



The Review of SDTM Datasets at CDER: A Clinical Reviewer's Perspective

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Overview

- Before SDTM
- After SDTM



CDER Now Accepts SDTM Datasets

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FDA Announces Standard Format That Drug Sponsors Can Use to Submit Human Drug Clinical Trial Data

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/news/2004/NEW01095.html>





“The importance of a standard for the exchange of clinical trial data cannot be overstated. FDA reviewers spend far too much valuable time simply reorganizing large amounts of data submitted in varying formats. Having the data presented in a standard structure will improve FDA’s ability to evaluate the data and help speed new discoveries to the public.”

-Lester Crawford, Acting Commissioner, FDA





Before SDTM



- Domains = Yes
- Standard Domain Names = No
- Standard Structure = No
- Standard Variables = No
- Standard Variable Names = No
- Standard Terms = No



Before SDTM

Result:

- Steep “Learning Curve” for each application / Study
- Reviewers had to familiarize themselves with unique data structure, domain names, variables and variable names used in an application
- TIME CONSUMING

■ ■ ■ Before SDTM

- Sometimes: different variable names/terms within the same application (!)
- e.g. same lab test, two names:
SGOT = AST
- Pooling, joining datasets awkward, difficult
- Good portion of review time spent “cleaning up the data”
- Inefficient, error-prone



After SDTM



- Domains = Yes
- Standard Domain Names = Yes
- Standard Structure = Yes
- Standard Variables = Yes
- Standard Variable Names = Yes
- Standard Terms = not yet, but coming



■ ■ ■ After SDTM

- Standard Domain Names = Easy to Find Data
- Standard Structure = Easy to Understand the Data
- Standard Variables/Variable Names = Immediate Familiarity with the Data
- Consistency
- Minimal learning curve
- TIME EFFICIENT

■ ■ ■ Benefits of SDTM

- Development of standardized review strategies and tools to store, display, analyze the data
- COTS Tools: e.g. JMP
- Custom Tools:
 - JANUS
 - WebSDM
 - PPV



JMP

- COTS software
- FDA site license; available to all reviewers
- Data exploration and analysis
- Familiar to Reviewers
- Available now

■ ■ ■ JMP and SDTM

SDTM presents unique challenges:

- Demographic/Treatment Assignment info not in all domains
- Character date fields
- One row per observation – how to do change from baseline calculations?

■ ■ ■ Using JMP to Analyze SDTM datasets

- Reviewer Re-education and Re-Training
- New internal JMP training manual
- Revamp internal JMP training curriculum

