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## OAK SDTM Automation: Enabling industry-level programming of SDTM in R

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# Meet the Speakers

## Yogesh Gupta

**Title:** Sr. Director, Statistical Data Sciences & Analytics

**Organization:** Pfizer

Strategic leader contributing to building large teams, plans, and roadmaps  
Expertise in end-to-end standards , systems & processes



## Rammprasad Ganapathy

**Title:** Principal Data Scientist, Data and Statistical Sciences

**Organization:** Genentech/Roche

Passionate about automation, with experience in statistical programming, EDC, and standards development. Enjoys R and SAS programming and leads software development projects.



**Genentech**  
A Member of the Roche Group



# Agenda

- OAK Vision & High-Level Roadmap
- Team Structure
- Proposed R packages - {sdm.oak}, {mint}, and {raw.synthetic.data} - Scope & Deliverables
- Onboarding Training Plan
- How to Stay Connected

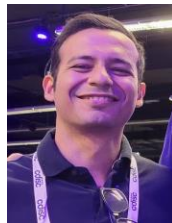
# Leadership Team



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Sam Hume  
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Yogesh Gupta  
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Roche/Genentech



Bhaskar Ponugoti  
Merck



Lisa Hourteloot  
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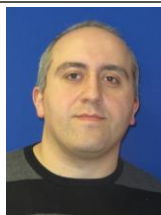
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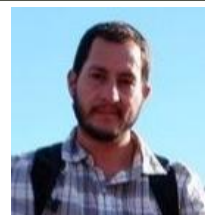
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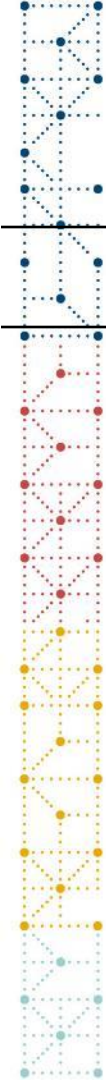


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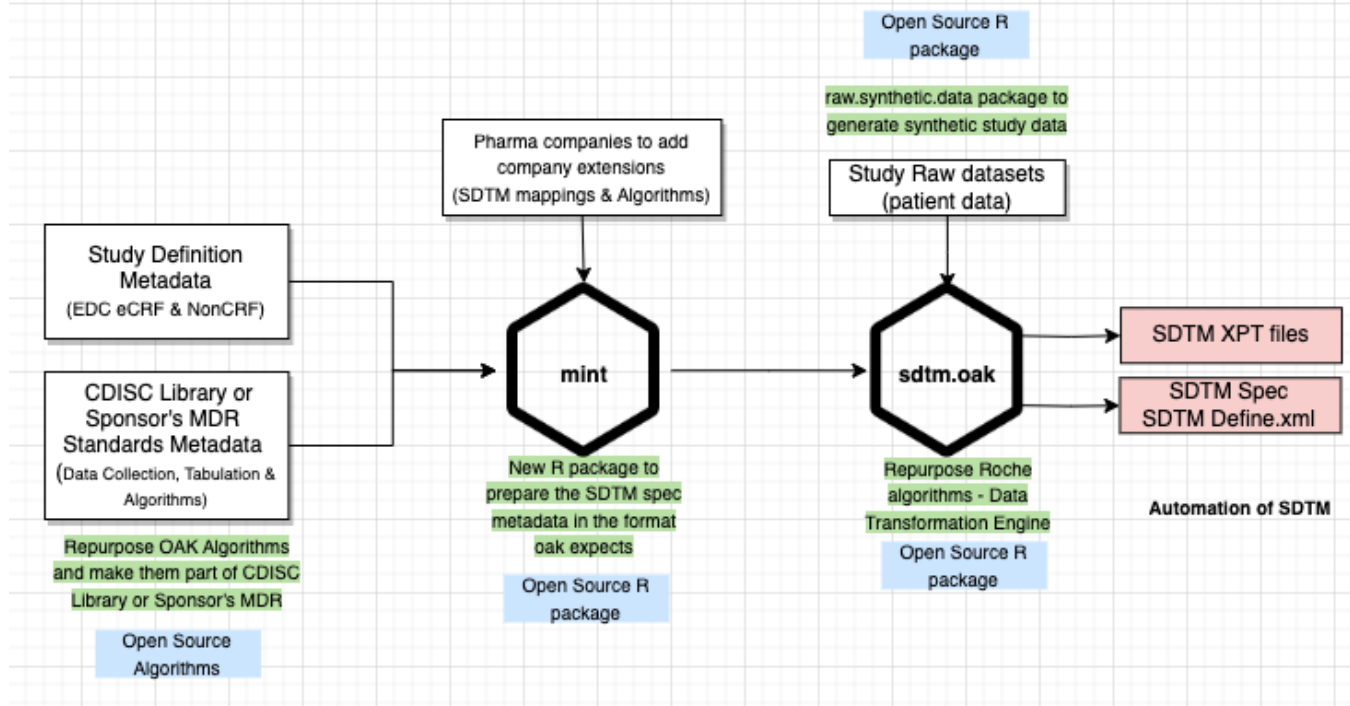


