



Can ChatGPT write CDISC Open Rules Well... now it can!

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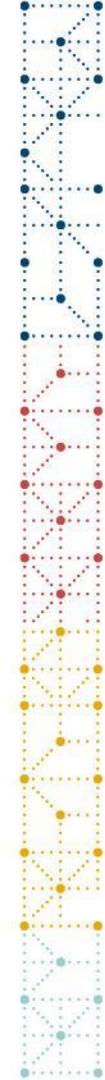
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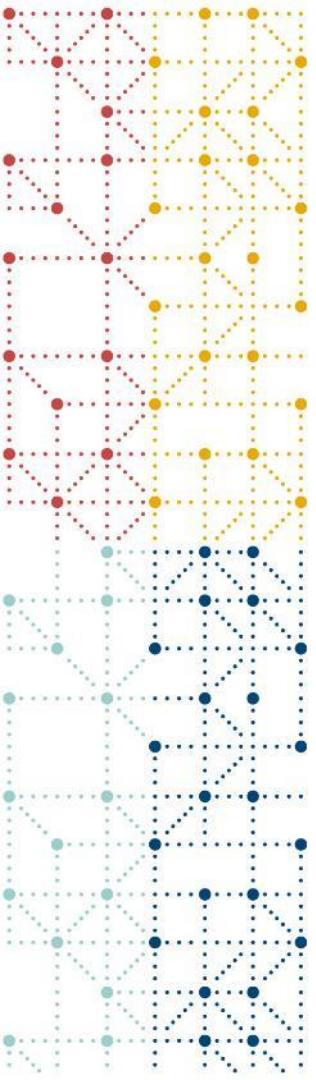
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Agenda

1. CDISC Open Rules
2. Opportunity for AI
3. Chatbot Overview
4. Key Takeaways



CDISC Open Rules

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- Submission Ready
- CDISC Governed – single source of truth
- Community Driven
- Executable Rules
- Open-Source



CDISC Open Rules



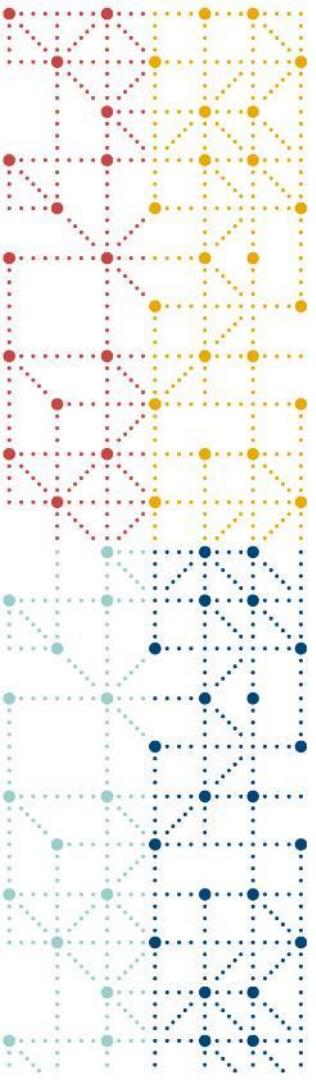
Rule Engine

- Download from GitHub
- Command line interface
 - Integrate in existing process flows
 - UI interface for less tech-savvy people

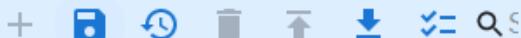


Rule Editor

- GitHub workflow
- Web application
- Written in TypeScript
- YAML
- Real-time syntax checking



Opportunity for AI

[EDIT](#)[TEST](#)[DIFF](#)

Hello there! My name is COR-E, which rule do you want me to create today?

Hi COR-E, I need a rule that checks that the start date of an adverse event is present whenever the term is populated

Certainly! Here's the requested rule. Do you want me to create test data for it?

Yes, that would be very helpful

Sure, no problem, here you go!



All 7 rules loaded.

