



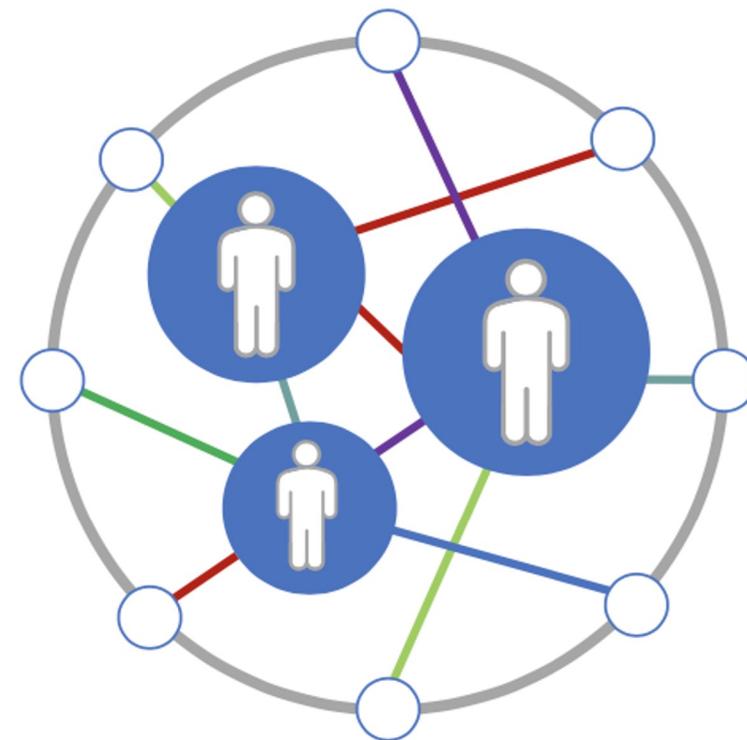
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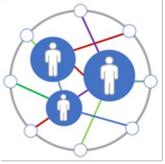
Clinical Research Data Sharing Alliance

## PHUSE Data Transparency Summer 2022

### Review of Data Sharing Policies and Protection Methodologies

June 29, 2022





# What we'll cover

1. Strategy and Objectives
2. Methodology: A Systematic Review of Data Sharing Contributor Policies and Data Protection Approaches
3. Preview: Results - Datasets and Documentation



## Before we dive in

If you haven't already, please take our Clinical Trial Secondary Use Survey!

- 10-15 minutes
- Results will be published and made publicly available later this year
- Open for PHUSE through **Thursday, June 30th**



Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/b5xoeX8Dns25uuBq7>



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### Clinical Trial Secondary Use Survey

This survey is for Data Sharing Platform (DSP) end-users that have requested, downloaded, accessed, or used secondary use clinical trial datasets containing Individual Patient Data (IPD). The survey will help us understand what information about a trial is important to end-users and researchers, prior to data access. The survey is anonymous unless you choose to share your email at the end of the survey. All responses are confidential and no identifying information will be made public.

You are encouraged to share the survey with colleagues. Please, only one response per person, even if received from more than one source.

Please contact CRDSA with any questions or feedback: [survey@CRDSAlliance.org](mailto:survey@CRDSAlliance.org).

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

\* Required

Q1. What type of organization do you represent? \*

- Academic Research Institution
- BioPharma Company
- CRO / Service Partner
- Technology Vendor
- NGO, Health Authority, or Regulator



# CRDSA's High-Level Objectives

## Current State:

- A limited number of data contributions
- Lack of consistently high data utility
- Often high barriers to researcher access
- Data contributors face significant logistical and resourcing challenges

## An example of the problem:

## Overarching Objectives:

- Sponsors **share openly, timely**, with contributions maintaining **high data utility**.
- Researchers know **where to go, what to expect**, and **how to** make the best **use** of secondary data.

## From our Secondary Use Survey:

Q9. Thinking about the last time you requested, accessed, or downloaded data, approximately how many studies did you request, access or download?

30

Q10. For your use or research question, of these studies how many were ultimately used in your analysis or intended use?

8

Q11. If you weren't able to use all studies requested, accessed, or downloaded, what were the reasons for non-use?

- Research Request/Proposal Not Approved
- Did not receive all studies requested
- Missing Documentation (Protocol, etc.)
- Key Information Redacted
- Could not harmonize for analysis
- Not suitable for the intended use (not related to data quality/utility)
- Other: .....



