Building Traceability for End Points in Analysis Datasets Using SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ Triplet

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ABSTRACT

To be compliant with ADaM Implementation Guide V1.0, traceability feature should be incorporated to possible extent in study analysis datasets. SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ triplet are used to establish data point traceability in ADaM datasets. It can facilitate the transparency in FDA submission data, build confidence in analysis results, help efficient programming validation, speed up the overall review progress by FDA reviewers, and build a good relationship with FDA reviewers. This paper provides various examples of applying SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ triplet to establish traceability in efficacy ADaM datasets from Cystic Fibrosis therapeutic area, and shows the art of applying the triplet to different scenarios.

INTRODUCTION

SDTM DOMAIN variable value, the name of the SDTM source variable, and the relevant SDTM domain --SEQ value serve as primary candidates for establishing data point traceability through SRC--- triplet method. Using SRCDOM, SRCVAR and SRCSEQ triplet, one can link back to the source SDTM record(s) used to derive an analysis value.

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<td>Source Domain</td>
<td>Char</td>
<td>The 2-character identifier of the SDTM domain that relates to the derived analysis value</td>
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<td>SRCVAR</td>
<td>Source Variable</td>
<td>Char</td>
<td>The name of the column (in the SDTM domain identified by SRCDOM) that relates to the derived analysis value</td>
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<td>SRCSEQ</td>
<td>Source Sequence Number</td>
<td>Num</td>
<td>The sequence number SEQ of the row (in the SDTM domain identified by SRCDOM) that relates to the derived analysis value</td>
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Table 1 Definition of SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ Triplet

SRC--- triplet in ADaM datasets aids the reviewer (Biostatistician, Agency Reviewer, QC Programmer) to trace back to the specific predecessor record(s) used to derive an analysis value. The definition of SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ variables in Table 1 as defined ADaM IG V1.0 can be applied only if the derived analysis variable depends only on a single predecessor record and single variable from the source SDTM. But there might be situations where an analysis value is derived from multiple predecessor records from single variable of source SDTM. This paper provides examples of using SRC--- triplet to handle such situations by slightly modifying the usage of SRC--- triplet without losing the actual definition.

Sweat Chloride and Spirometry are often primary efficacy endpoints in a Cystic Fibrosis study. ADSW (Sweat Chloride Analysis Dataset) and ADSP (Spirometry Analysis Dataset) are used to provide examples of applying data point traceability using SRC--- triplet. Firstly, this paper tries to present the structure of an analysis dataset used to build the traceability. Secondly, the paper provides various examples of establishing data point traceability using SRC--- triplet.

STRUCTURE OF ADSW

Typically, sweat chloride is collected from both left arm and right arm at every visit. The average of both left arm and right arm is often used as the analyses value at each analysis visit. Three important derivations in ADSW would be

- Baseline value
- Average Sweat Chloride (of both left and right arms) at every analysis visit
- Average on-treatment sweat chloride value (Example: Average through Day 28)

To establish proper traceability, the structure of ADSW will be as follows:
Inherit all the SDTM SW records to ADSW to establish data point traceability as per ADaM implementation guide V1.0. Values of all analysis variables (such as AVAL, CHG, BASE, ABLFL, AVISIT etc.) will be set to missing for inherited records.

Derive an additional record for every nominal visit in SDTM SW with PARAMTYP="DERIVED" and DTYPE='AVERAGE' whose AVAL is equal to average of sweat chloride at left and right arms.

**Usage of SRCDOM, SRCVAR and SRCSEQ Triplet in Establishing Traceability for Average of Sweat Chloride at Both Left and Right Arms at Every Analysis Visit in ADSW**

Sweat Chloride at an analysis visit (AVISIT) is an average of sweat chloride from both left and right arms collected at a nominal visit. Specification (metadata) of derived records for variables ASWSEQ, AVAL, SWDTC, SWENDTC, and for SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ which helps in building data point traceability is shown in Table 2 followed by a sample SAS® code that populates these variables. Snapshot of these variables in an analysis dataset is shown in Display 1.