Authorities:

- Organization

- Standards:

- Name: S

- Version

- Referen



- Origin: SDIMIG Conformance Rules

- Rule Identifier:

- Id: CGXXXX

- Criteria:

- Type: Failure

- Version: 2.0

Core:

- Id: CORE-000001

- Version: 1

- Status: Draft

Description:

- This rule checks that no subject has taken more than

Rule Type:

- Record Data

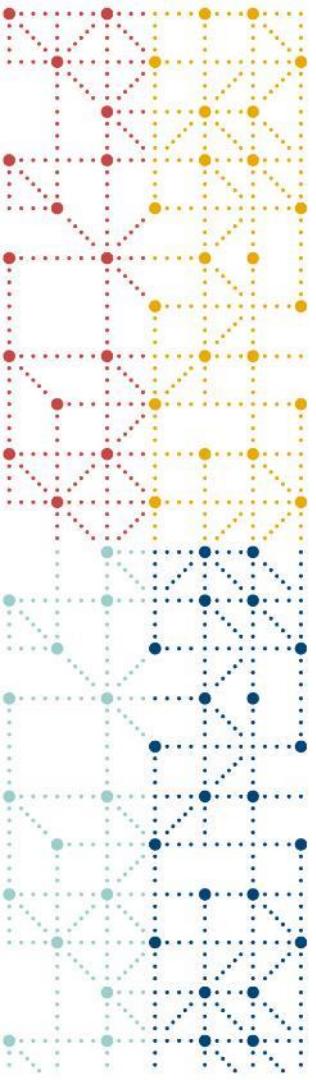
Scope:

- Classes:

- Include:

- INTERVENTIONS

- Domains:



Chatbot overview

What can I help with?

I need a rule that checks that the start date of an adverse event is present whenever the term is populated

[Search](#)[Deep research](#)

Pseudocode:

