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## **RWD Lineage Initiative**

A traceability standard to trust SDTM generated from RWD for regulatory decision-making



# Meet the Speakers

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## Agenda

1. Introducing the RWD Lineage Initiative
2. Real-World Data & Data Reliability
3. Lineage & Traceability for Reliable RWE
4. CDISC Initiative: RWD Lineage



## Introducing the RWD Lineage Initiative

CDISC standard for lineage to provide the reliability required by FDA to use RWE as primary evidence

# Introducing RWD Lineage



## Project Goal

Create a CDISC data exchange standard for lineage metadata that is supplied along with RWD-derived SDTM, which provides the data reliability required by FDA to use RWE as primary evidence.

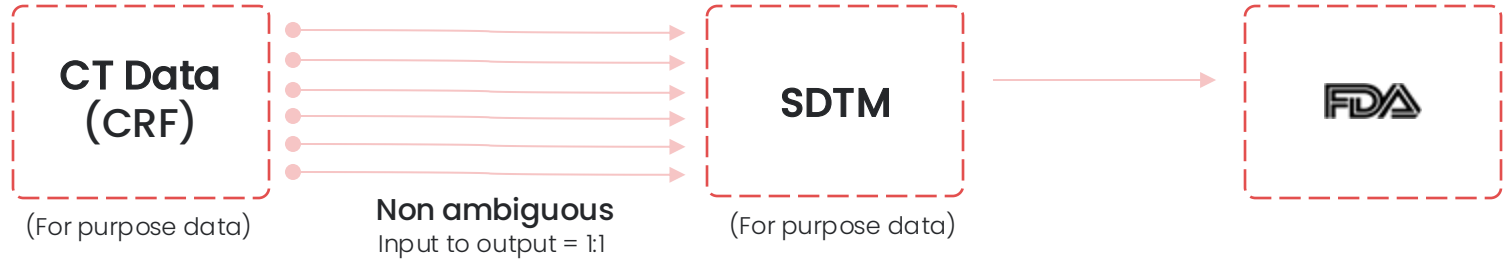


## Real-World Data & Data Reliability

Real-world data (RWD) presents both FDA & sponsors with unique challenges in data quality & reliability