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<td>ASWSEQ</td>
<td>Analysis Sequence Number</td>
<td>Num 8</td>
<td>Equal to SW.SWSEQ for records inherited from SDTM SW. An average of SW_CL_L (left) and SW_CL_R (right) is derived for each time point in SDTM SW. The sequence number for derived records starts from 1001 and incremented by 1 successively.</td>
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<tr>
<td>AVAL</td>
<td>Analysis Value</td>
<td>Num 8</td>
<td>AVAL is equal to the average of SW_CL_L (left) and SW_CL_R (right) for each time point in SDTM SW. The AVAL will be rounded to 1 decimal. Note: There will be no derived records for never dosed subjects or for assessments at which the sample volume is &lt;15 ul at both left and right arms.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SWDTC</td>
<td>Start Date/Time of Sweat Collection</td>
<td>Char 20</td>
<td>Equal to SW.SWDTC for records inherited from SDTM SW. Equal to the earliest date/time among SW.SWDTC for sweat chloride tests SW_CL_L, VOLUME_L, SW_CL_R and VOLUME_R corresponding to the same visit for derived records.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SWENDTC</td>
<td>End Date/Time of Sweat Collection</td>
<td>Char 20</td>
<td>Equal to SW.SWENDTC for records inherited from SDTM SW. Equal to the latest date/time among SW.SWENDTC for sweat chloride tests SW_CL_L, VOLUME_L, SW_CL_R and VOLUME_R corresponding to the same visit for derived records.</td>
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<tr>
<td>SRCDOM</td>
<td>Source Domain</td>
<td>Char 4</td>
<td>Equal to &quot;ADSW&quot; for derived records (PARAMTYP=&quot;DERIVED&quot;) and AVISIT is equal to &quot;Baseline&quot; or &quot;Average through Day 28&quot;. Equal to &quot;SW&quot; for all other derived records (PARAMTYP=&quot;DERIVED&quot;)</td>
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<td>SRCVAR</td>
<td>Source Variable</td>
<td>Char 8</td>
<td>Equal to &quot;AVAL&quot; for derived records (PARAMTYP=&quot;DERIVED&quot;) where AVISIT is equal to &quot;Baseline&quot; or &quot;Average through Day 28&quot;. Equal to &quot;SWSTRESN&quot; for all other derived records (PARAMTYP=&quot;DERIVED&quot;)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SRCSEQ</td>
<td>Source Sequence Number</td>
<td>Char 40</td>
<td>For derived records SRCSEQ lists the sequence numbers (SW.SWSEQ) of records used to derive the analysis value at each analysis visit. Example: if sequence numbers of SW_CL_L and SW_CL_R at DAY 7 are 4 and 5 respectively, then SRCSEQ is equal to 4$5 for AVISIT=Day 7</td>
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Table 2 Metadata of SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ Establishing Traceability for Average Sweat Chloride

```sas
data sw99;
  length srcdom $4 srcvar $8 srcseq $40 swdtc swendtc $20;
  set sw9;
  sw_cl_lsd=put(sdtc_sw_cl_l,??is8601dt.); /*Left Arm Start Date/Time*/
  sw_cl_rsd=put(sdtc_sw_cl_r,??is8601dt.); /*Right Arm Start Date/Time*/
  sw_cl_led=put(edtc_sw_cl_l,??is8601dt.); /*Left Arm End Date/Time*/
  sw_cl_red=put(edtc_sw_cl_r,??is8601dt.); /*Right Arm End Date/Time*/
```
/* As per the SAP it is physiologically implausible to have sweat chloride value >160 mmol/L or <10 mmol/L */

if sw_cl_l>160 then sw_cl_l=.;
else if .<sw_cl_l<10 then sw_cl_l=.;
else if .<sw_cl_l<10 then sw_cl_l=.;

