

Informational webinar

CRDSA Standard for Secondary Analysis of Clinical Study Data

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Presentation Outline



1. The need for standards
2. Scope, structure, and content overview
3. Principles
4. Adoption
5. How you can provide comments

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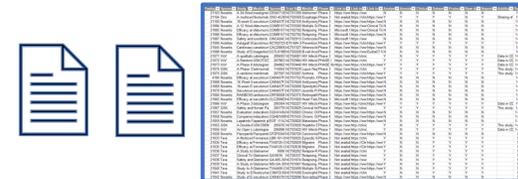
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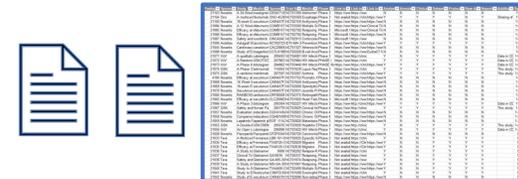
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Current State

- Data sharing and research planning may be time-consuming
- Analyses may be found not to be feasible after data is provided
- Analysis errors can be made

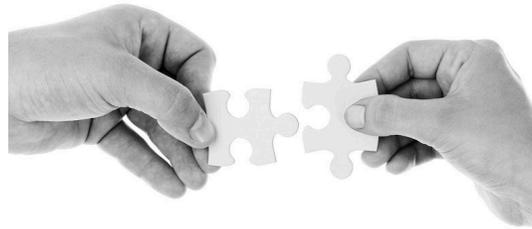
Data Sharing and Secondary Analysis Standards work together to enable good science



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Clinical Study Data (v1.0)**
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How to share individual patient data
(IPD) from clinical studies

How to use contributed IPD
in secondary research

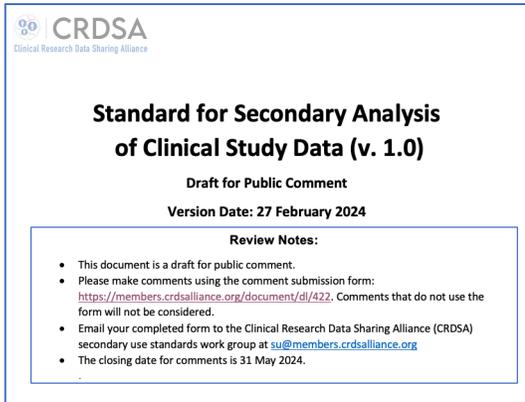
Addressing Key Research Challenges



1. The researcher is new to secondary data use and not aware of the necessary analysis steps
2. The researcher isn't familiar with biopharma trial designs (crossover design, etc.)
3. The researcher isn't conversant in the data formats, encoding, and structures used in biopharma studies

Scope, structure, and content overview





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- Includes secondary analyses of interventional clinical trials conducted in patients and non-interventional clinical studies using patient data
- Includes planning, conducting and reporting secondary analyses
- Does not include details of statistical methods and analyses
- Based on CRDSA expertise and external publications – for example:

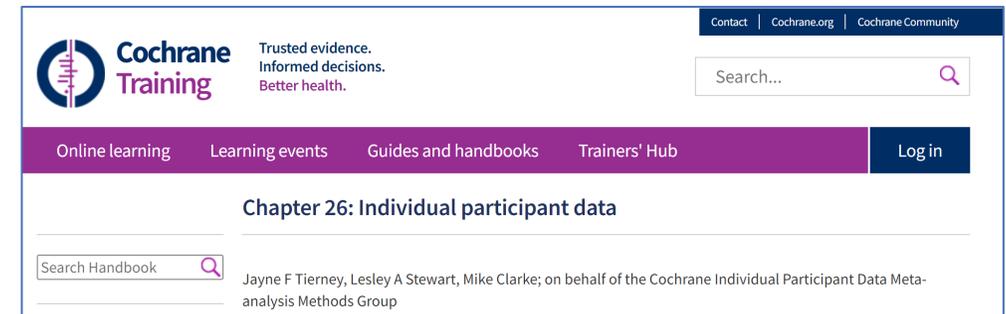


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EFSPI/PSI working group on data sharing: accessing and working with pharmaceutical clinical trial patient level datasets – a primer for academic researchers

R. Sudlow, J. Branson, T. Friede, D. Morgan, C. Whately-Smith [less](#) •

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Chapter 26: Individual participant data

