Bringing the USDM Model to the Catwalk

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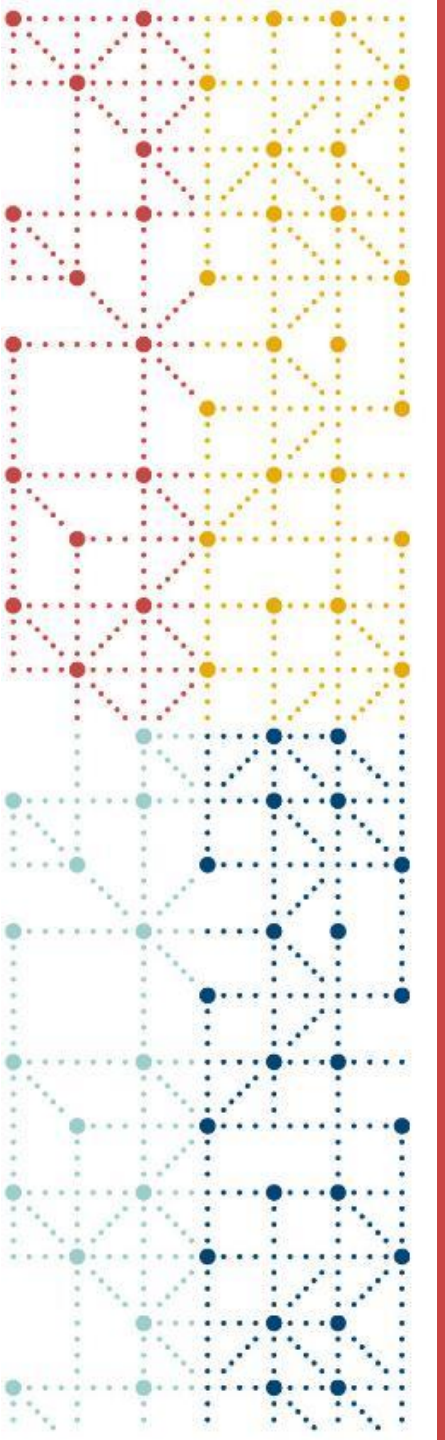


Agenda

1. Scope
2. The Protocol Process and the History
3. The Amendment Challenge
4. Pros and Cons when utilizing USDM
5. Same but different

What happens when we bring USDM to the Catwalk

- With no requirement for ICH M11 yet, but a system based on USDM

Unified Study Definitions Model Implementation Guide (USDM-IG)

Version 3.0 (Final)

Scope of this presentation

To connect and build a common understanding of the different worlds we work in

Data follows process or the opposite?

Defining the datapoint first (*protocol authoring*) vs Definition of the datapoint first (*USDM*)