if volume_l>=15 and volume_r>=15 then do;
  if sw_cl_l ne . and sw_cl_r ne . then do;
    aval=(sw_cl_l+sw_cl_r)/2;
    srcdom="SW";
    srcvar="SWSTRESN";
    if seq_sw_cl_l<seq_sw_cl_r then
      srcseq=strip(put(seq_sw_cl_l,best.))||"$"||strip(put(seq_sw_cl_r,best.));
    else if seq_sw_cl_r<seq_sw_cl_l then
      srcseq=strip(put(seq_sw_cl_r,best.))||"$"||strip(put(seq_sw_cl_l,best.));
    swdtc=substr(put(min(sw_cl_lsdt,sw_cl_rsdt),is8601dt.),1,16);
    swendtc=substr(put(max(sw_cl_ledt,sw_cl_redt),is8601dt.),1,16);
    adt=min(datepart(sw_cl_lsdt),datepart(sw_cl_rsdt));
    adtm=min(sw_cl_lsdt,sw_cl_rsdt);
    atm=timepart(adtm);
  end;
else if sw_cl_l ne . and sw_cl_r eq . then do;
  aval=sw_cl_l;
  srcdom="SW";
  srcvar="SWSTRESN";
  srcseq=strip(put(seq_sw_cl_l,best.));
  swdtc=substr(put(sw_cl_lsdt,is8601dt.),1,16);
  swendtc=substr(put(sw_cl_ledt,is8601dt.),1,16);
  adt=datepart(sw_cl_lsdt);
  adtm=sw_cl_lsdt;
  atm=timepart(adtm);
end;
else if sw_cl_l eq . and sw_cl_r ne . then do;
  aval=sw_cl_r;
  srcdom="SW";
  srcvar="SWSTRESN";
  srcseq=strip(put(seq_sw_cl_r,best.));
  swdtc=substr(put(sw_cl_rsdt,is8601dt.),1,16);
  swendtc=substr(put(sw_cl_redt,is8601dt.),1,16);
  adt=datepart(sw_cl_rsdt);
  adtm=sw_cl_rsdt;
  atm=timepart(adtm);
end;
end;
else if volume_l<15 and volume_r>=15 and sw_cl_r ne . then do;
  aval=sw_cl_r;
  srcdom="SW";
  srcvar="SWSTRESN";
  srcseq=strip(put(seq_sw_cl_r,best.));
  swdtc=substr(put(sw_cl_rsdt,is8601dt.),1,16);
  swendtc=substr(put(sw_cl_redt,is8601dt.),1,16);
  adt=datepart(sw_cl_rsdt);
  adtm=sw_cl_rsdt;
  atm=timepart(adtm);
end;
else if volume_l>=15 and volume_r<15 and sw_cl_l ne . then do;
    aval=sw_cl_l;
    srcdom="SW";
    srcvar="SWSTRESN";
    srcseq=strip(put(seq_sw_cl_l,best.));
    swdtc=substr(put(sw_cl_lsdt,is8601dt.),1,16);
    swendtc=substr(put(sw_cl_ledt,is8601dt.),1,16);
    adt=datepart(sw_cl_lsdt);
    adtm=sw_cl_lsdt;
    atm=timepart(adtm);
end;
else if volume_l<15 and volume_r<15 then aval=.;
run;

Display 1 Snapshot of Average Sweat Chloride Records in an Analysis Dataset

The above example shows that SRCDOM, SRCVAR and SRCSEQ triplet builds a clear path from an ADaM derived record to its predecessor in source SDTM. PARAMTYP='DERIVED' tells the reviewer (Biostatistician and/or FDA reviewer) that these records are not inherited from SDTM instead derived in ADaM for analyses purpose. SRCDOM='SW' and SRCVAR='SWSTRESN' let the reviewer know that the records were derived using values in variable SWSTRESN in SDTM SW domain. SRCSEQ lists sequence number, separated by '$', of those records in SDTM SW used in deriving AVAL. We can also populate DTYPE='AVERAGE' to let the reviewer know that AVAL is the average of SWSTRESN corresponding to records with sequence numbers listed in SRCSEQ. In the above scenario, SRCSEQ=17 for AVISIT='Day 7' suggests that only sweat chloride at right arm is used to populate AVAL as sweat chloride at left arm is missing. Similarly, SRCSEQ=29$31 for AVISIT='Day 28' suggests that sweat chloride assessments in SDTM SW with sequence numbers 29 and 31, corresponding to left and right arms respectively, are used to derive AVAL. Note: For the derived analysis records (PARAMTYP='DERIVED') SWORRES is equal to AVAL. SWDTC is equal to minimum of Sweat Chloride Start Date/Time (SWDTC) corresponding to left and right arms. SWENDTC is equal to maximum of Sweat Chloride End Date/Time (SWENDTC) corresponding to left and right arms.

Usage of SRCDOM, SRCVAR and SRCSEQ Triplet in Establishing Traceability for Baseline Analysis Visit in ADSW

Baseline sweat chloride is defined as the average of Screening and Day 1 predose values. As discussed earlier, an additional record for every nominal visit in SDTM SW is derived with PARAMTYP="DERIVED" whose AVAL is equal to average of sweat chloride at left and right arms. The sequence number for derived records starts from 1001 and incremented by one. Analysis visit ‘Baseline’ is then derived whose AVAL is equal to average of analysis values corresponding to analysis visits ‘Screening’ and ‘Day 1’ respectively. Specification (metadata) of derived records for SWSEQ, AVAL, at baseline and for SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ which helps in building data point traceability is shown in Table 3 followed by a sample SAS code that populates these variables. Snapshot of these variables in an analysis dataset is shown in Display 2.

