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Data quality considerations when providing access to pooled clinical trial data for secondary use Leveraging CDISC Standards for cross-study analysis

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## Introduction



Historical clinical trials contain a wealth of information that can be used for insight generation within life-sciences organisations.







Submission-oriented checks like Pinnacle21 focus on compliance within a study, and don't address cross-study quality issues.

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Changes in the data format during data ingestion in multimodal analytical platforms



trials fills the gap between high-quality, smallscale pooling on the one hand, and huge datasets full of rather messy real-world data on the other.

It can be used for applications, including data for synthetic control arms, identification of patients of interest for specific disease areas, and for the development and training of AI models.

### **Cross-study Quality Issues**

Missing or poor-quality data in the source

Controlled Terminology and Dictionary Issues (e.g., CDISC, MedDRA) Inconsistent units for results measured across trials

Analysis-specific data quality issues

# Solution

## Align Data Standards

We chose the Study Data Tabulation Model (SDTM) described by CDISC for cross-study pooling and analysis of data as it allows us to pool the data without prior knowledge of the analysis needs

Implement Standards Q

We standardised all the studies to a

## Iterative process to provide data for secondary analysis



## Measure Data Quality

We devised quality metrics that assess aspects such as:

- Cross domain consistency of the data
- Alignment of the content of the data against code lists and dictionaries (CDISC, MedDRA, etc.)
- Format of the data (ISO Dates, etc.)
   These metrics allow experts to govern and improve the overall quality of the data

single version of the SDTM IG, a single
version of the code lists for the controlled
terminology, and a single version of
dictionaries (e.g., MedDRA)



We store the history of the execution of our quality metrics so that Data Engineers can compare and quantify the improvement in the quality of the data over time

# Results



Global overview of metrics that can be leveraged by experts to monitor and improve data quality

 FOUNDATA Harmonisation Metrics for SDTM

 Global overview
 Global overview

 Visualisation:
 Global overview

 Study:
 \_ALL\_STUDIES\_

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Example queries that are executed to produce quality metrics

**FOUNDATA Harmonisation Metrics for SDTM** Full metrics list





Metric generation started on Thursday, 4 April 2024 at 17:36 (runtime 21 minutes)

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Supplementing technical checks on data quality with functional checks helps ensure clinical trial data is "analysis-ready" for secondary purposes. CDISC standards provide a perfect framework for implementation of these checks.