We are all working with data but with different perspectives

We are interdependent on each other

Ensure that the protocol process can support the data standards

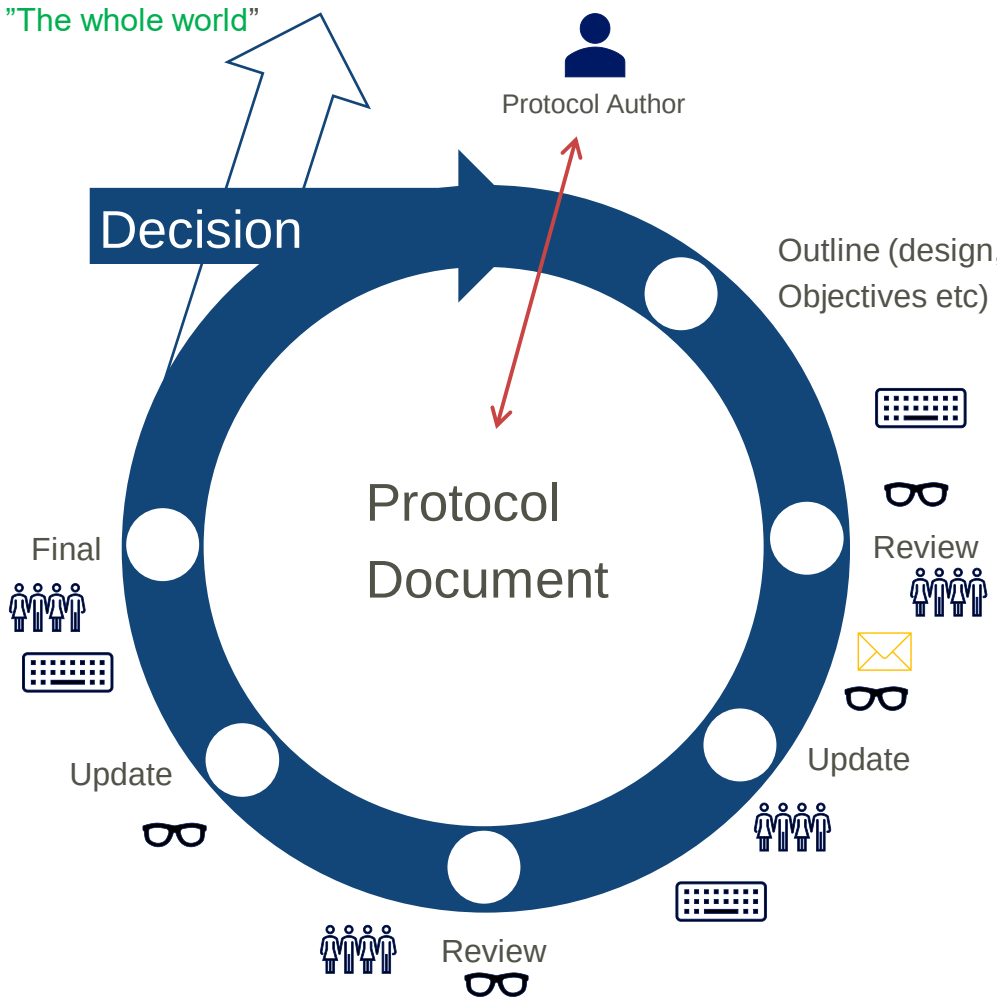
What is mandatory and what is nice in the USDM model?

Models should take into considerations impact covering economy, product supply, labelling, site needs etc

The scope of the USDMIG

The USDM Implementation Guide (USDM-IG) is intended for companies and individuals involved in the set-up of clinical studies—sponsors or stakeholders involved in upstream (protocol and content authoring tools)—and downstream consumers of system (e.g., electronic data capture (EDC), clinical trial management, trial master file) and document (e.g., protocol, clinical study reports, statistical analysis plans) standardized digitized study definitions.