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<td>ASWSEQ</td>
<td>Analysis Sequence Number</td>
<td>Num</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Average of records from the predose scheduled visits is derived and populated as the analysis baseline with ASWSEQ equal to 0.5 more than the sequence number of the last predose assessment.</td>
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<tr>
<td>AVAL</td>
<td>Analysis Value</td>
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<td>AVAL is equal to the average of the records from the predose scheduled visits for Baseline analysis visit</td>
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<td>Variable</td>
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<td>&quot;AVAL&quot; for</td>
<td>&quot;SWSTRESN&quot; for</td>
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<td>derived records (PARAMTYP=&quot;DERIVED&quot;)</td>
<td>all other derived records (PARAMTYP=&quot;DERIVED&quot;)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SRCSEQ</td>
<td>Sequence Number</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>For AVISIT=&quot;Baseline&quot; SRCSEQ lists the sequence numbers (SW.SWSEQ) of records that are used to derive the analysis baseline value. Example: if sequence numbers of Screening and Day 1 are 1 and 2 respectively, then SRCSEQ is equal to 1$2</td>
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Table 3 Metadata for SWSEQ, AVAL at Baseline and for SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ Establishing Data Point Traceability

```plaintext
/*APHASE=0 means Pre-treatment assessments. VISITNUM=80001 means Unscheduled visits*/
/*Subsets and transposes all scheduled predose analysis values*/
proc transpose data=sw6(where=(aphasen=0 and visitnum ne 80001)) out=baseline;
  by usubjid;
  id avisitn;
  var aval;
run;
/*Subsets and transposes all sequence numbers corresponding to scheduled predose*/
proc transpose data=sw6(where=(aphasen=0 and visitnum ne 80001)) out=bsrcseq
  prefix=seq_
  by usubjid;
  id avisitn;
  var swseq;
run;
/*Get the sequence number corresponding to last scheduled predose assessment to derive SWSEQ for analysis Baseline visit*/
proc sort data=sw6 out=baseseq;
  by usubjid adt atm;
  where aphasen=0 and visitnum ne 80001;
run;
data baseseq;
  set baseseq;
  by usubjid adt atm;
  if last.usubjid;
  keep usubjid swseq swnam swcat;
run;
data baseline;
  length srcdom $4 srcvar $8 srcseq aphase avisit $40 dtype $20;
  merge baseline(in=in_baseline) bsrcseq(in=in_bsrcseq) baseseq(in=in_baseseq);
  by usubjid;
  if in_baseline;
  aswseq=swseq+0.5;
  dtype="AVERAGE";
  aphase="Pre-Treatment Phase"; aphasen=0;
  avisit="Baseline"; avisitn=30001.1; anl01fl="Y";
  array y{*} _;
  do l=1 to dim(y);
    if l=1 then do;
      sumbl=0; nbl=0; end;
    if y{l} ne . then do;
      sumbl=sumbl+y{l}; nbl=nbl+1; end;
    end;
  aval=sumbl/nbl;
  srcdom="ADSW"; srcvar="AVAL";
```

*/
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array z{*} seq_;
do m=1 to dim(z);
   if m=1 and z{m} ne . then srcseq=strip(put(z{m},best.));
   else if z{m} ne . and srcseq^="" then
      srcseq=strip(srcseq)||"$"||strip(put(z{m},best.));
   else if z{m} ne . and srcseq="" then srcseq=strip(put(z{m},best.));
end;
run;

Display 2 Snapshot of Analysis Baseline Visit with Traceability Variables in Sweat Chloride Analysis Dataset

In the above scenario, SRCDOM='ADSW', SRCVAR='AVAL' and SRCSEQ='1001$1002' for AVISIT='Baseline' indicates that analysis value (AVAL) is derived, using the AVAL in ADSW, corresponding to sequence numbers 1001 and 1002. We can also populate DTYPE='AVERAGE' to let the reviewer know that AVAL is the average of AVAL corresponding to records with sequence numbers listed in SRCSEQ. Note: ASWSEQ for AVISIT='Baseline' is equal to 0.5 more than the sequence number corresponding to the last predose analysis visit. Also, AVISIT is populated only for those visits that need to be presented in analyses.