■ ■ ■ Join Command

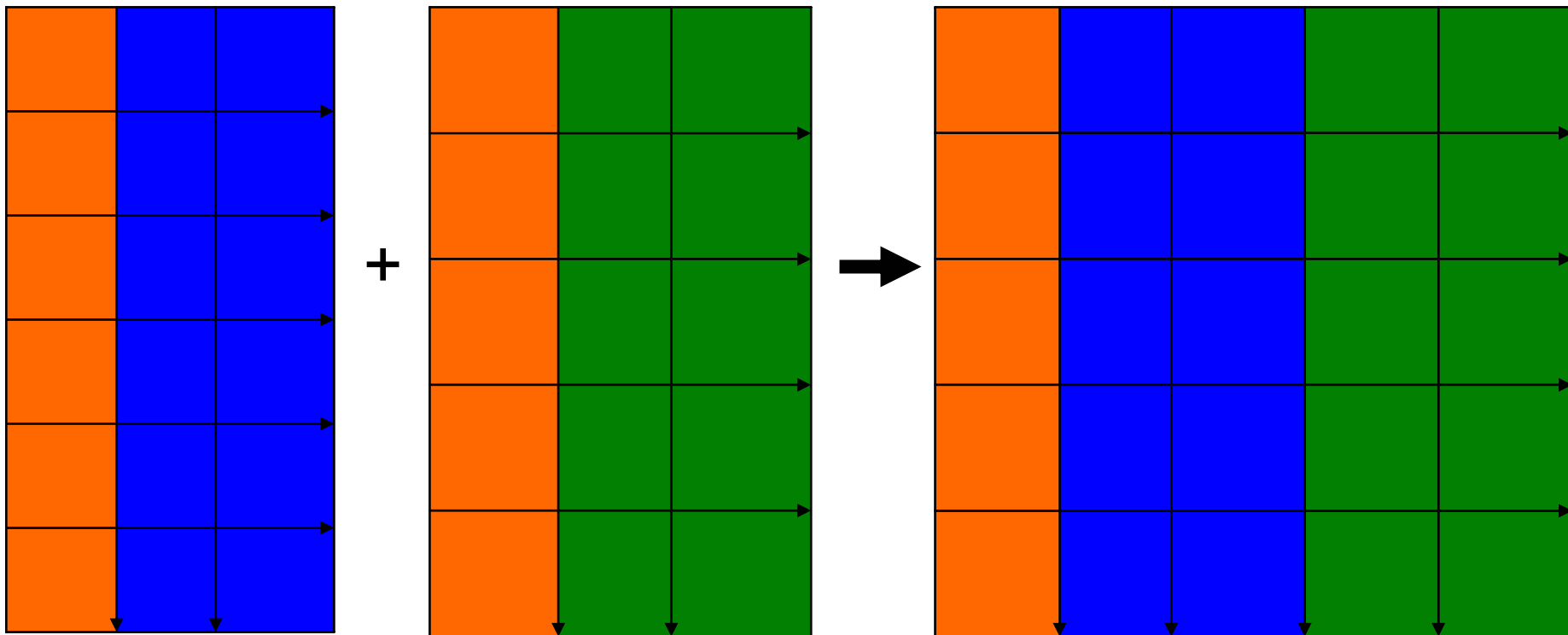
- Allows addition of key demographic and treatment assignment variables to any domain
- Standard allows creation of JMP script to automate task
- JOIN DM script command being incorporated into standard JMP install



JOIN Command

DM

AE



SDTM Dates and JMP

- ISO 8601 Standard
- Character Fields

1997-07-16T19:20:30

- Must convert to numeric fields to perform date calculations, e.g. duration of exposure
- JMP Version 5.1.1 supports ISO 8601 standard
- We are upgrading all users to V. 5.1.1



EXENDTC

'EXENDTC' in Table 'EX'

Column Name: EXENDTC Lock

Data Type: Numeric

Modeling Type: Nominal

Format: Best

New Property

Current Properties

- Notes
 - optional item

Remove

OK

Cancel

Apply

Help

- Best
- Fixed Dec
- PValue
- Scientific
- Currency
- Date
 - m/d/y
 - mmddyyyy
 - m/y
 - d/m/y
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 - ddMonyyyy
 - Monddyyyy
 - y/m/d
 - yyymmdd
 - Date Long
 - Date Abbrev
- Time

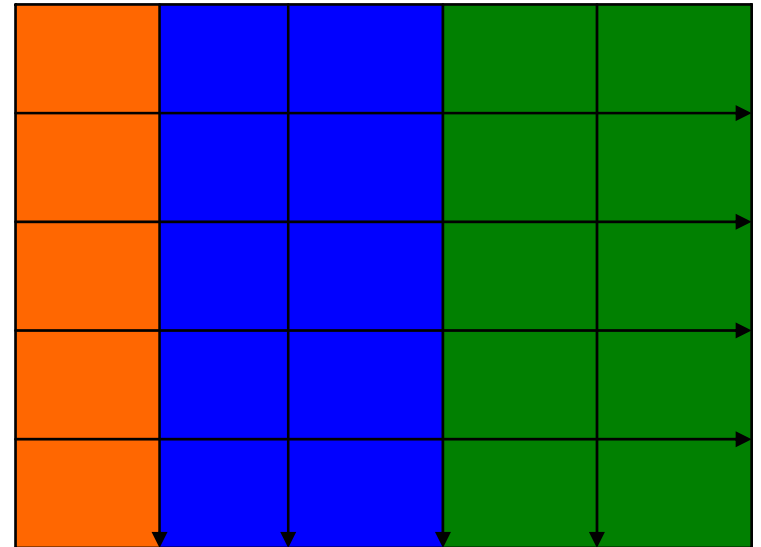
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	22	A2181003		161	1
	23	A2181003		161	2
	24	A2181003	FX	A2181003-1162	1



■■■ Change from Baseline Analyses

- Tall – Skinny (vertical) Organization
- Baseline measurements in a separate row
- Use SPLIT command to bring baseline measurements on same row (horizontal structure)
- Makes change from baseline analyses easy!