Search Handbook

Jayne F Tierney, Lesley A Stewart, Mike Clarke; on behalf of the Cochrane Individual Participant Data Meta-analysis Methods Group

Principles (requirements)

PLAN

2.1 RESEARCH QUESTION

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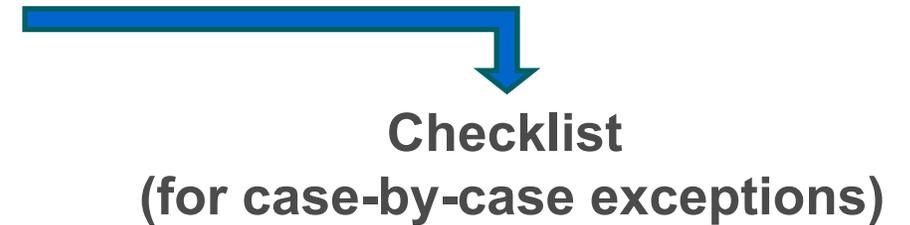
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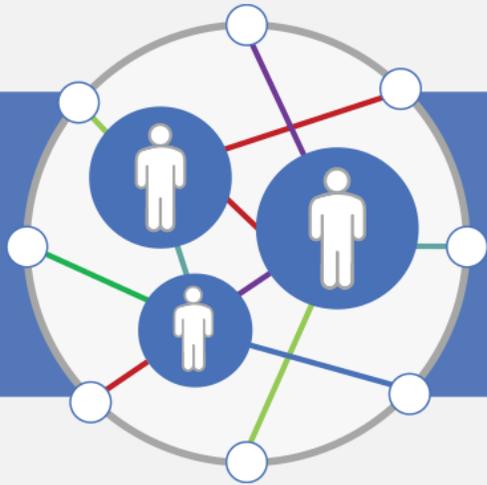
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PLAN		Yes/No/NA	NA Explanation
RESEARCH QUESTION	Is there a documented and well-defined research question and/or hypothesis that is testable using clinical trial data?		
STUDIES	Have studies that include the required data been objectively identified and assessed using predefined criteria?		
TEAM	Does the team have statistical expertise and experience in clinical trial data analysis as shown by statistical qualifications and previous analyses of clinical study data?		
	Does the team include the expertise and skill sets needed to navigate clinical study documents and fully understand the relationship of study designs to the intended analysis as shown by formal training and/or previous research?		
	Does the team include expertise to manage the types of datasets being accessed and use the relevant software as shown by formal training and/or previous research?		
	Does the team include specific expertise relevant for the analysis (e.g., MedDRA expertise for analysis of safety) as evidenced by formal training and/or previous research?		
SAP	Is there a prespecified statistical analysis plan (SAP) dated before the analysis was conducted? Does the SAP include all of the following? - The questions and hypotheses being addressed - Effect measure of interest (e.g., for inferential studies: odds ratio, risk or rate ratio, risk or rate difference, absolute difference) - The populations and variables to be analyzed, including details of any subjects and data that will be included and excluded		



Content Overview

Data Sharing Standard

- Datasets to be shared
- Supporting documentation and meta-data to be shared
- Data transformation report
- When supporting documentation is to be shared

Secondary Analysis Standard

- Plan
- Conduct
- Report

Principles





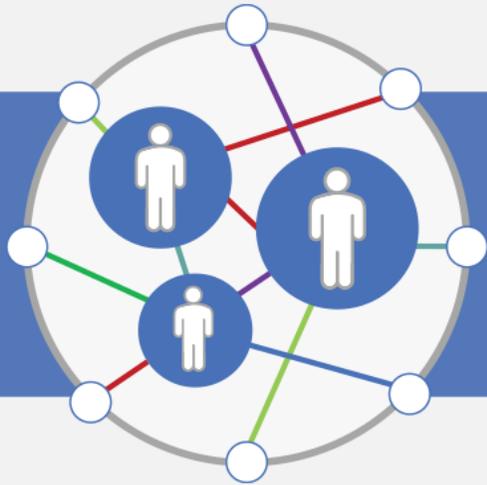
- Define the research question and hypothesis
- Identify the studies needed
- Assemble a team with the experience and expertise required
- Determine the appropriate statistical methods to be used
- Obtain required approvals
- Publicly disclose a summary of the planned analysis