USAGE OF SRCDOM, SRCVAR AND SRCSEQ TRIPLET IN ESTABLISHING TRACEABILITY FOR AVERAGE ON-TREATMENT SWEAT CHLORIDE IN ADSW

Analysis value for Average On-treatment Sweat Chloride is defined as the average of on-treatment analysis values. Specification (metadata) of derived records for ASWSEQ, AVAL, for Average through Day 28 and for SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ which helps in building data point traceability is shown in Table 4 followed by a sample SAS code that populates these variables. Snapshot of these variables in an analysis dataset is shown in Display 3.

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<td>Analysis Sequence Number</td>
<td>Num</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Average of on-treatment analysis visits Day 7, Day 14, Day 21 and Day 28 is derived and populated as Average through Day 28 analysis visit with SWSEQ equal to 0.5 more than the sequence number of the last analysis visit on or before Day 28.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AVAL</td>
<td>Analysis Value</td>
<td>Num</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>AVAL is equal to average of the records on-treatment Day 7, Day 14, Day 21 and Day 28 analysis visits for the Average through Day 28 analysis visit. The AVAL will be rounded to 1 decimal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SRCDOM</td>
<td>Source Domain</td>
<td>Char</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Equal to &quot;ADSW&quot; for derived records (PARAMTYP=&quot;DERIVED&quot;) and AVISIT is equal to &quot;Baseline&quot; or &quot;Average through Day 28&quot;. Equal to &quot;SW&quot; for all other derived records (PARAMTYP =&quot;DERIVED&quot;)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SRCVAR</td>
<td>Source Variable</td>
<td>Char</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Equal to &quot;AVAL&quot; for derived records (PARAMTYP =&quot;DERIVED&quot;) where AVISIT is equal to &quot;Baseline&quot; or &quot;Average through Day 28&quot;. Equal to &quot;SWSTRESN&quot; for all other derived records (PARAMTYP =&quot;DERIVED&quot;)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SRCSEQ</td>
<td>Source Sequence Number</td>
<td>Char</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>For AVISIT=&quot;Average through Day 28&quot; SRCSEQ lists the analysis visits (ADSW.AVISIT) of records that are used to derive the analysis value (average of Day 7, Day 14, Day 21, Day 28). Example: if Day 7, Day 14, Day 21, Day 28 are used to drive the average then SRCSEQ is equal to Day 7$Day 14$Day 21$Day 28</td>
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Table 4 Metadata of SWSEQ, AVAL for Average through Day 28 and of SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ Triplet
/*Subsets and transposes all scheduled on-treatment analysis values*/
proc transpose data=sw6(where=(aphasen>0 and avisitn in (30007,30014,30021,30028)))
  out=avg28(drop=_name_);
  by usubjid;
  id visitnum;
  var aval;
run;
proc transpose data=sw6(where=(aphasen>0 and avisitn in (30007,30014,30021,30028)))
  out=avg28srcseq(drop=_name_) prefix=seq_;
  by usubjid;
  id visitnum;
  var swseq;
run;
/*Sequence number corresponding to last scheduled on-treatment predose assessment
to derive SWSEQ for analysis Average through Day 28 visit*/
proc sort data=sw6 out=avg28seq;
  by usubjid adt atm;
  where aphasen>0 and avisitn in (30007,30014,30021,30028);
run;
data avg28seq;
  set avg28seq;
  by usubjid adt atm;
  if last.usubjid;
  keep usubjid swseq swnam swcat;
run;
data avg28;
  length srcdom $4 srcvar $8 srcseq aphase avisit $40 dtype studyid $20;
  merge avg28(in=in_avg28) avg28srcseq(in=in_avg28srcseq)
    avg28seq(in=in_avg28seq);
  by usubjid;
  if in_avg28;
  studyid="&study_lbl.";
  aswseq=swseq+0.5;
  dtype="AVERAGE";
  aphase="On-Treatment Phase";aphasen=1;
  avisit="Average through Day 28";avisitn=30028.3;
  anl01fl="Y";
  array a{*} _30007 _30014 _30021 _30028;
  do i=1 to dim(a);
    if i=1 then do;sum28=0;n28=0;end;
    if a{i} ne . then do;sum28=sum28+a{i};n28=n28+1;end;
  end;
  aval=sum28/n28;
  srcdom="ADSW";
  srcvar="AVAL";
  if seq_30007 ne . then srcseq="DAY 7";
  if seq_30014 ne . and srcseq="" then srcseq=strip(srcseq)||"$DAY 14";
  else if seq_30014 ne . and srcseq="" then srcseq="DAY 14";
  if seq_30021 ne . and srcseq="" then srcseq=strip(srcseq)||"$DAY 21";
  else if seq_30021 ne . and srcseq="" then srcseq="DAY 21";
  if seq_30028 ne . and srcseq="" then srcseq=strip(srcseq)||"$DAY 28";
  else if seq_30028 ne . and srcseq="" then srcseq="DAY 28";
run;
Display 3 Snapshot of Average through Day 28 Analysis Visit with Traceability Variables in Sweat Chloride Analysis Dataset