■ ■ ■ SPLIT Command



■ ■ ■ Conclusion: JMP and SDTM

- JMP continues to be a powerful, flexible tool to explore and analyze data in all formats, including SDTM
- Available NOW
- New techniques/training necessary to handle SDTM data
- Standard data format allow development of JMP scripts to automate frequently performed steps

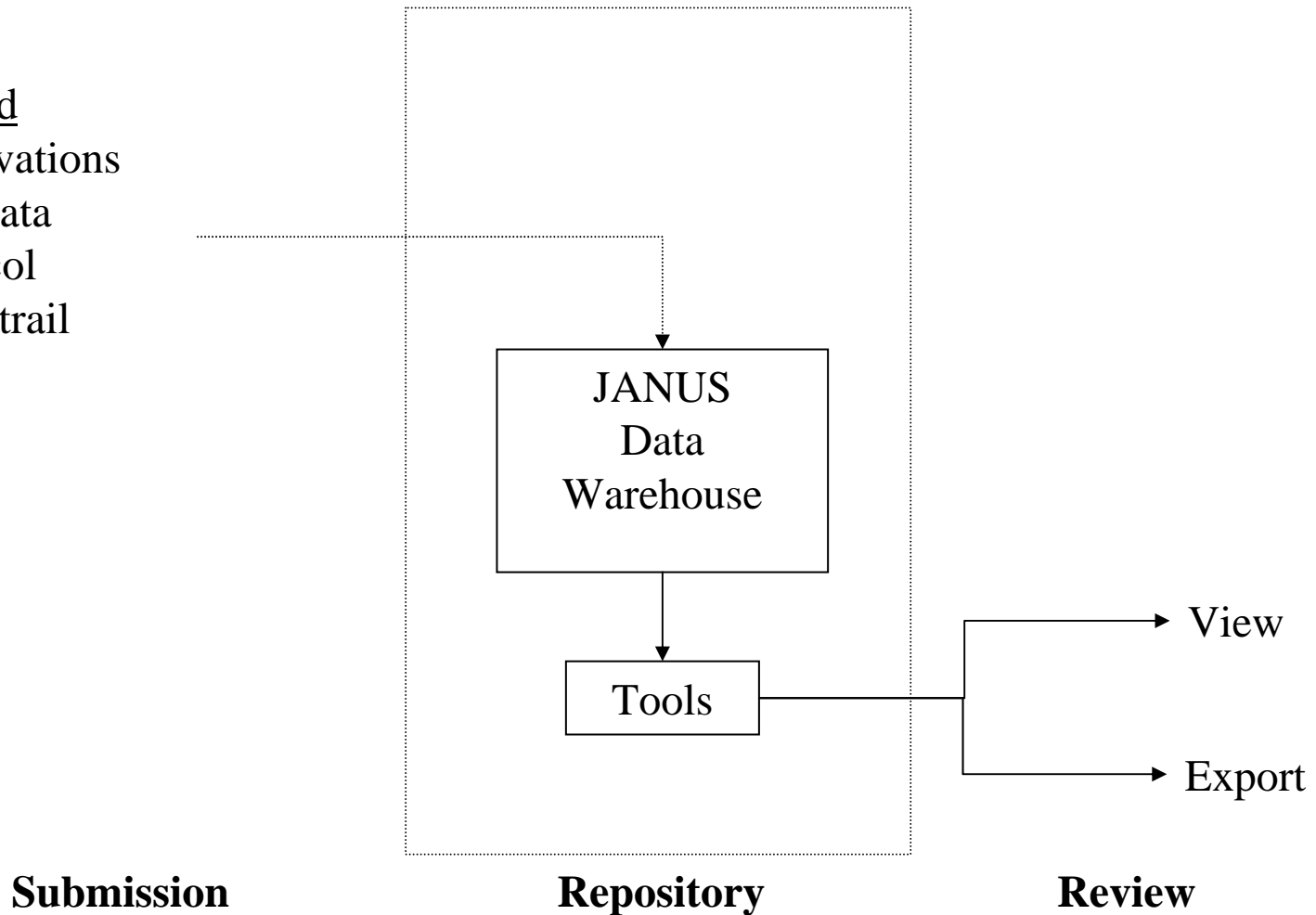
■ ■ ■ JANUS

- Data Warehouse / Repository
- Facilitates Cross-Application analyses (e.g. investigation of adverse events in an entire therapeutic class)

JANUS and Study Data Environment

Standard

- Observations
- Metadata
- Protocol
- Audit trail



■ ■ ■ WebSDM

- Web-based Submission Data Manager
- Provides Access, Displays of the Data
- Validates incoming files for conformance with SDTM
- Provides standard analyses of the data (customizable)
- Export data to various file types (.csv, .xpt, .sas, .xls)

■ ■ ■ WebSDM (cont'd)

- Provides audit trail of transformation/reports made by Reviewers
- Automatically joins data with other domains (DM, SUPPQUAL)
- Flips data for Findings into horizontal views (e.g., by visit or by test); easier to review

User: Armando Oliva [olivaa]

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Available Studies in the [] Application:

	ID	Name	Description	State	Standard	Loaded
<input type="radio"/>	0	A2181002	8556 Subjects	Cross-Domain Checks Run	sdm31	09/13/2004 15:00:46 EDT
<input type="radio"/>	1	A2181003	924 Subjects	Cross-Domain Checks Run	sdm31	09/13/2004 13:27:46 EDT
