

Insurtech Analysis: Executive Summary

Waterdrop (水滴公司)

Funneling sales from social enterprise to commercial



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Deploying a marketing funnel concept in health insurance



What it offers?

- Providing health protection through crowd funding and mutual models, to educate and prospect clients to their insurance mall
- Uses AI to facilitate the process

How is it different?

- Users are filtered through the crowdfunding and mutual channels to insurance mall
- Highest number of users among other mutuals like Qing Song Hu Zhu, Xiang Hu Bao etc.

Management team

- CEO & Founder – Shen Peng (沈鹏)
- CTO - Qiu Hui (邱慧)

Tech deployed

- Deployed AI in throughout their value chain, including claims, customer service, risk management, marketing etc

Funding, revenue, clients and scale

- Valuation of 7 billion RMB as of Oct 2019
- Completed D series funding round in Aug 2020 of 230 million USD lead by Tencent and Swiss Re
- Over 40 million users as at end of 2019
- Over 6 billion RMB in premium in 2019

What to look out for

- Using AI for intelligent insurance, customer service, intelligent healthcare, risk control and sales and marketing

Further info

[Waterdrop \(Chinese\)](#)

[About Waterdrop \(Chinese\)](#)

[Waterdrop Enters Hurun Global Unicorn List 2019 \(Chinese\)](#)

So what?

- Creating awareness about risk and the need for insurance through crowdfunding and mutual, and leading them to insurance products.



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Company overview

Founded in 2016, Waterdrop comprises of Shuidi Chou and Shuidi Charity that focus on Corporate Social Responsibility and Shuidi Shang Cheng and Shuidi Hu Zu focusing on the commercial side.

Waterdrop uses mobile technology to provide a "pre-protection and post-event relief" solution for diseases, and helping the disadvantaged to establish a personal health protection system.

Current position / development stage

- Waterdrop health mutual operation has the highest number of users with about 72 million, compared to 60 million for Qing Song Hu Zu and 37 million for Xian Hu Bao.
- Focus on third, fourth, fifth tier cities.
- It has completed multiple rounds of funding with the latest lead by Swiss Re and Tencent, with potential for an IPO.

Operational effectiveness

- Their AI claim processing has an accuracy rate of 99.7%
- Reduced manpower for data entry by 50%
- Relative low cost of customer acquisition and conversion

Business potential

- Waterdrop has 76% fund raising users, 72% donation users and 77% mutual users from third, fourth and fifth tier cities who tend to have higher stickiness.
- Conversion rate tend to be higher than usual online insurance mall as users are educated through crowdfunding and mutual on the concept of risk

Competitive position

- Entered the 2019 Hurun Global Unicorn Chart with a valuation of 7 billion RMB
- Won the Internet Insurance Traffic Platform Innovation Award at the 2nd Asia Pacific Internet Insurance International Summit of AIIS2019
- Won the 2018 China Top 100 Innovative Growth Enterprises issued by CY Zone

People

- Qiu Hui (CTO) graduated from, School of Software, Peking University. Qiu Hui had incubated a variety of products with over 100 million users, such as mobile browsers and mobile address books in 360 (<https://www.360.cn/>).
- Staff strength of about 1,200 in 2018.



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Strengths

- Its funnel based filtering system from health crowd funding, to health mutual, and leading to insurance coverage provides a unique operation model.
- Its ability to use big data to refine its operations, and recommend products based on the user profile
- “High usability” is the general evaluation by insurers like ZhongAn and PICC.

Opportunities

- Good pool of users that may be converted as their customers.
- Potential for growth of in lower tier cities, in turn fuelling growth for Waterdrop

Weaknesses

- Focus is more on lower quantum products, and third, fourth and fifth tier cities, likely lower margin
- With both operations of charity and commercial, there may be conflicts of interest at times.