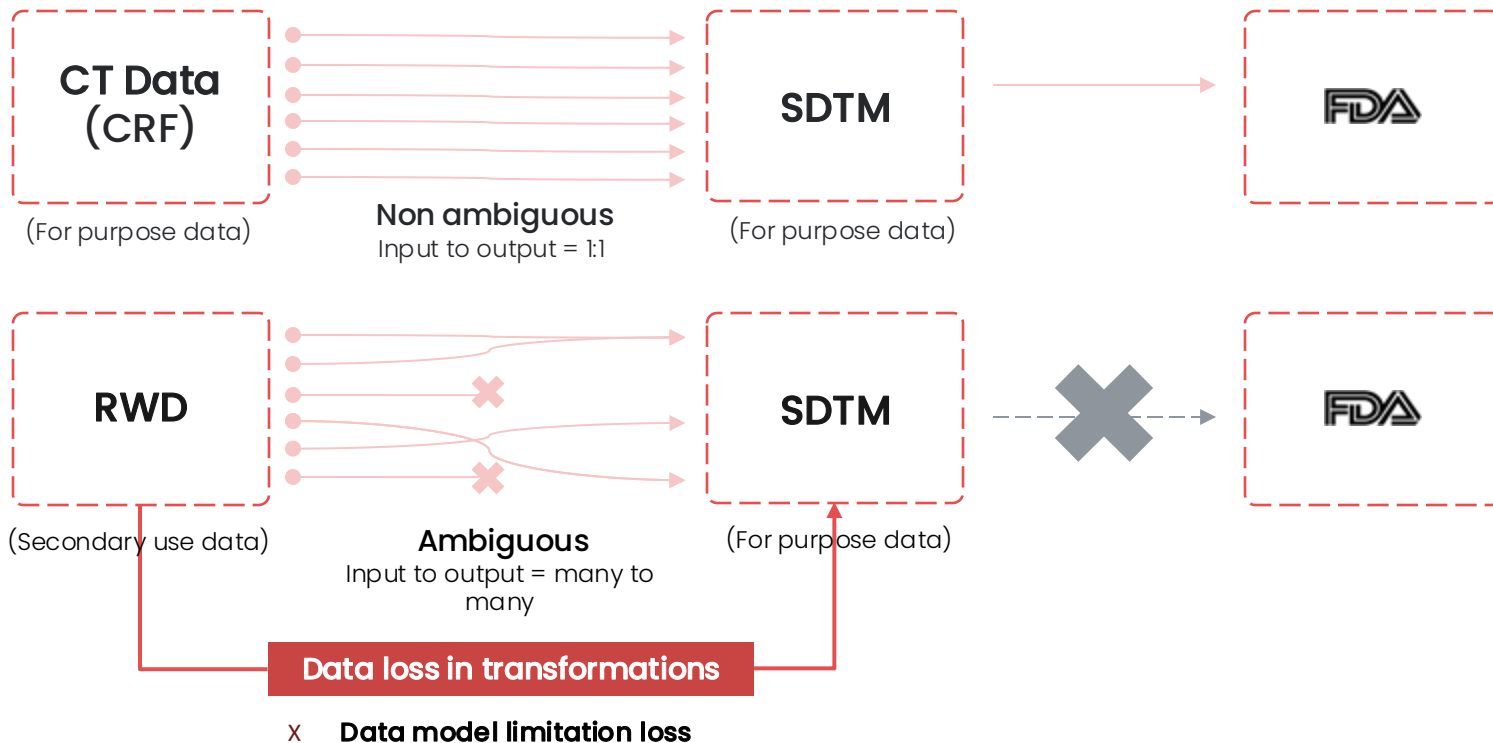


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“Currently, and absent a waiver, sponsors submitting clinical and nonclinical study data (including those derived from RWD sources) in submissions subject to section 745A(a) of the FD&C Act are **required to use the formats described in the Study Data Guidance and the supported study data standards listed in the Catalog.**”

# FDA: No Lowered Quality Standards for RWD/RWE



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“For all study designs, it is important to ensure the reliability... of the data used to help support a regulatory decision. For the purposes of this guidance, the term reliability includes accuracy, completeness, and traceability.”

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“FDA must have access to records and may inspect and copy all records pertaining to a clinical investigation in accordance with 21 CFR 312.62, 312.68, 812.140, and 812.145. **All relevant information in the EHR pertaining to the clinical investigation must be made available to FDA for review upon request** (21 CFR 312.62(b), 312.68, 812.140(a), and 812.145).<sup>20</sup> This information should be made available and viewable to FDA as original records in the EHR or as certified copies.”



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Considerations for the Use of Real-World Data and Real-World Evidence to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products

Guidance for Industry

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“Sponsors must ensure that they are able to submit patient-level data for any RWD that have been analyzed as part of the clinical study included in a marketing application when required under 21 CFR 314.50 and 601.2... If certain RWD are owned and controlled by other entities, sponsors should have agreements in place with those entities to ensure that relevant **patient-level data can be provided to FDA and that source data<sup>15</sup> necessary to verify the RWD are made available for inspection as applicable.**”

<sup>15</sup>For the purposes of this guidance, source data include all information in original records and certified copies of original records of clinical findings, observations, or other activities in a clinical investigation used for reconstructing and evaluating the investigation.

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Real-World Data: Assessing Electronic Health Records and Medical Claims Data to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products  
Guidance for Industry

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“...sponsors should evaluate the completeness, accuracy, and plausibility of the data, including **verifying data against its original source** (e.g., discharge notes, pathology reports, registry records)...”

“...subject matter experts’ **review of medical records** (including structured and unstructured data) may be a preferred reference standard for validation of clinical events identified by diagnosis codes or automated algorithms...”

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Indicate if the subject has ever been diagnosed with hypertension.

Record the start date of the medical event or condition.

Indicate if the condition is ongoing at the time the history is collected.

Medical History Category	MHCAT	Hidden/pre-populated	RISK FACTORS
Medical History Subcategory	MHSCAT	Hidden/pre-populated	HISTORY OF CARE
Hypertension	HYPERTENSION_MHTERM	MHTERM	Hidden/pre-populated
Has the subject ever had hypertension? HYPERTENSION_MHOCCUR MHOCCUR where MHTERM = "HYPERTENSION"			<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <From NY codelist>
What was the medical condition or event start date? HYPERTENSION_MHSTDAT MHSTDTG			<input type="text" value="02/04/2023"/>
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*Traditional lineage*