In the above scenario, for subject 999006, SRCDOM='ADSW', SRCVAR='AVAL' and SRCSEQ='DAY 7$DAY 14$DAY 21$DAY 28' for AVISIT='Average through Day 28' indicates that analysis value (AVAL) is derived, using the AVAL in ADSW, corresponding to analysis visits Day 7, Day 14, Day 21, and Day 28. DTYPE='AVERAGE' will let the reviewer know that AVAL is the average of AVAL corresponding to analysis visits listed in SRCSEQ. Importance of traceability will be more evident when all possible on-treatment values don’t contribute while deriving average on-treatment sweat chloride. For subject 999007, SRCSEQ='DAY 7$DAY 14' for AVISIT='Average through Day 28' indicates that only analysis values corresponding to analysis visits Day 7, and Day 14 were used to derive the AVAL as sweat chloride assessments on DAY 21 and DAY 28 were missing. Note: ASWSEQ for AVISIT='Average through Day 28' is equal to 0.5 more than the sequence number corresponding to the last analysis visit on or before Day 28 predose. Alternatively, sequence numbers of records used in deriving AVAL for Average through Day 28 can be listed in SRCSEQ but listing visits will be more readable and easy for a reviewer.

STRUCTURE OF ADSP

Typically, Spirometry SDTM has FEF (FORCED MIDEPIRATORY FLOW RATE (L/sec)), FEV (FORCED EXPIRATORY VOLUME IN 1 SECOND (L)), and FVC (FORCED VITAL CAPACITY (L)) raw values collected at every visit. Important derivations in ADSP would be

- Ratio of FEV1/FVC
- PFEF (PREDICTED FORCED MIDEPIRATORY FLOW RATE (L/sec)), PFEV (PREDICTED FORCED EXPIRATORY VOLUME IN 1 SECOND (L)), PFVC (PREDICTED FORCED VITAL CAPACITY (L)), and PFEVFVC (PREDICTED RATIO OF FEV1/FVC) at every analysis visit. In short trials with adult subjects age and height can be assumed constant and therefore the predict values stay the same at all visits and derived only at baseline; this is not true for longer trials and/or with younger subjects whose height can increase during the trial and hence predicted values are derived at every analysis visit.
- PPFEF (PERCENT PREDICTED FORCED MIDEPIRATORY FLOW RATE (%)), PPEV (PERCENT PREDICTED FORCED EXPIRATORY VOLUME IN 1 SECOND (%)), PPFVC (PERCENT PREDICTED FORCED VITAL CAPACITY (%)), and PPFVFVC (PERCENT PREDICTED FEV/FVC (%)) at every analysis visit
- Baseline value for FEF, FEV, FVC, Ratio of FEV1/FVC, PPFVFVC
- Average on-treatment FEF, FEV, FVC, Ratio of FEV1/FVC, PPFVFVC

To establish proper traceability, the structure of ADSP will be as follows:

- Inherit all the SDTM SP records to ADSP to establish data point traceability as per ADaM implementation guide V1.0.
- Derive an additional record with Ratio of FEV1/FVC for every nominal visit in SDTM SP
• Derive PFEF, PFEV, PFVC, and PFEVFVC based on age and height only at baseline or at every analysis visit depending upon the population and length of a study
• Derive an additional record of PPFEF, PPFEV, PPFPVC, and PPFVFVC for every nominal visit in SDTM SP
• Derive baseline value for FEF, FEV, FVC, Ratio of FEV1/FVC, PPFEF, PPFEV, PPFPVC, and PPFVFVC
• Derive average on-treatment value for FEF, FEV, FVC, Ratio of FEV1/FVC, PPFEF, PPFEV, PPFPVC, and PPFVFVC (Example: Average through Day 28)

**Usage of SRCDOM, SRCVAR and SRCSEQ Triplet in Establishing Traceability for Ratio of FEV1/FVC at Every Analysis Visit in ADSP**

FEV and FVC raw values are collected and mapped to SDTM SP. A record with PARAMTYP="DERIVED" and PARAMCD=“FEVFVC” will be derived in ADSP for every nominal visit in SDTM SP for Ratio of FEV1/FVC. Specification (metadata) of derived Ratio of FEV1/FVC records for ASPSEQ, AVAL variables and for SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ which helps in building data point traceability is shown in Table 5 followed by a sample SAS code that populates these variables. Snapshot of these variables in an analysis dataset is shown in Display 4.