- Ensure that the IT system has controls and processes in place to protect the integrity and security of data
- Prepare to conduct the analysis by extracting data and transforming the data into a suitable format for analysis
- Test the code and reproduce selected analyses from the original study or studies
- Perform the statistical analysis according to the statistical analysis plan; justify and document any changes; and implement relevant quality control measures
- Interpret the results of the analysis, considering the research question and the study design
- Draw objective conclusions based on the findings and study limitations



- Communicate findings through presentations and publications
- Share data, documents, and code used for the analysis for transparency and reproducibility



Notable Principles

TEAM

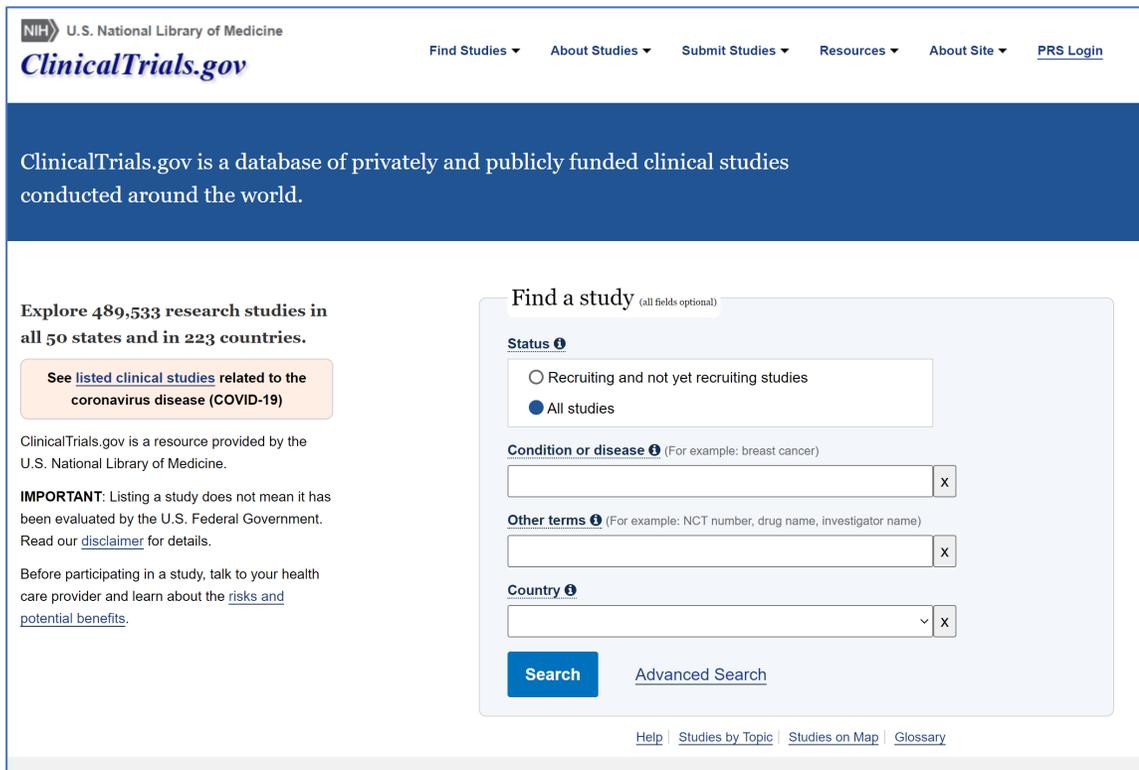
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- Specific expertise relevant for the analysis
 - Safety
 - Disease Area
 - AI

STUDIES

CLINICAL STUDIES THAT INCLUDE THE DATA FOR THE ANALYSIS ARE TO BE OBJECTIVELY IDENTIFIED AND ASSESSED USING PREDEFINED CRITERIA



The screenshot shows the ClinicalTrials.gov website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Find Studies', 'About Studies', 'Submit Studies', 'Resources', 'About Site', and 'PRS Login'. Below the navigation bar, a blue banner states: 'ClinicalTrials.gov is a database of privately and publicly funded clinical studies conducted around the world.' The main content area features a search box titled 'Find a study (all fields optional)'. The search box includes several filters: 'Status' with radio buttons for 'Recruiting and not yet recruiting studies' and 'All studies' (selected); 'Condition or disease' with a text input field and a clear button; 'Other terms' with a text input field and a clear button; and 'Country' with a dropdown menu and a clear button. A 'Search' button and a link to 'Advanced Search' are located below the search box. At the bottom of the search box, there are links for 'Help', 'Studies by Topic', 'Studies on Map', and 'Glossary'. To the left of the search box, there is a sidebar with text: 'Explore 489,533 research studies in all 50 states and in 223 countries.' and a link to 'See listed clinical studies related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)'. Below this, there is a disclaimer: 'ClinicalTrials.gov is a resource provided by the U.S. National Library of Medicine. IMPORTANT: Listing a study does not mean it has been evaluated by the U.S. Federal Government. Read our disclaimer for details. Before participating in a study, talk to your health care provider and learn about the risks and potential benefits.'