<input type="radio"/>	2	A2181004	983 Subjects	Cross-Domain Checks Run	sdm31	09/13/2004 14:10:29 EDT
<input type="radio"/>	3	A2181030	540 Subjects	Cross-Domain Checks Run	sdm31	09/13/2004 12:18:25 EDT
<input type="radio"/>	4	SCS	Integrated Safety Summary - 1907 Subjects	Cross-Domain Checks Run	sdm31	09/13/2004 14:39:18 EDT

Application: [redacted] Study: A2181002 Sponsor: Pfizer Last Data Load: 09/13/2004 15:00:46
 EDT Last Run Name: Load A2181002

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Domain	Subjects	Description	Report	Download Rows	Variables	Structure Errors	Consistency Errors
AE	7344	Adverse Events		36138 rows	41	5	21
DM	8556	Demographics		8556 rows	31	4	6
DS	8556	Disposition		17154 rows	24	2	1
EX	8556	Exposure		8556 rows	27	2	1
LB	8556	Lab		424694 rows	40	3	5
SC	8556	Subject Characteristics		42780 rows	25	1	1
SE	7957	Subject Elements		28521 rows	22	0	2
SU	8556	Substance Use		22386 rows	26	0	5
SUPQUAL	8556	Supplemental Qualifier Vars		51272 rows	9	1	4
TA		Trial Arm		3 rows	10	0	0
TE		Trial Elements		3 rows	7	0	1
TS		Trial Summary		34 rows	6	8	4
TV		Trial Visit		14 rows	8	0	0
VS	8556	Vital Signs		17112 rows	30	3	1

Maximum Error Severity Levels: No Errors Low Medium High





Display Report

User: Armando Oliva [olivaa], Application/Study: A21757/A2181030, Report: DM:
Demog Summary by ARM [1 rows]

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ARM	AGE			SEX	RACE				
				F	ASIAN	BLACK	HISPANIC	OTHER	WHITE
				USUBJID	USUBJID	USUBJID	USUBJID	USUBJID	USUBJID
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Notes