- Mapping specs (with or without rationale as comments)
- Define.xml (e.g., value-level metadata, explanation of oddities within the SDTM dataset, whether variables and variable values were derived vs. assigned in protocol vs. collected)
- Identifiers within SDTM dataset and variables such as --XFN that can be used to point back to source data within the EDC or image
- cSDRG providing a description of where source data ended up in SDTM
- Programs/code (not submitted to HAs for SDTM)

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SPECS				
Source table	Source column	Target domain	Target field	Description
PT_DX	ICD10	MH	MHTERM	Map value to MHTERM
VITALS	VITAL, VALUE	MH	MHTERM	MHTERM = "HYPERTENSION" and MHOCCUR = "Y" if VITAL = BP and VALUE (systolic) > 120 or VALUE (diastolic) > 100
...	...	...	...	...

MAPPINGS	
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NOTES	
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***N > 10,000  
(EHR)***

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## Lineage & Traceability for Reliable RWE

Lineage that enables traceability of individual data points from SDTM to source RWD can enable reliability for RWE



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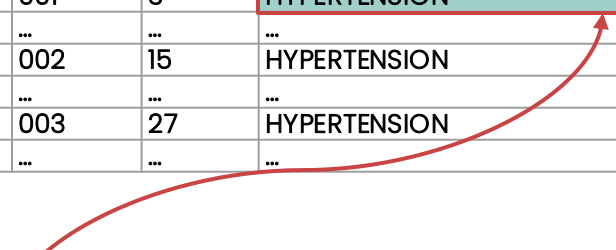
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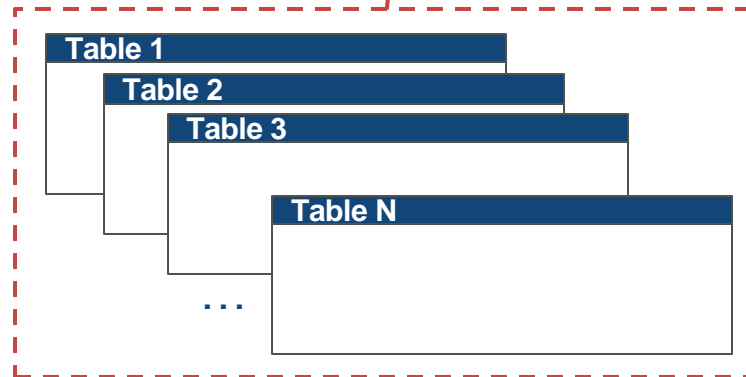
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*...or any other table in source RWD*

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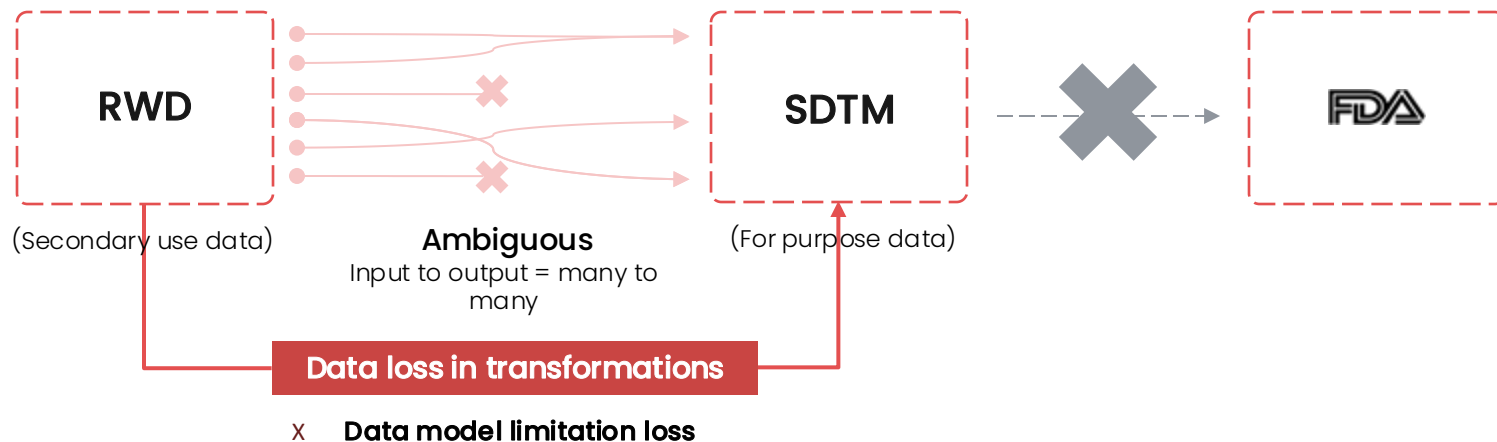
*True positive*

