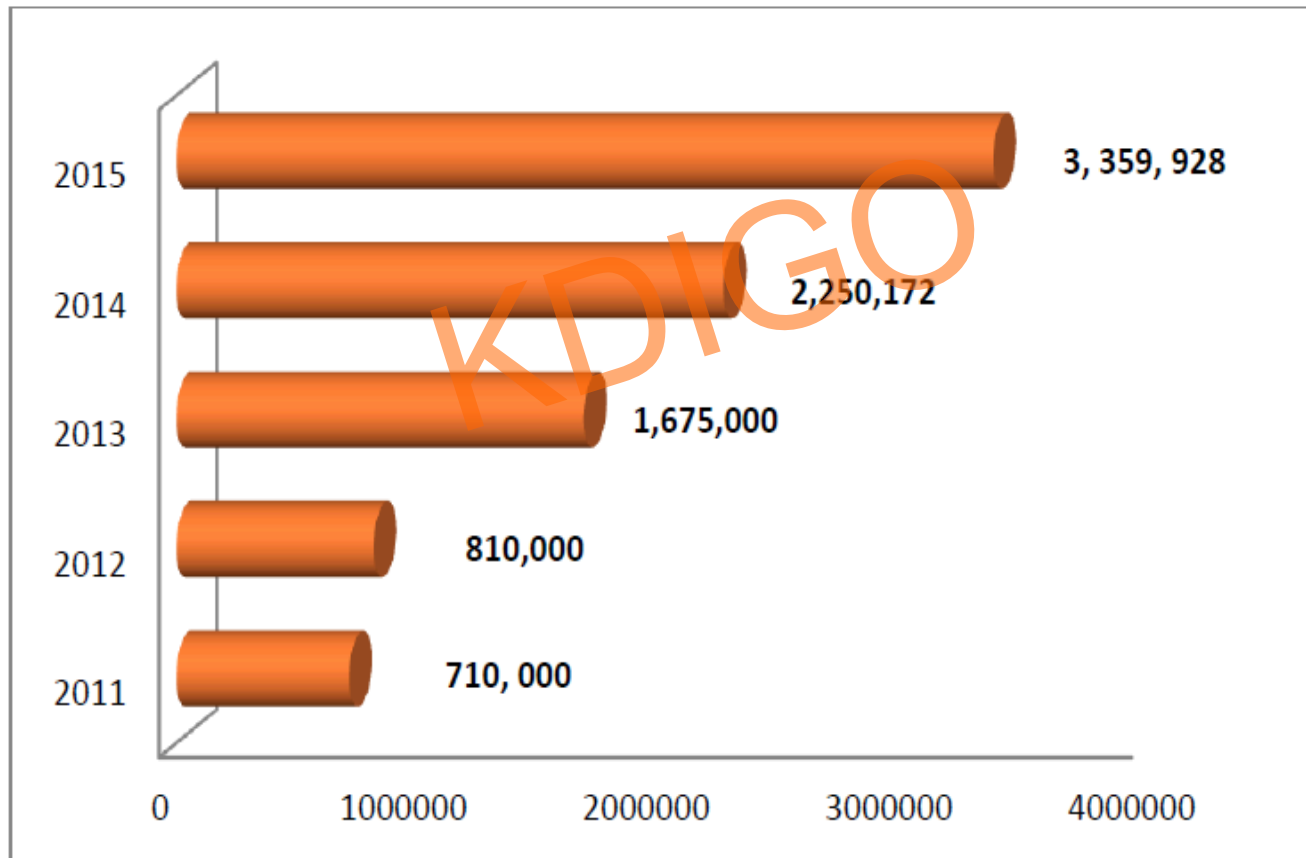
November 2011 | Number 2

Prevalence of rare diseases: Bibliographic data

Listed in order of decreasing prevalence or number of published cases



# Orphanet Report Series Number of Downloads



*Figure 25 Number of downloads of the Orphanet Report Series in all languages since 2010*

# Conclusion

- Enormous appetite for authoritative information vs Social Media vs raw data
- Collaborative effort
  - Clinical guidelines
  - Annotation signs and symptoms
  - Expert clinics
  - Curation of Data
- Free access is a pre-request
  - Creative Commons

**Thank you!**