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## OAK Open Source Vision

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# OAK Open-source SDTM Automation Vision



- ❖ Metadata Driven SDTM Automation Solution
- ❖ EDC/Source and Data standards agnostic Solution (ODM Compliant – To be determined)



❖ Can be extended to include Sponsor extensions



# OAK and CDASH Standards

Does OAK need CDASH Standards?

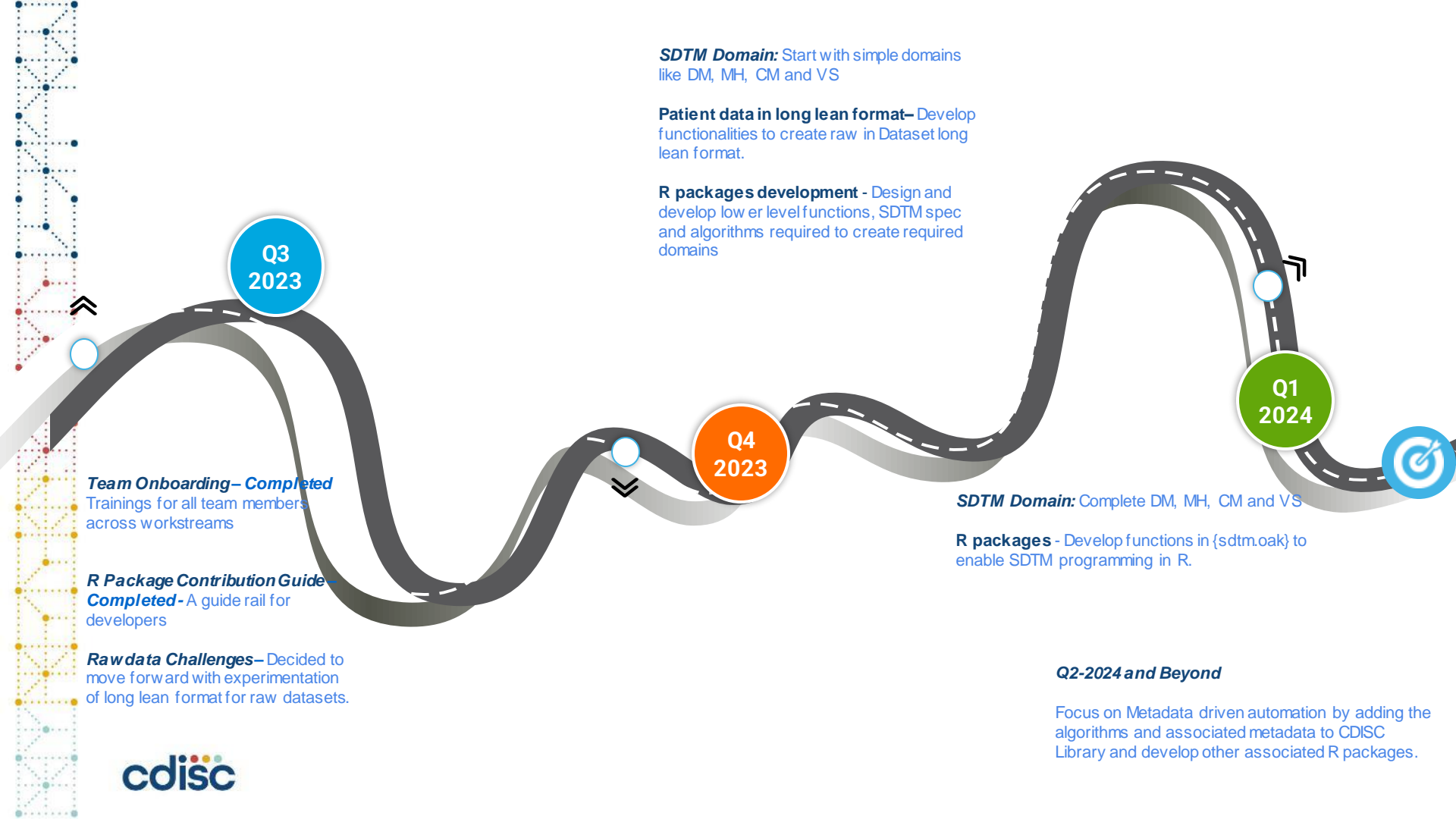
- ❖ Short answer is No.
- ❖ OAK Algorithms are generic enough that can work with any data standards.
- ❖ Roche's MDR does not have CDASH Standards. OAK is developed based on standards that are not CDASH Compliant
- ❖ For the purpose of this PoC sponsored by COSA, we are proposing to use CDASH standards.
- ❖ We are also involving the participating sponsor's MDR and EDC systems in the development process to achieve the EDC and standards agnostic approach to automate SDTM.