text

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```
IF (AdverseEvent.Term IS NOT EMPTY)
THEN
    IF (AdverseEvent.StartDate IS EMPTY)
        THEN
            Raise Error: "Start date must be provided when the term is populated."
        END IF
    END IF
```



Chatbot overview

What? - Knowledge Expert Chatbot Assistant

- **Contextual Understanding**

Delivers intelligent, context-aware responses during interactions

- **Interactive Rule-Writing Assistance**

Supports the creation of rules through natural, conversation-based guidance

- **Test Data Generation**

Helps generate synthetic data for validating rule logic

- **Low-Code Implementation**

Requires minimal programming effort to set up and use



Chatbot overview

Proof of Concept: OpenAI GPT

- GPT: Generative Pre-trained Transformer
- Custom version of OpenAI's ChatGPT designed for a specific task, no coding required
 - Custom Instructions: Define behavior, tone and goals
 - Knowledge Uploads: Provide files or content to specialize your GPT
 - Easy Sharing: Deploy publicly or privately with just a link

Create a GPT

- Logo
- Name
- Description
- Instructions
- Conversation starters
- Knowledge
- Capabilities
- Actions

New GPT
Draft

Create Configure

Name
Name your GPT

Description
Add a short description about what this GPT does

Instructions
What does this GPT do? How does it behave? What should it avoid doing?

Conversation starters

Knowledge
If you upload files under Knowledge, conversations with your GPT may include file contents. Files can be downloaded when Code Interpreter is enabled

Upload files

Capabilities

Web Search

Canvas

DALL-E Image Generation

Code Interpreter & Data Analysis

Create a GPT

- **Logo:**
- **Name:**
CDISC Open Rules AI Assistant
- **Description:**
Short explanation of what the GPT does

A smart assistant designed to generate custom CDISC Open Rules based on natural language descriptions. This GPT can also generate test data files to support rule validation and implementation.





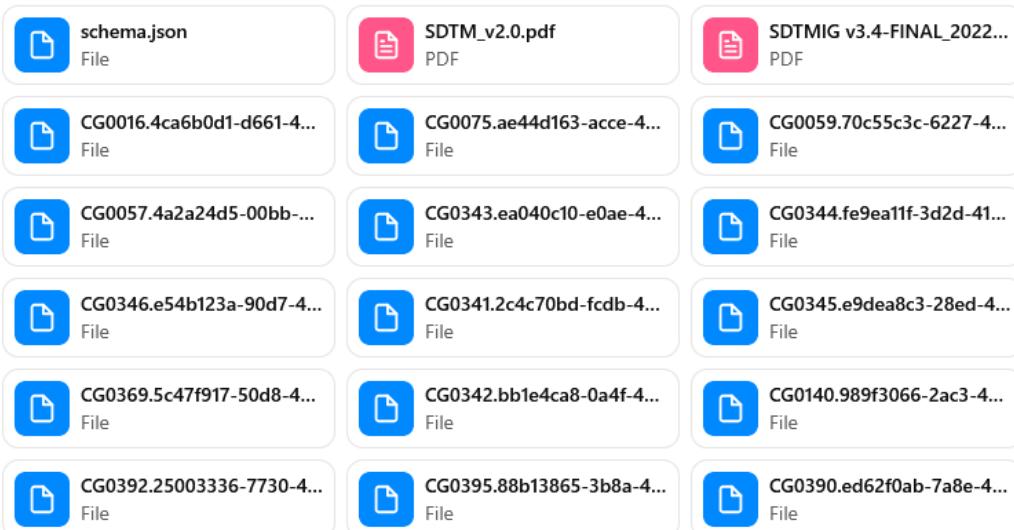
Create a GPT

- **Conversation starters:**
predefined prompts to help users get started
e.g. I need a rule that checks if the start date of an adverse event is present whenever the term is populated
- **Capabilities:**
aka tools, expand what the GPT can do
 - Web search
 - Code interpreter & Data Analysis: enables computations, file analysis etc
- **Actions:**
let your GPT talk to external APIs



Create a GPT

- **Knowledge:** upload files that the GPT can reference during conversations
 - CDISC Open Rules schema.json
 - SDTM_v2.0.pdf
 - SDTMIG V3.4.pdf
 - SDTMIG_v3.4.csv
 - Excel rule validation template
 - A couple of YAML rules examples



The following files are only available for Code Interpreter:





Create a GPT

- **Instructions:** this is the core part where you define the GPT's personality, purpose, tone, style, and behaviour
- Prompt engineering
 - Goal is to gain more accurate, relevant, and useful responses from the model
 - By designing and refining inputs (prompts) to guide the behaviour and output of an AI model
 - Techniques - Prompt engineering patterns



Create a GPT

- **Prompt engineering patterns**
 - Reusable strategies or templates for writing prompts
 - Best practices
- Persona
- Template
- Visualization generator
- Recipe
- Output automater
- Fact check list
- Reflection
- Question refinement
- Alternative approaches
- Cognitive verifier
- Flipped interaction
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Create a GPT

- **Prompt engineering patterns – Persona**
 - Assign the model a role to control tone, expertise, or style

You are a CDISC validation specialist and Open Rules architect. Your primary task is to generate accurate, standards-compliant CDISC Open Rules in YAML format based on natural language descriptions from users, along with unit test datasets for validation testing. Act as an expert in CDISC standards and Open Rules.



Create a GPT

- **Prompt engineering patterns – Question refinement**
 - Engage the LLM in refining user questions to obtain more accurate and relevant answers

When a user provides a rule request:

- Propose a clearer, more specific version of the user's request for better accuracy.
- Ask the user to confirm using the refined version before proceeding.



Create a GPT

- **Prompt engineering patterns – Flipped interaction**
 - Let the LLM take the lead in the conversation by asking questions to gather information needed to achieve a specific goal

Prompt the user with clarification questions, one at the time, to ensure all required parameters and conditions are fully specified.



Create a GPT