*False negative*

*Interrogate source data to validate the accuracy of individual data points*

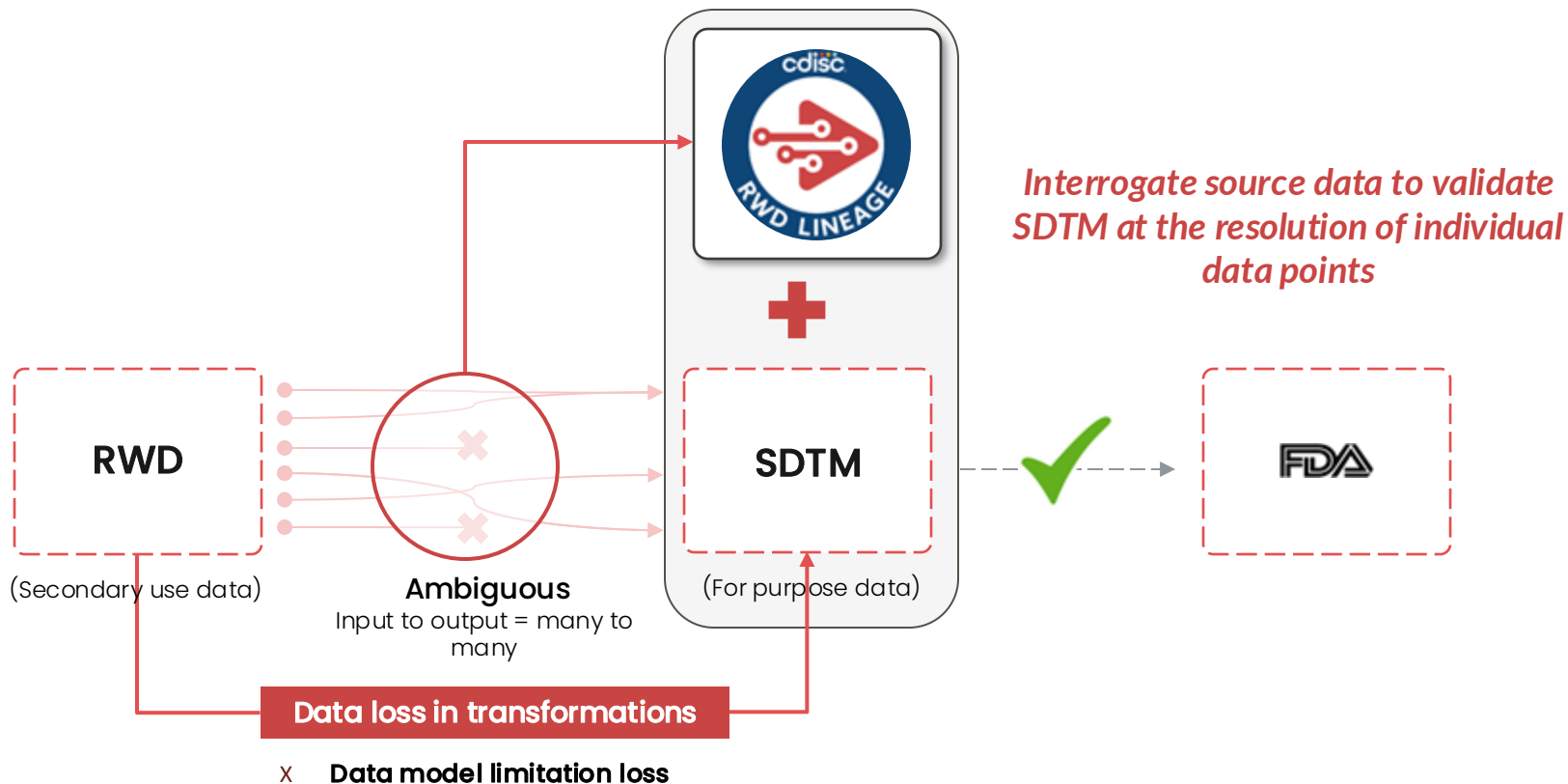
*Atomic lineage provides traceability of individual data points, including coordinates and values, from target SDTM to original source data*