# Data Protection and Secondary Use Standards WG's

## Data Protection



### Policies and Protection Methods Review Whitepaper

- Establishes data sharing **benchmarks** for sponsors



### Data Protection Playbook

- Targeted at **executive-level** pharma decision makers
- How to put it into practice (for **internal and external** data sharing)

### What are we trying to change?

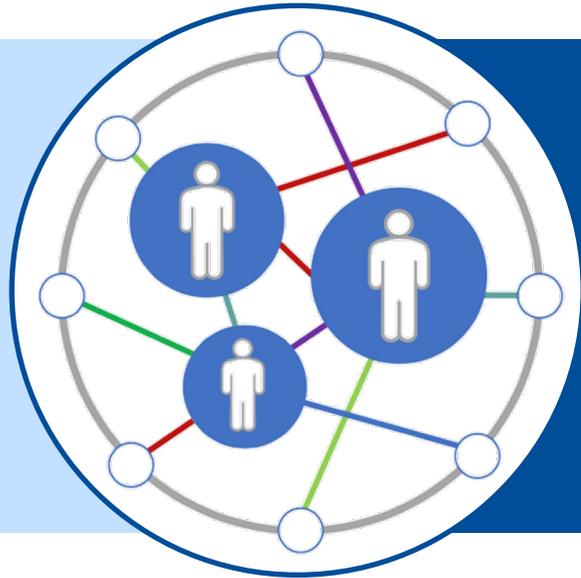
1. **Mindset:** Sponsors actively engaging with the data sharing ecosystem, as both contributor and data consumer
2. **Governance:** Sponsor policies that responsibly balance patient privacy while maintaining end-user data utility
3. **Resourcing:** Sponsors allocate sufficient internal resources to data contributions, moving towards universal prospective data sharing

## Secondary Use Standards



### Secondary Use Survey and Manuscript

- Establishes **what researchers need** in order to make best use of contributed data
- Gives sponsors **meaningful anchor points**
- **Path to** reports/scorecards and **Standards**



# Systematic Review Methodology

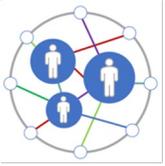


# Building on the Good Pharma Scorecard\*

The 2021 [Good Pharma Scorecard](#) scorecard examines [5 data-sharing measures](#) (data transparency is evaluated separately):

1. whether they have a public policy committing to sharing analysis-ready datasets and clinical study reports (CSRs) for applicable studies;
2. whether their policy explains how such data can be requested;
3. whether the policy commits to making data available by 6 months after approval by the FDA or European Medicines Agency or 18 months after a trial's completion date, whichever was later;
4. whether the company reports the number of data requests received and how each was handled (granted or denied);
5. the proportion of 'data sharing applicable' trials registered in a public registry.

\* [Bioethics International](#)



# Our focus: End-User Research Utility

- Of the 42 sponsors in the 2021 GPS survey, **55%** (23) met criterion #1 by contributing both analysis-ready datasets and CSRs
- Of the 29 sponsors in the CRDSA review:
  - 15 overlap with the GPS scorecard
  - **69%** (20) meet the GPS criterion

The Data Protection Work Group review builds on the GPS work by:

- 1. Expanding** the range of datasets and documentation
- 2. Adding** analysis of applied data protection methodologies

Next, let's look at the 4-step process applied in our systematic review...





## Step 2: Collect

Collected and organized information supplied by a total of **29 pharma** sponsors

- Our analysis was limited to the information supplied on the platform site
- Detailed academic sponsor information was not available, therefore not evaluated
- Some information may be out-of-date but...

**This is what researchers will see (and rely on)!**

The supplied information is a mix of:

- Informational statements:
  - “Bayer will not share data when we believe that there is a reasonable likelihood that the individual could be re-identified, for example, clinical studies of rare diseases, single-center clinical studies, or clinical studies with a very small number of subjects.”
- Data Points:
  - Datasets and documents provided (raw dataset, protocol, etc.)
- Linked in-depth documents:
  - “Bayer Clinical Trial Data Transparency Anonymization and Data Protection Procedures” PDF



## Step 3: Collate and Organize

**29** Sponsors with interpretable information:

The information was then collated and organized into tiers based on sponsor size (determined by employee count):

- **12 Tier 1: Over 25k**
  - The smallest 1 is approximately 45k employees
- **11 Tier 2: 5 to 24,999k**
- **6 Tier 3: Under 5k**
  - Range 1,200 to 3,500

