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Conventional wisdom for conventional units

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Agenda

1. Why this topic?
2. A little history
3. No perfect answer, but we chose the least bad for us
4. What have we learned?

Why this topic?

- Until last year...
 - FDA had not included specific way that they wanted to receive lab results in US conventional units when this was not what was used in the LB domain for analysis.
 - Sponsors could primarily weigh the pros and cons within their own data ecosystems.
- June 2023...
 - FDA sdTCG v5.4 introduces the specific way FDA would like to receive laboratory results in US conventional units as a custom findings domain named LC

June 2023	5.4	Section 4.1.1.3 (SDTM Domain Specification) – Updated language under LB Domain (Laboratory)
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- Sponsors now have an additional consideration outside their own data ecosystems

A little history



FDA has been communicating v
to receive lab res
in US convention
units



AbbVie considered
the options for how to
meet these varying
regulatory needs

Our starting point



AbbVie uses SI units for summaries and analyses



We had a historic set of conversion factors for both SI and US conventional units

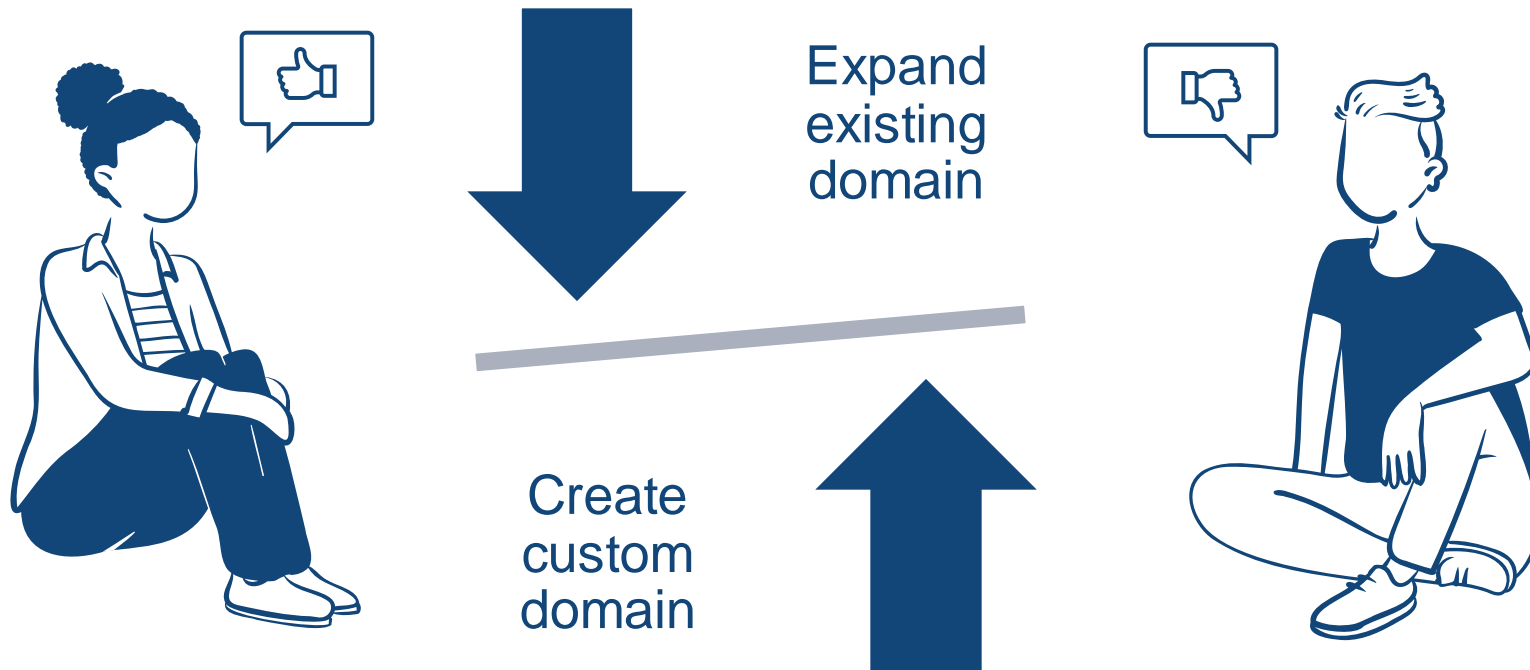


AbbVie creates SDTM mappings at the time of study start-up and automates the generation of both SDTM and ADaM throughout the conduct of the trial



Global submissions are common

No perfect answer



Keep it all in LB domain



Option 1: LBORRES/U for US results and continue SI results into LBSTRESN/C/U

Loses traceability with the results reported by the site
What to do if a result wasn't available in US conventional units? Can't leave LBORRES missing but have LBSTRESC populated
How to extend this if other agencies require different units?