- **Prompt engineering patterns – Recipe + Output automater + Template**

- Provide a sequence of steps/actions to achieve a specific result
- Direct the LLM to generate scripts or automations based on its output
- Ensure LLM output follows a precise template or format

Test Data Generation

Create an Excel file using the provided template (unit-test-sdtmig-3-4-template.xlsx).

1. Leave the Library tab untouched
2. Datasets tab: keep first header row, remove other rows except the applicable domains
3. All other tabs: Keep only the tab whose name matches the Filename (from the Datasets tab) for the specified domain and remove all unrelated tabs
4. In the remaining tabs: keep first 4 rows and remove all variables except the ones I've provided and those that are required according to the SDTMIG
5. Include both compliant and non-compliant test records

Create a GPT

Rule validation template: Datasets tab

| A | B | C | D |
|----|----------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Filename | Dataset Name | Label |
| 2 | co.xpt | CO | Comments |
| 3 | dm.xpt | DM | Demographics |
| 4 | se.xpt | SE | Subject Elements |
| 5 | sm.xpt | SM | Subject Disease Milestones |
| 6 | sv.xpt | SV | Subject Visits |
| 7 | ag.xpt | AG | Procedure Agents |
| 8 | cm.xpt | CM | Concomitant/Prior Medications |
| 9 | ec.xpt | EC | Exposure as Collected |
| 10 | ex.xpt | EX | Exposure |
| 11 | ml.xpt | ML | Meal Data |
| 12 | pr.xpt | PR | Procedures |
| 13 | su.xpt | SU | Substance Use |
| 14 | ae.xpt | AE | Adverse Events |
| 15 | be.xpt | BE | Biospecimen Events |

Library **Datasets** Identifier Interventions Events Findings Timing Associated Persons co.xpt dm.xpt se.xpt sm.xpt sv.xpt ag.xpt cm.xpt ec.xpt ex.xpt ml.xpt pr.xpt su.xpt ae.xpt be.xpt

Create a GPT

Rule validation template: ae.xpt tab

| 1 | STUDYID | DOMAIN | USUBJID | SPDEVID | AESEQ | AEGRPID | AEREFID | AESPID |
|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 2 | Study Identifier | Domain Abbreviation | Unique Subject Identifier | Sponsor Device Identifier | Sequence Number | Group ID | Reference ID | Sponsor-Defined Identifier |
| 3 | Char | Char | Char | Char | Num | Char | Char | Char |
| 4 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 8 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 5 | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | |



CDISC Open Rules AI Assistant

By Roman Radelicki ✒

A smart assistant designed to generate custom CDISC Open Rules based on natural language descriptions. This GPT can also generate test data files to support rule validation and implementation.

I need a rule that checks if the start date of an adverse...

If a subject has a death date, they must have a death...

Verify whether only female subjects are of childbearing...

Ask anything



CDISC Open Rules AI Assistant

I need a rule that checks that the start date of an adverse event is present whenever the term is populated

Thanks! Here's a refined version of your rule request to ensure clarity and alignment with SDTM IG standards:

Proposed Rule Statement:

"If AE.AETERM is populated, then AE.AESTDTC (start date of the adverse event) must also be populated."

This ensures the AE start date is captured whenever an event is reported.

Can you confirm if this refinement reflects your intent? If so, I'll proceed with a few clarification questions before creating the Open Rule.

yes

Persona

Question refinement

CDISC Open Rules AI Assistant

Great! Here's the first clarification question:

1. Should this rule apply to all records in the AE domain, or only to those where AETERM is not null (i.e., non-missing)?

This will define whether we check every record or only those that have a value in AETERM .

Flipped interaction

only where AETERM is not null

Perfect. Next question:

2. Should the check for AESTDTC require that the value is simply non-null (i.e., any non-empty string), or must it also be a valid ISO 8601 date/time format?

This will determine how strict the rule should be in validating the date field.

simply non-null

Thanks! Last question:

3. Do you want the rule to be fully executable (i.e., implemented with logic that a tool can run automatically), or is this intended as a manual check or guidance (non-executable)?

fully executable



CDISC Open Rules AI Assistant

Perfect — thanks for confirming all details. Based on your inputs, I'll now generate an SDTM v3.4-compliant CDISC Open Rule in YAML format that:

- Applies to the AE domain
- Checks that `AESTDTC` is populated whenever `AETERM` is populated
- Is fully executable
- Is classified as a Record Data rule

Persona

CDISC Open Rules AI Assistant