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<tr>
<td>ASPSEQ</td>
<td>Sequence Number</td>
<td>Num</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Ratio of FEV/FVC is derived for each subject at each time point. These derived records are sorted by USUBJID ADT ATM and are assigned sequence numbers starting from 301 and incremented by 1 for each subject.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AVAL</td>
<td>Analysis Value</td>
<td>Num</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Equal to ratio of analysis values corresponding to parameter FEV and FVC at each time point for PARAMCD=’FEVFVC’. AVAL is rounded to suggested precision as per variable SPPREC, only at the end. All the derivations are done using analysis values before rounding to the suggested precision.</td>
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<td>SRCDOM</td>
<td>Source Domain</td>
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<td>Equal to ‘SP’ for PARAMTYP=’DERIVED’ and PARAMCD is equal to ‘FEVFVC’</td>
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<td>SRCVAR</td>
<td>Source Variable</td>
<td>Char</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Equal to ‘SPSTRESN’ for PARAMTYP=’DERIVED’ and PARAMCD is equal to ‘FEVFVC’</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SRCSEQ</td>
<td>Source Sequence Number</td>
<td>Char</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>SRCSEQ lists the sequence numbers of records, separated by ‘$’, used in deriving the analysis values for records with PARAMTYP=’DERIVED’. Example: If sequence numbers of DAY 7 visit for a subject are 4 and 7 for parameters FEV and FVC respectively then SRCSEQ is equal to 4$7 for PARAMCD equal to ‘FEVFVC’ for analysis visit Day 7</td>
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Table 5 Metadata of SWSEQ, AVAL for Ratio of FEV1/FVC and of SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ Triplet

/*Subset FEV and FVC assessments*/
proc sort data=sp1 out=fevfvc;
    by usubjid aphasen avisitn adt atm adtm ady visit spdtc anl01fl;
    where paramcd in ("FEV","FVC") and spstresn ne .;
run;

/*Transpose FEV and FVC values*/
proc transpose data=fevfvc out=fevfvc_val(drop=_name_ _label_);
    by usubjid aphasen avisitn adt atm adtm ady visit spdtc anl01fl;
    id paramcd;
    var spstresn;
run;

/*Transpose corresponding FEV and FVC sequence numbers for traceability purpose*/
proc transpose data=fevfvc out=fevfvc_seq(drop=_name_ _label_) prefix=seq_;
    by usubjid aphasen avisitn adt atm ady visit spdtc anl01fl;
    id paramcd;
    var spseq;
run;
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data fevfvc_ratio;
length srcdom $4 srcvar $8 srcseq $40 param $80 sprptlbl $80 paramtyp $20;
merge fevfvc_val(in=in_ratio) fevfvc_seq(in=in_seq);
by usubjid aphasen avisitn adt atm adtm ady visit spdtc anl01fl;
paramcd="FEVFVC";
param="RATIO OF FEV1/FVC";
paramtyp="DERIVED";
aval=fev/fvc;
srcdom="SP";
srcvar="SPSTRESN";
srcseq=strip(put(seq_fev,best.))||"$"||strip(put(seq_fvc,best.));
sprptlbl="Ratio of FEV1/FVC";
run;
proc sort data=fevfvc_ratio;by usubjid paramcd adt atm;run;

/****Derive sequence numbers for derived FEV1/FVC records****/
data fevfvc_ratio;
retain spseq;
set fevfvc_ratio;
by usubjid paramcd adt atm;
if first.usubjid then aspseq=301;
else aspseq=aspseq+1;
run;

Display 4 Snapshot of Ratio of FEV1/FVC records with Traceability Variables in Spirometry Analysis Dataset
In above example, PARAMCD='FEV1FVC', SRCDOM='SP', SRCVAR='SPSTRESN', and SRCSEQ='12$19' at AVISIT='Day 21' indicates that values of SPSTRESN variable from SDTM SP domain with sequence numbers 12 and 19, respectively, are used to derive ratio of FEV1/FVC. We can also populate DTYPE='RATIO' to let the reviewer know that AVAL is the ratio of SPSTRESN corresponding to records with sequence numbers listed in SRCSEQ.
Note: AVISIT is populated only for records that are used in analyses. In above example, Early Termination assessments are not analyzed and hence AVISIT has been set to missing. Derived Ratio of FEV1/FVC records are assigned a separate set of sequence numbers. In the above scenario the sequence number for Ratio of FEV1/FVC records starts with 301 and there by incremented by one.