Threats

- Other players may compete within the same space like Qing Song Chou, Bi Hu Bao



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Reference link	Description and Source	Why it was useful
<i>China's Waterdrop nabs \$230M for its crowdfunded, mutual aid insurance platform</i>	Waterdrop latest funding series and information of the premium and volumes	Funding news and introductory information about waterdrop
<i>2018 Insurtech of the Year - TDI</i>	Article on the emergence of the community model	The start of community model in 2018
<i>Business model of Waterdrop Company: the crisis of "social trust" highlights three major industry problems to be solved (Chinese)</i>	A look at Waterdrop's business model, looking into it being both a charity and company	The exploration of how it exists in both spaces



Insurtech Image: Development Timeline

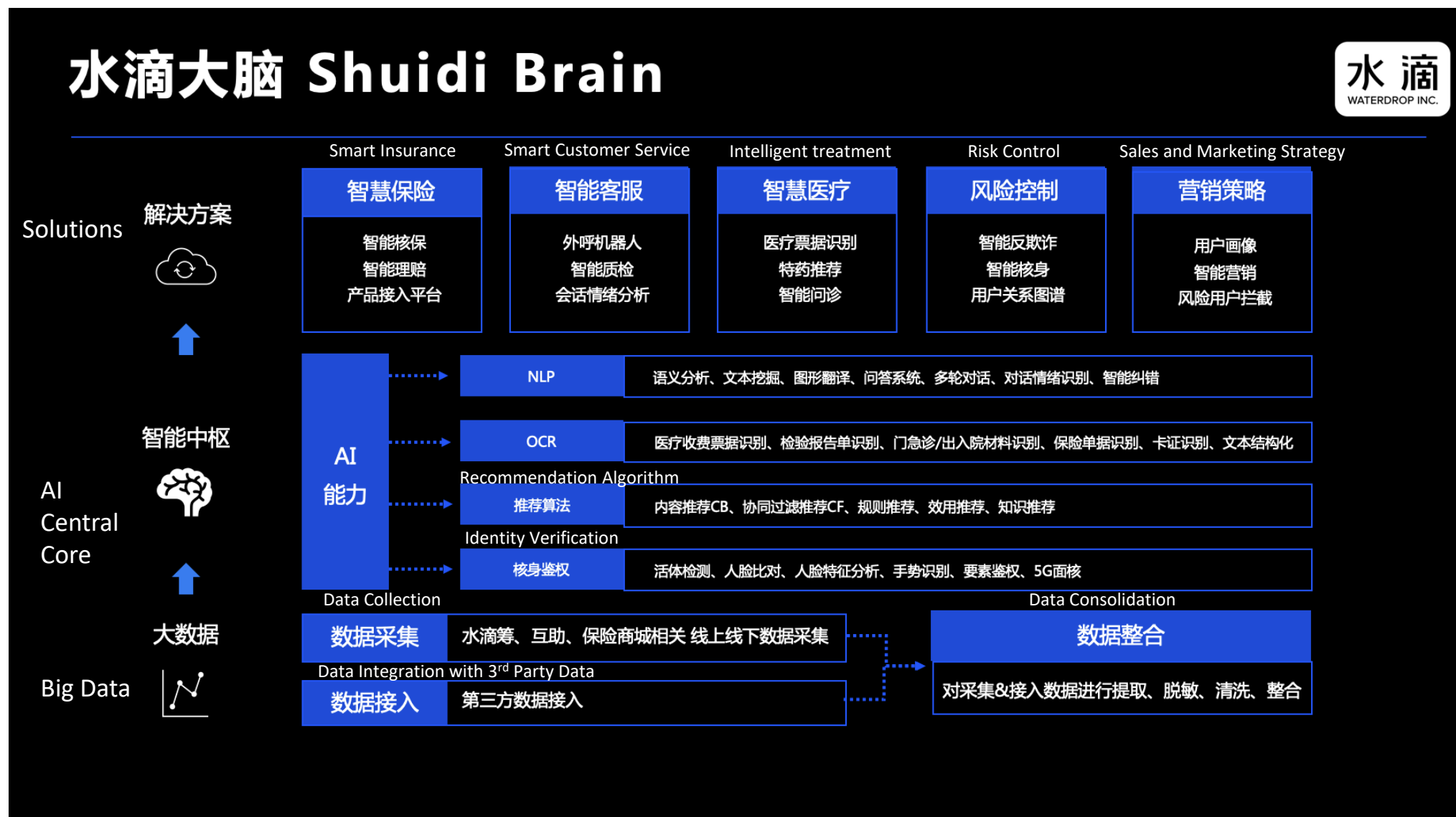
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Insurtech Image: Waterdrop AI Brain



Insurtech Image: AI – Empowered Claims System

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