## COSA - OAK SDTM Automation PoC Vision

- ❖ Develop an Open-source Metadata driven R based SDTM automation solution.
- ❖ We will use CDASH aligned collection for POC, but vision is to extend this solution for any source standard (not just CDASH)
- ❖ Remain an EDC-agnostic solution.
- ❖ Completely leverage OAK Algorithms, CDISC Library.
- ❖ Provide a framework for automation when CDASH/Sponsor standards are extended to meet study specific nuances.
- ❖ Explore ways to use oak with Real World Data (RWD), external clinical trials, claims data, public consortia data





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**Team Onboarding – Completed**  
Trainings for all team members across workstreams

**R Package Contribution Guide – Completed** - A guide rail for developers

**Raw data Challenges** – Decided to move forward with experimentation of long lean format for raw datasets.

**SDTM Domain:** Start with simple domains like DM, MH, CM and VS

**Patient data in long lean format** – Develop functionalities to create raw in Dataset long lean format.

**R packages development** - Design and develop lower level functions, SDTM spec and algorithms required to create required domains

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**SDTM Domain:** Complete DM, MH, CM and VS

**R packages** - Develop functions in {sdm.oak} to enable SDTM programming in R.

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**Q2-2024 and Beyond**

Focus on Metadata driven automation by adding the algorithms and associated metadata to CDISC Library and develop other associated R packages.





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## Team Structure

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# OAK Team Structure

## Leadership Team



- Define project scope
- Establish strategy
- Create roadmap
- Monitor progress
- Foster collaboration and effective communication

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## Metadata Curation Team



- Develop & maintain algorithms' metadata standards
- Add algorithms metadata to MDR and CDISC Library
- Create user documentation to aid companies using approach with own metadata

MCT

## OAK Development Team



- Lead effort to develop & maintain 3 OS R packages: {mint}, {oak}, & {raw.synthetic.data}
- Develop & maintain code contribution guide
- Produce unit test cases
- Prepare documentation & vignettes
- Designate sprints for further development

ODT

## OAK Community Team



- Help to code / test R functions designed by the ODT
- Ensure packages meet required specifications
- Drive compatibility across different environments / platforms

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## Open Source OAK – Proposed R Packages

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## COSA – PoC Development Plan

At a very high level, the open source journey can be split to three high level steps.

1. Develop R functions to pre-process Raw datasets to long lean format for easier processing.
2. Develop basic Algorithms & functions in {sdm.oak} and enable SDTM datasets creation using R. No automation at this point. This will help growing user community and also keep them engaged.
3. Focus on Metadata driven automation by developing the R packages & metadata required for automation. Leverage CDISC Library and participating Sponsor MDR.



## COSA - OAK – Raw data Challenges

- ❖ EDC systems are not able to provide raw data in ODM format. We had to spend quite a bit of time to figure out an alternate approach.
- ❖ EDC systems provide data in multiple formats, that it is not possible to develop a {oak} package that can be EDC agnostic.
- ❖ So we decided to pivot and first overcome the raw data issue by experimenting to pre-process any raw data from a wide format to a long-lean format.
- ❖ We will develop R functions to tackle this issue.