USAGE OF SRCDOM, SRCVAR AND SRCSEQ TRIPLET IN ESTABLISHING TRACEABILITY FOR PPFEF, PPFEV, AND PPFVC AT EVERY ANALYSIS VISIT IN ADSP

Percent Predict values (PPFEF, PPFEV, and PPFVC) are derived for every nominal visit in SDTM SP using corresponding SPSTRESN and predicted values. Predicted values are derived using KNV or Hankinson/Wang Equation Coefficients by Sex and Age at baseline or at every analysis visit depending upon the population (pediatrics or adults) and length of a study (short or long). Specification (metadata) of derived Percent Predicted records for SPSEQ, AVAL variables and for SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ which helps in building data point traceability is
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shown in Table 6 followed by a sample SAS code that populates these variables. Snapshot of these variables in an analysis dataset is shown in Display 5.

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<td>ASPSEQ</td>
<td>Analysis Sequence Number</td>
<td>Num</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Equal to 200 + SP SPSEQ for Percent Predicted FEF, FEV, and FVC, where SP.SPSEQ is the corresponding sequence number of FEF, FEV, and FVC assessments.</td>
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<tr>
<td>AVAL</td>
<td>Analysis Value</td>
<td>Num</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>Derived per the information in SAP for 'PPFEF', 'PPFEV', and 'PPFVC'. AVAL is rounded to suggested precision as per variable SPPREC, only at the end. All the derivations are done using analysis values before rounding to the suggested precision.</td>
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<td>Source Domain</td>
<td>Char</td>
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<td>Equal to 'SP' for PARAMTYP='DERIVED' and PARAMCD is equal to 'PPFEV', 'PPFEF', or 'PPFVC'</td>
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Table 6 Metadata of SWSEQ, AVAL for % Predicted Values and of SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ Triplet

```sas
/*************Derive Percent Predicted FEV, FVC and FEF***********/
data ppfef; /*Similarly, for ppfev, ppfvc*/
length srcdom $4 srcvar $8 srcseq $40;
set sp(where=(paramcd="FEF" and knvfef ne . and spstresn ne .));
paramcd="PPFEF";
param="PERCENT PREDICTED FORCED MIDEXPIRATORY FLOW RATE (%)";
paramtyp="DERIVED";
aval=(spstresn/knvfef)*100;
srcdom="SP";
srcvar="SPSTRESN";
srcseq=strip(put(spseq,best.));
sprptlbl="Percent Predicted Forced Midexpiratory Flow Rate (%)";
rn;
data percent_predicted;
set ppfef(in=in_ppfef) ppfev(in=in_ppfev) ppfvc(in=in_ppfvc);
drop spseq;
rn;
data percent_predicted;
retain spseq;
set percent_predicted;
by usubjid paramcd adt atm;
if first.usubjid then aspseq=201;
else aspseq=aspseq+1;
rn;
```

Display 5 Snapshot of Percent Predicted FEV derived records with Traceability Variables in Spirometry ADaM
SRCSEQ for percent predicted values indicates the sequence number of the record in SDTM SP that is used to derive the AVAL. In above example, PARAMTYP='DERIVED', SRCDOM='SP', SRCVAR='SPSTRESN', and SRCSEQ='12' at AVISIT=Day 21 for PARAMCD='PPFEV' indicates that value of SPSTRESN variable from SDTM SP domain with sequence number 12 is used to derive Percent Predicted FEV at analysis visit Day 21. Note: Derived Percent Predicted records are assigned a separate set of sequence numbers. In the above scenario the sequence number for Percent Predicted records starts with 201 and there by incremented by one. If predicted values (PFEF, PFEV, PFVC, and PFEVFVC) are derived at every analysis visit then it is recommended to list the sequence numbers of predicted value records along with sequence numbers of raw values (FEF, FEV, FVC, and FEVFVC) in SRCSEQ for percent predicted value records.

**CONCLUSION**

Incorporating traceability features in ADaM datasets helps in effective program validation, speeds up the review process, and facilitates transparency in submitted analysis data. This paper provides examples of establishing data point traceability in ADaM datasets by using SRCDOM, SRCVAR, and SRCSEQ triplet where an analysis value is derived either from a single predecessor record or from multiple predecessor records from single variable of source SDTM.

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