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# Introducing RWD Lineage

## Motivation

- To generate reliable RWD in SDTM for regulatory use, additional information is needed to audit source data and quantify the information loss and performance of data transformations.
  - Traceability + Quantitative Quality

## Initial definition:

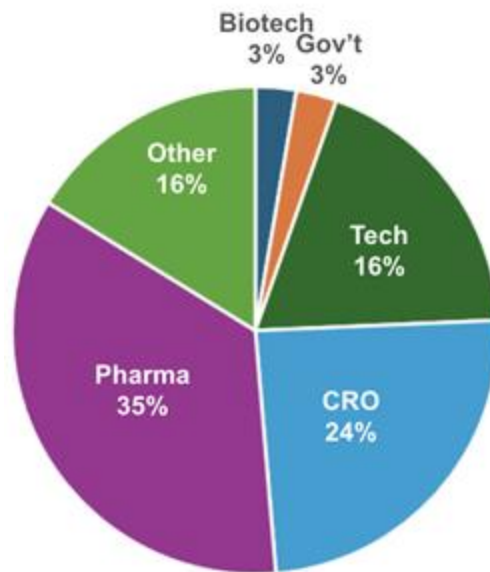
- RWD Lineage will be a standardized and comprehensive representation of data lineage for each source patient data element that specifies either 1) the location of the element in the output SDTM dataset (Positive Lineage), or 2) that the element was not used in the output analysis dataset (Negative Lineage).

## Standards development:

- RWD Lineage and quality will be represented in a CDISC standard metadata model.
- This model will be a machine-readable data exchange standard

# Introducing RWD Lineage Team

- Team kickoff meeting: July 30, 2024
- 47 team members registered
- Participation from 37 unique organizations
- Six meetings to date
- Meets every other Tuesday on 11am Eastern (next meeting 5th Nov)
- <https://wiki.cdisc.org/display/RWDLIN/RWD+Lineage>





# RWD Lineage Use Cases

Use cases collected from team members with a focus on submission to regulators for decision-making

- Pragmatic trials
- External control arms (ECA)
- Prospectively collected RWD (via EDC)
- Validation studies
- Natural history studies

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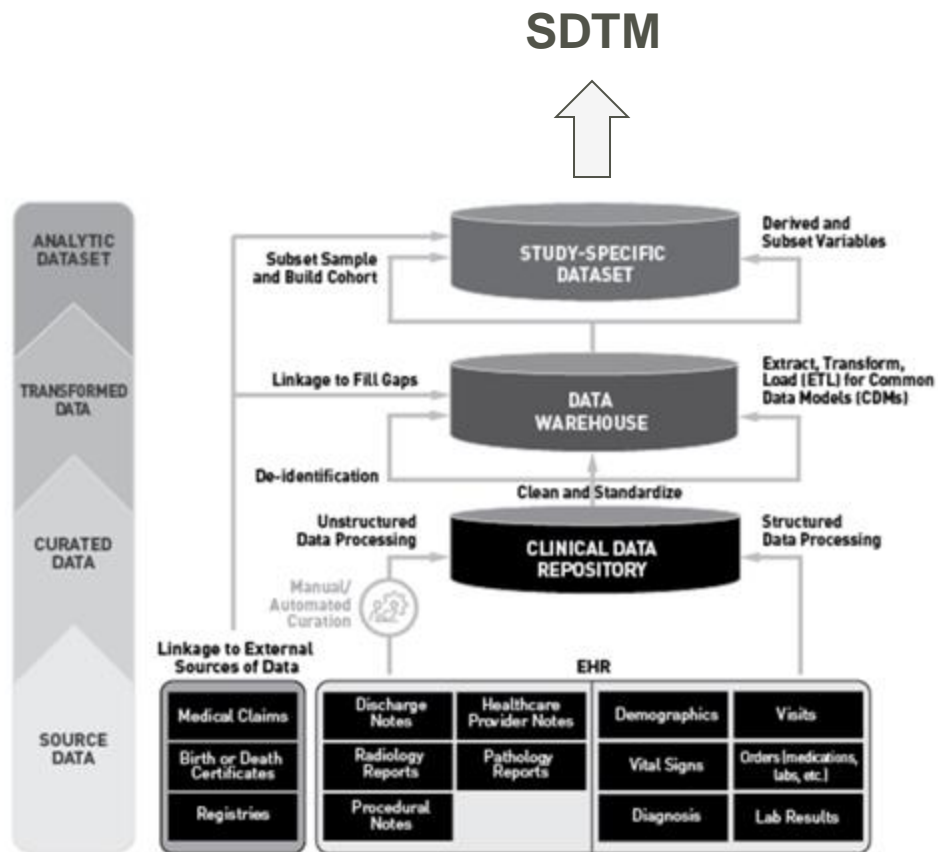