# Wide as is Format to long\_lean format (sample)

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# {oak} – Data Transformation Engine

## Scope:

- ❖ Data Transformation Engine that generates SDTM datasets. This package will have the code for the Algorithms and generic SDTM functions.
- ❖ The preliminary version of the package should enable creation of SDTM datasets in R.
- ❖ Subsequent releases should aim for automation and gets SDTM mappings metadata input and works with CDISC/Sponsor MDR Library & any patient data format to enable Metadata driven automation.

## Input:

- Study SDTM mappings Metadata.
- Patient data

## Output:

SDTM datasets



## {mint} – Prepare SDTM mapping metadata

### Scope

Prepares the study SDTM mappings metadata (i.e. specifications) for any source and data standard in the format OAK expects. Use CDISC Library to develop this New R package. This can be extended to any EDC and Sponsor MDR.

### Input:

- Standards Metadata from MDR. Standards metadata will include the Algorithms associated with the SDTM mappings.
- Study metadata.

### Output

Study SDTM mappings metadata in the format OAK expects.

### Not in Scope:

How the data is extracted from Sponsor's MDR and Sponsor's EDC is not included. Every sponsor may need to build this extraction mechanism.

{metacore} – This feature could be implemented in the {metacore} package. Yet to be decided.



## {raw.synthetic.data} – Generate raw test data

### Scope:

An EDC/Source standard Agnostic solution. Some generic functions from the Roche version of the {raw.synthetic.data} package can be exported to the open-source version.

### Input:

- Study metadata (eCRF, Visit definitions)

### Output:

Patient data.

### Not in Scope:

How the metadata is extracted from Sponsor's EDC is not included. Every sponsor may need to build this extraction mechanism.



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# Onboarding Training Plan

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# Training Plan

## Self- paced Learning

- Self Paced Learning
- CDASH Standards
- [CDASH | CDISC](#) webpage
  - Specifically, the 6 short primer videos on the primer tab
- CDISC LMS (requires self registration with cdiscID)
  - [CDISC for Academic Researchers](#) (free, on-demand training)
  - [CDISC for Newcomers Webinar](#) (free, recording)



# Training Plan – Pre recorded Training available for Volunteers

## CDISC Training

- CDISC Library
- CDISC Biomedical concept
- Introduction to ODM
- Introduction to GitHub and Project management in GitHub

## Roche Training

- Introduction to Algorithms
- Roche MDR
- SDTM Spec Metadata
- Roche {OAK} implementation



# Working Methodology

## Working Space: Github repository

- <https://github.com/pharmaverse/sdtm.oak>
- <https://github.com/pharmaverse/mint>
- <https://github.com/pharmaverse/raw.synthetic.data>
- Contribution Model similar to Admiral.
- Detailed contribution model will be shared with team
- Team members can assign issues to themselves and work on them.





# HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

❖ Slack

[oakgarden.slack.com](https://oakgarden.slack.com)

❖ Wiki

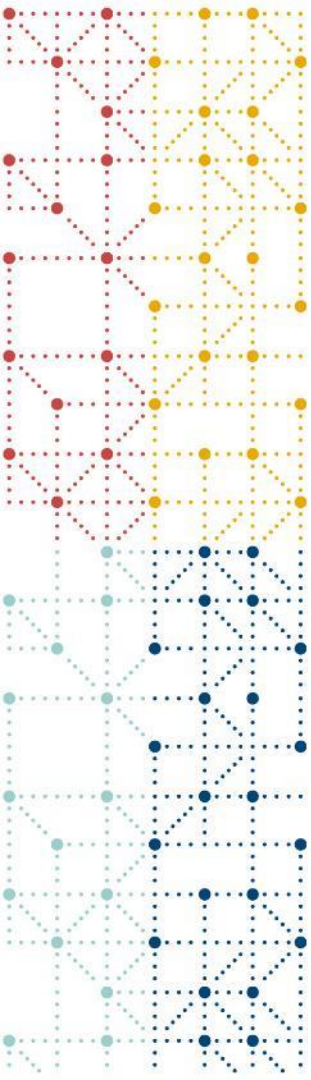
<https://wiki.cdisc.org/display/oakgarden>

❖ GitHub

<https://github.com/pharmaverse/oak>

<https://github.com/pharmaverse/mint>

<https://github.com/pharmaverse/raw.synthetic.data>



**Thank You!**

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