- Ensures study selection is guided by the research question
- Minimizes bias in study selection
- Ensures selected studies meet the requisite criteria for analysis

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS PLAN

A PRESPECIFIED STATISTICAL ANALYSIS PLAN (SAP) IS TO BE IN PLACE

Statistical Analysis Plan

Study ID: 208887 Sub-study 1

Official Title of Sub-Study: Platform Sub-study of Belantamab Mafodotin (GSK2857916) in Combination with aOX40 (GSK3174998) in Participants with RRMM

Date of Document: 24-AUG-2022

- The questions and hypotheses
- Effect measure of interest
- The populations and variables to be analyzed
- Statistical analysis methods
- Any planned adjustment for covariates
- Meta-analysis methods, if applicable
- Power to detect a clinically important effect, or the precision of the effect estimate given the sample size available
- Any data transformations to be used, and how any missing data or outliers will be handled
- Any planned sensitivity analyses to explore the robustness of the results
- Any planned investigation of subgroups

DATA MANAGEMENT

PREDETERMINED METHODS FOR DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANY READJUDICATION ARE TO BE FOLLOWED AND ANY DEVIATIONS ARE TO BE DOCUMENTED



Readjudication

- There is to be a documented justification for any analysis involving readjudication of a source study
- Multiple independent adjudicators are to be involved in the readjudication process
- The analyst or reviewers are to be blinded to the treatment group assignments and other relevant information to reduce bias
- MedDRA is to be used for the readjudication of adverse events
- For efficacy outcomes, the same standards as used in the original analysis or other standardized and referenceable criteria are to be used

STUDY AND DATA UNDERSTANDING

TO DEMONSTRATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE STUDIES AND STUDY DATA, SELECTED ANALYSES IN THE ORIGINAL STUDIES ARE TO BE REPRODUCED AND ANY DIFFERENCES ARE TO BE EXPLAINED AND DOCUMENTED



RESULTS TRANSPARENCY

DATA, DOCUMENTS, AND CODE USED FOR THE ANALYSIS ARE TO BE SHARED OR MADE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



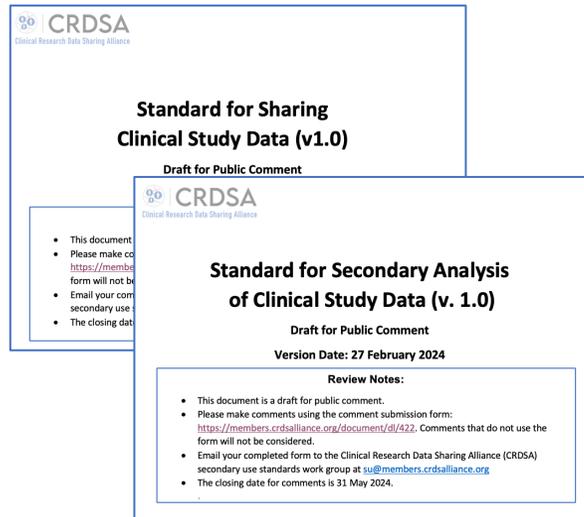
Adoption



The standards can be adopted by data sharing platforms, funders, research institutions, and scientific journals.

When adopting a CRDSA standard, the organization incorporates the principles into their policy (the organization governs compliance with the policy), for example:

“Organization X adopts the CRDSA Standard and requires data contributors/researchers to follow the principles and complete the checklist in the CRDSA Standard”



How to provide comments



How you can provide comments

- The draft standards are available for public comment at: <https://crdsalliance.org/resources/#sus>
- Please make comments using the comment submission form (linked in the draft documents)

CRDSA Secondary Analysis Standard: Comment Template					
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Contact Name/Email:		<input type="text"/>			
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Q&A





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