# Project Scope: Initial Requirements

- Enable Priority 1 dimensions of use cases
- Meet requirements in [FDA guidance](#)
- Compatible with current submission standards
- Low barrier for adoption and use by sponsors and regulators
  - e.g., start with current define.xml and expanding define.xml
- Support varied data models to accommodate variety of RWD

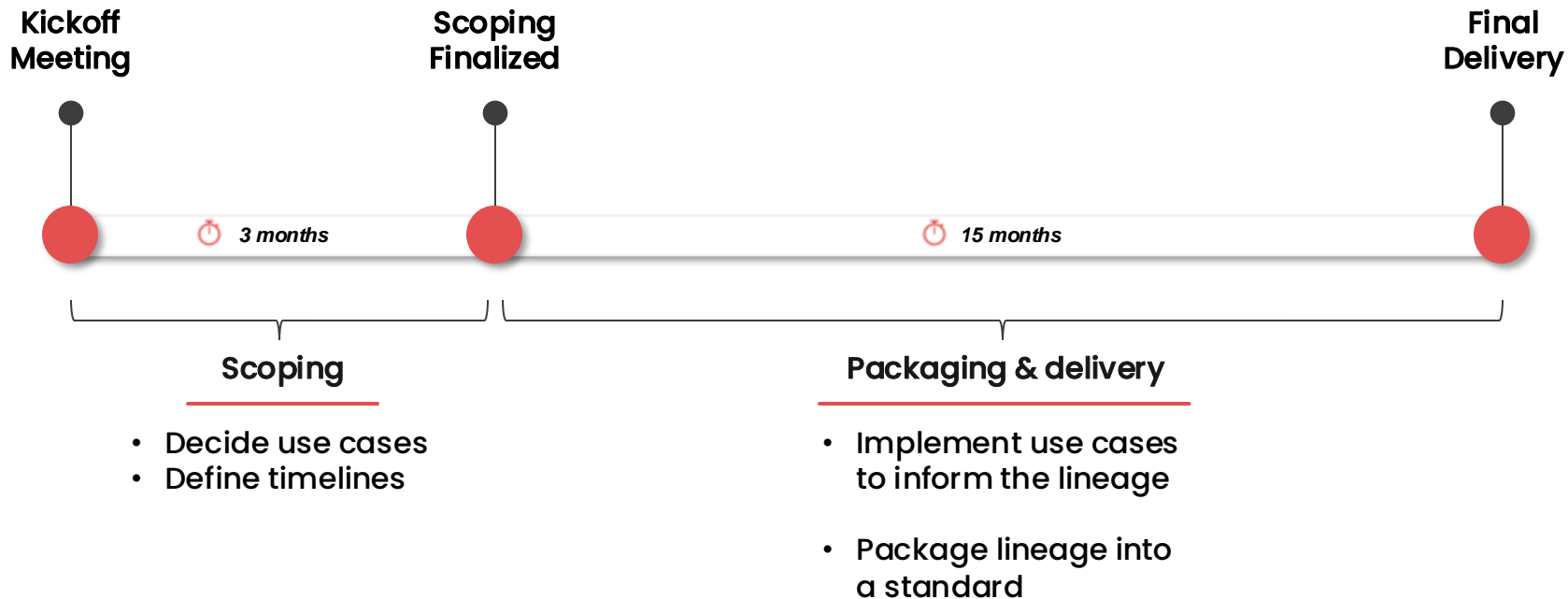
# Project Scope: Proposed Phases

- **Phase I: Reliability**  
SDTM to source data that has been selected for use
- **Phase II: Relevance**  
Fit-for-purpose assessment (selected data back to raw source)
- **Phase III: Implementation**





# Project Timelines



# Read More...

- FDA RWD/RWE Guidance for Industry
  - [Real-World Data: Assessing Electronic Health Records and Medical Claims Data To Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products](#)
  - [Real-World Data: Assessing Registries To Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products](#)
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