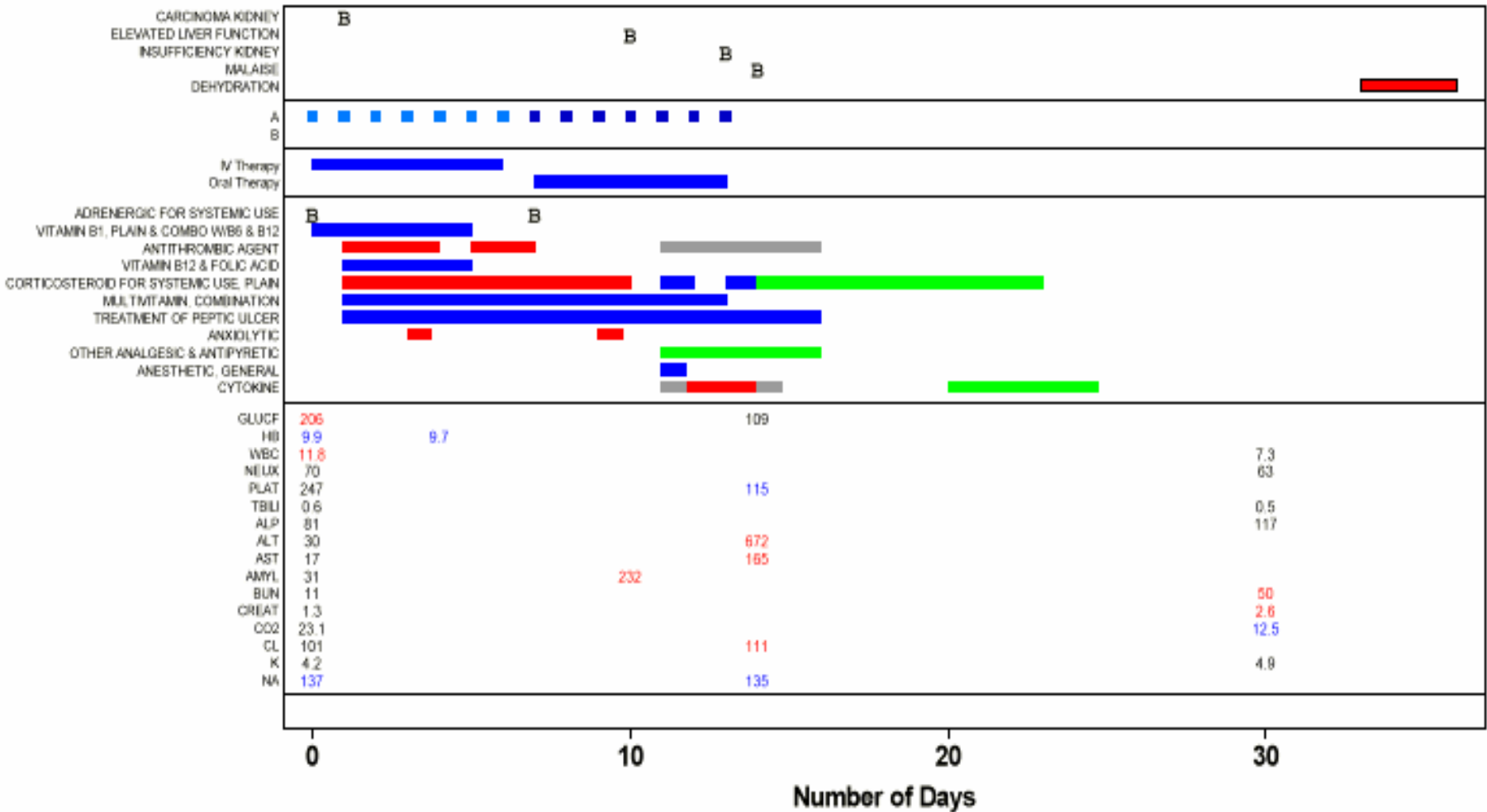
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 User: Armando Oliva
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■ ■ ■ Patient Profile Viewer (PPV)

- Allows graphical display of clinical trial data for a single patient



Patient Profile





Summary

- Ongoing training and education allows users to use JMP to analyze SDTM datasets
- Development of custom scripts and review tools is also ongoing
- Increases in reviewer efficiency