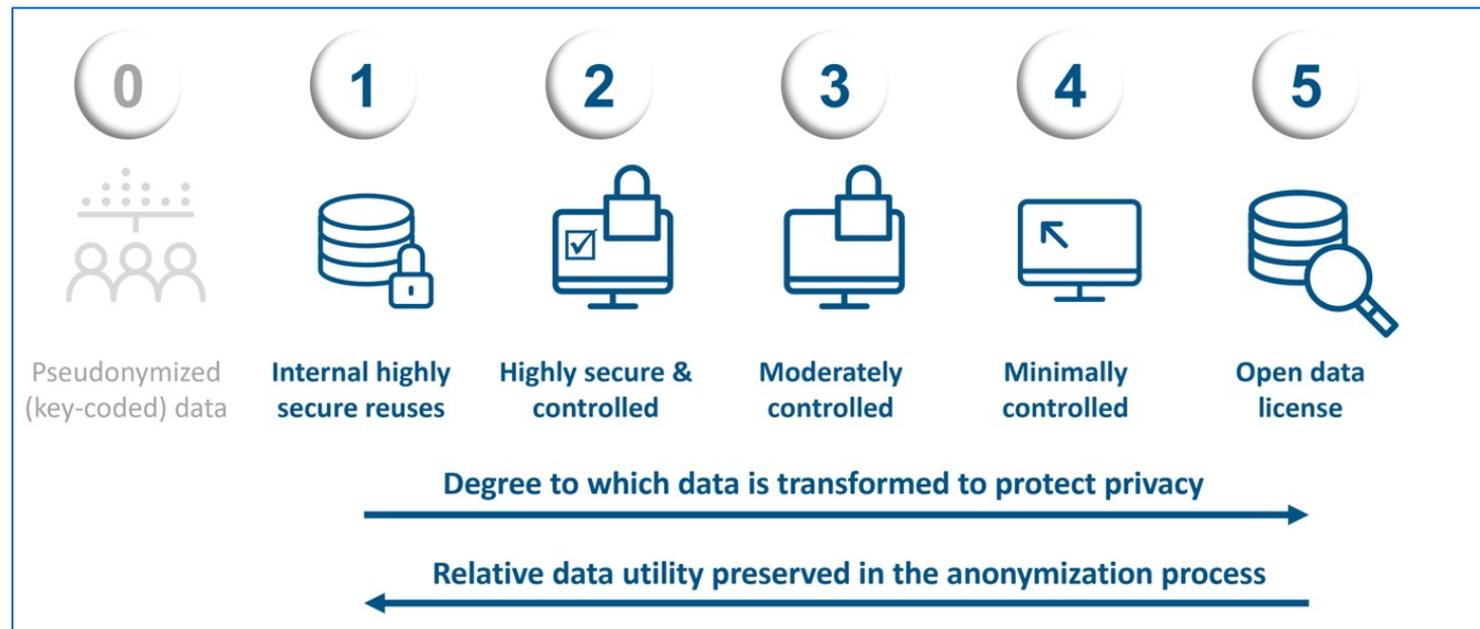


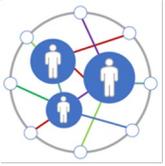
## Step 4: Analyze and Interpret

In addition to synthesizing the information supplied, the team developed a consistent methodology to categorize data protection approaches:

**Objective:** Determine if a sponsor uses a Risk-Based data protection approach

**Why:** A risk-based approach to data protection is generally thought to enhance the end-user utility of data contributions, eg, SAFE data rating by Bamford et al. (Applied Clinical Trials, 2022)





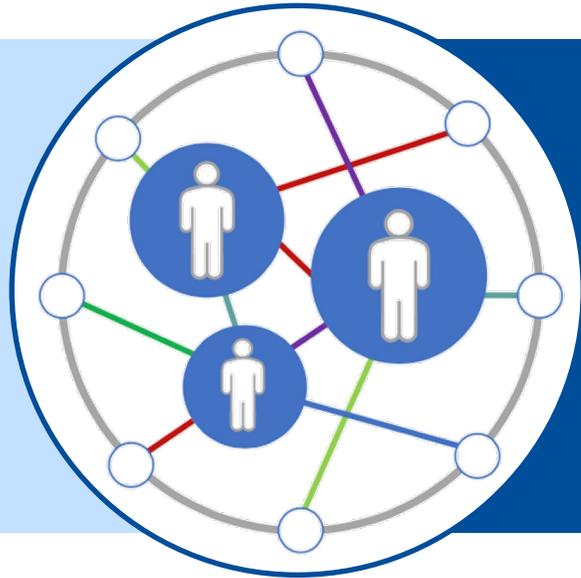
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**Criteria:** used to classify an approach as "risk-based:"

- I. Explicit claim by the sponsor that their anonymization approach is "risk-based"
- II. A mention of a "risk assessment" in addition to a specified rule-set
- III. The extent an approach to anonymization is modified based on specific factors: study population, disease prevalence, data sensitivity, system controls, context risk, various re-id attack scenarios, and adversary profiles

**Assessment:**

- Criterion (i) is classified as using a risk-based anonymization approach
- Criterion (iii) is classified as using a risk-based anonymization approach and we can also infer the use of a quantitative approach
- Criterion (ii) is possibly a risk-based anonymization approach
- Else, if a sponsor uses a rule set minus the risk assessment component, then we infer a rules-based approach used



# Preview: Datasets and Documentation

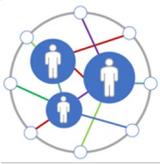


# From the Review: Datasets and Documents

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<b>Datasets and Documents</b>				
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Analysis	92%	82%	67%	<b>83%</b>
Protocol	100%	73%	83%	<b>86%</b>
aCRF	100%	64%	67%	<b>79%</b>
Reporting and Analysis Plan / SAP	100%	73%	67%	<b>83%</b>
CSR	92%	82%	33%	<b>76%</b>
Dataset Specifications	75%	64%	50%	<b>66%</b>

- Largely consistent large sponsor commitment provides valuable benchmarks for mid and small sponsors

The full review results and analysis will be available in a forthcoming white paper



# Working Together: Review and Survey

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**Secondary Use Survey:**



Open for PHUSE through June 30

- The Secondary Use Survey analysis will look at multiple response dimensions including:
  - Results by user type (e.g., academic vs. industry)
  - Predominant data use (e.g., Publication vs. Regulatory Use)
- What are the education gaps and opportunities?

# *Thank You!*

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