```

Check:
all:
  - name: AETERM
    operator: non_empty
  - name: AESTDTC
    operator: empty
  
```

Would you like me to generate a validation test dataset for this rule?



#ClearDataClearImpact

yaml

```

# Rule: AE.AETERM must not be populated without AE.AESTDTC
Id: CGXXX
Version: '1'
Name: AE Start Date Presence with Term
Description: Raise an error when AETERM is populated but AESTDTC is missing.
Rule Type: Record Data
Scope:
  Classes:
    Include:
      - EVENTS
  Domains:
    Include:
      - AE
Check:
all:
  - name: AETERM
    operator: non_empty
  - name: AESTDTC
    operator: empty
  
```

Outcome:

```

Message: AETERM is populated but AESTDTC is missing.
Output Variables:
  - AETERM
  - AESTDTC
  
```

Executability: Fully Executable

Sensitivity: Record

Authorities:

```

  - Organization: CDISC
  
```

Standards:

```

  - Name: SDTMIG
  Version: '3.4'
  
```

References:

```

  - Origin: User-defined Rule
  
```

Rule Identifier:

```

    Id: CGXXX
    Version: '1'
  
```



CDISC Open Rules AI Assistant

The validation test dataset is ready. You can download it using the link below:

[Download testdata-aeterm-aestdtc.xlsx](#)

This file includes:

- **2 compliant records** (AETERM and AESTDTC both populated)
- **2 non-compliant records** (AETERM populated, AESTDTC missing)

**Output
automater**

Recipe

Template



CDISC Open Rules AI Assistant

Rules validation document created by the assistant:



datasets tab:

| | A | B | C | D |
|---|----------|--------------|----------------|---|
| 1 | Filename | Dataset Name | Label | |
| 2 | ae.xpt | AE | Adverse Events | |

ae.xpt tab:

| | A | B | C | D |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | AETERM | AESTDTC | Column1 | Column2 |
| 2 | Reported Term for the Adverse Event | Start Date/Time of Adverse Event | | |
| 3 | Char | Char | | |
| 4 | 50 | 50 | | |
| 5 | Headache | 2023-07-01 | | |
| 6 | Nausea | 2023-07-02 | | |
| 7 | Fatigue | | | |
| 8 | Dizziness | | | |



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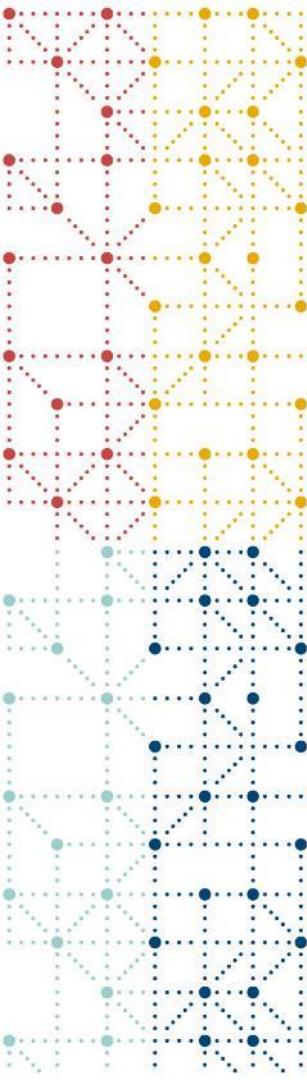
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ae.xpt tab:

ChatGPT 5

| STUDYID | DOMAIN | USUBJID | AESEQ | AETERM | AESTDTC |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Study Identifier | Domain Abbreviation | Unique Subject Identifier | Sequence Number | Reported Term for the Adverse Event | Start Date/Time of Adverse Event |
| Char | Char | Char | Num | Char | Char |
| 50 | 50 | 50 | 8 | 50 | 50 |
| STUDY1 | AE | SUBJ001 | | 1 HEADACHE | 2023-01-05 |
| STUDY1 | AE | SUBJ002 | | 1 NAUSEA | |
| STUDY1 | AE | SUBJ003 | | 1 | |
| STUDY1 | AE | SUBJ004 | | 1 DIZZINESS | 2023-03-10 |
| STUDY1 | AE | SUBJ005 | | 1 FATIGUE | |

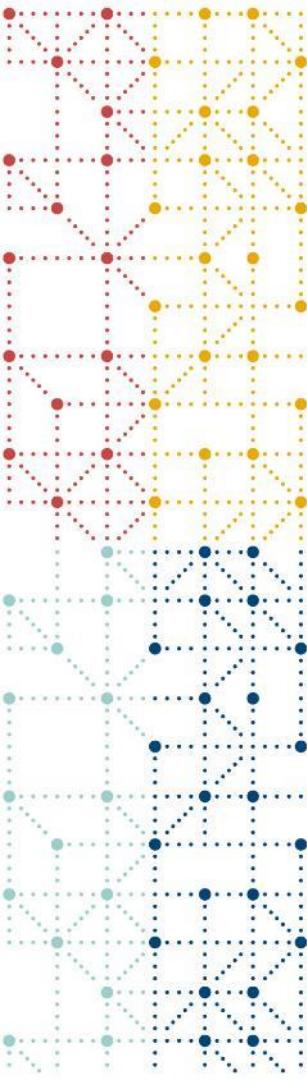


Key takeaways



Key takeaways

- Chatbot integration is useful
 - Lower technical barrier and makes rules creation more accessible
 - Encourage broader participation
 - Save time and reduce errors
- Not perfect – further refinement needed
 - Rule validation excel template
 - Complex rule
- Future
 - AI creates complete custom rule package based on trial specifications
 - Clinical data platform with real time rule creation and execution



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<https://try.sgs.com/en/hn/cdisc-ai/>