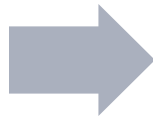
Option 2: Add US conventional results and units to SUPPLB

Concern that data in SUPP will not be easily accessible to regulatory reviewers who may rely on their default viewing tools
Violated the SDTM conformance of having qualifiers with their own qualifiers like units in SUPP
Raised the question of how many other qualifiers would need to be added in US conventional units, seemed to have the potential to quickly grow unmanageable in SUPP

Option 3: Create custom domain

LB

- Primary dataset for all analysis of lab results
- Standard results are in SI units



Custom domain

- Considered as reference for FDA only
- Standard results are in US conventional units
- Replicate content from LB for all other variables

The least bad option – custom domain(s)

- Scalable via different custom domains for any agency-specific request for units other than what we used for our analysis
- Any agency-specific results in alternative units would be provided in a custom domain for their reference.
- Metadata burden was assessed to be comparable to other options

Domain	US Conv	PMDA units
LB	XL	XB
VS	XV	XS
EG	XE	XG
Etc.

- *Replicating supplemental qualifiers is not mandatory*
- *Replicating RELREC for the custom domains is not mandatory*

Theoretical global submission example

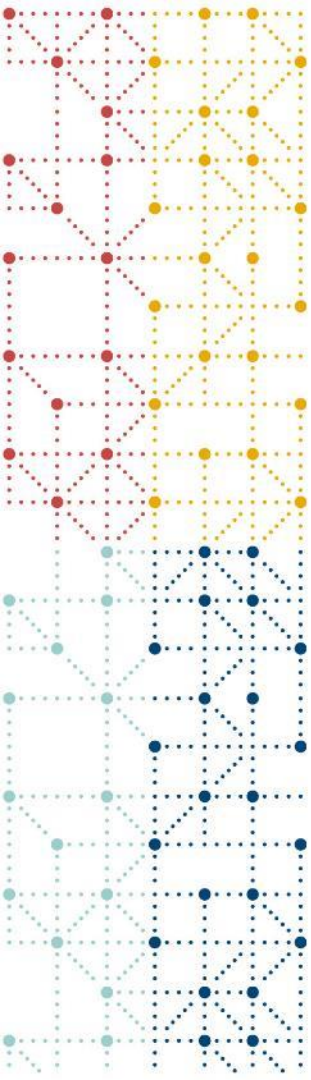
Theoretical because PMDA has not required LB or VS in different units

Global Study	FDA submission	PMDA submission
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DM• DS• EX• AE• VS – Vital Signs in AbbVie standard units• LB, SUPPLB – Labs in AbbVie standard units• XL – Labs in US units• XS – Vital Signs in PMDA units	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DM• DS• EX• AE• VS – Vital Signs in AbbVie standard units• LB, SUPPLB – Labs in AbbVie standard units• XL – Labs in US units	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DM• DS• EX• AE• VS – Vital Signs in AbbVie standard units• LB, SUPPLB – Labs in AbbVie standard units• XS – Vital Signs in PMDA units

Diagrammatic elements: A red circle with a diagonal slash is placed over the 'XL – Labs in US units' row in the FDA submission column. A green arrow points from the 'XS – Vital Signs in PMDA units' row in the Global Study column to the 'XS – Vital Signs in PMDA units' row in the PMDA submission column.

What have we learned over the past 8 years?

- Most studies are replicating SUPPLB as SUPPXL but not replicating relationships in RELREC
- We have not yet needed to create a PMDA-specific vital signs domain or lab domain
- We have not had any questions from submissions following this approach
- The switch to conform to the FDA's sdTCG update is a simple rename of a domain, which we already have a macro to do
- Change can be hard, no single way is perfect, custom domain approach has been working for us so far



Thank You!

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