The Existing Protocol Process – an Intro



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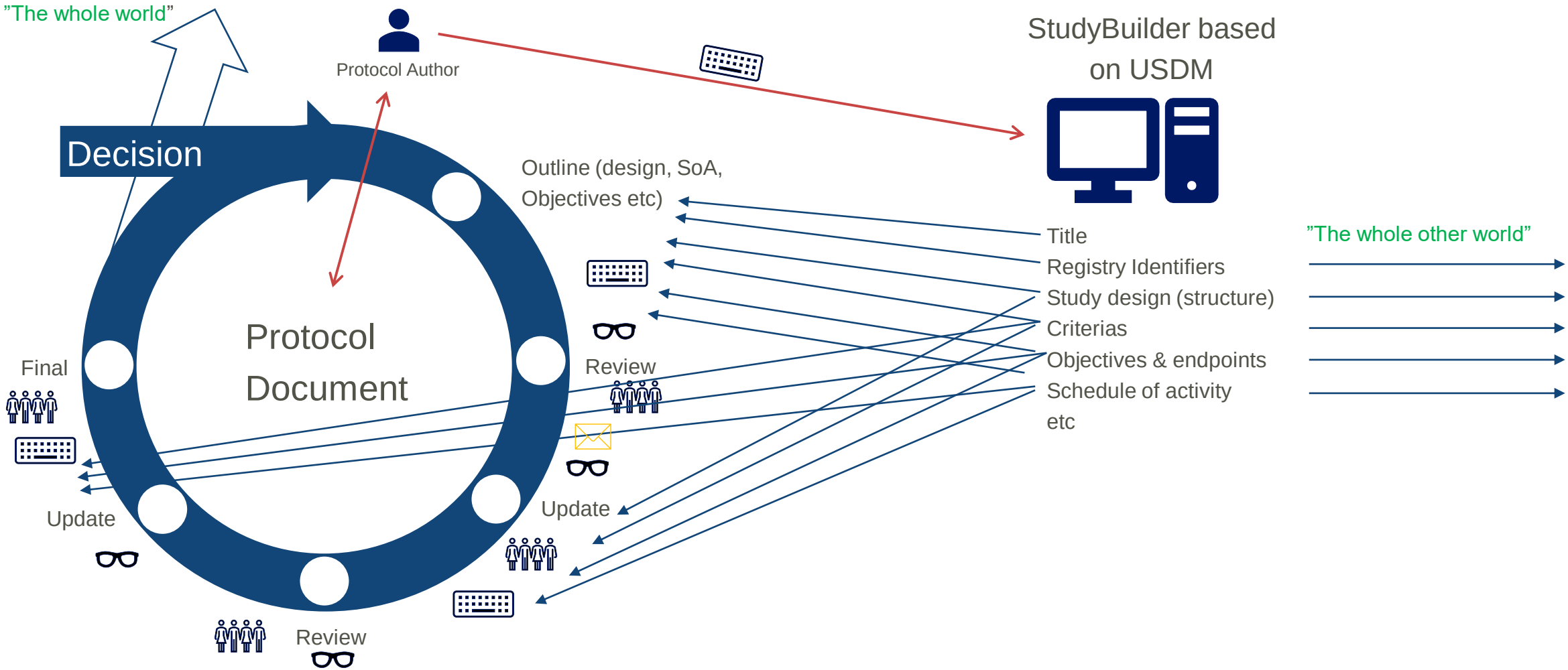
The Protocol Process with Metadata Support



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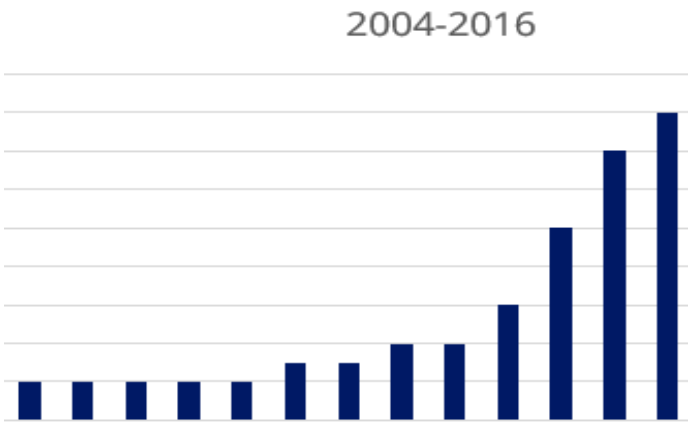
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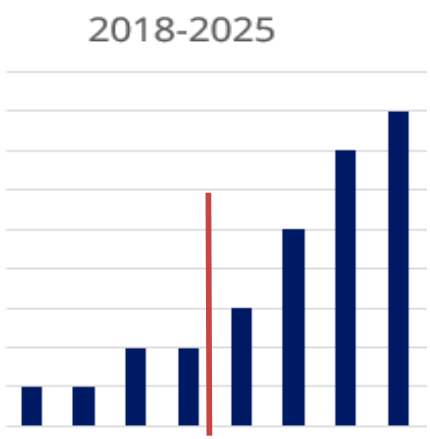
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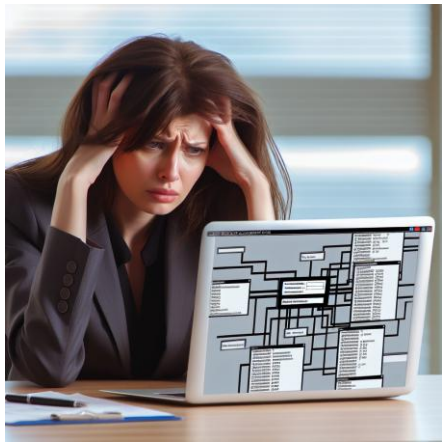

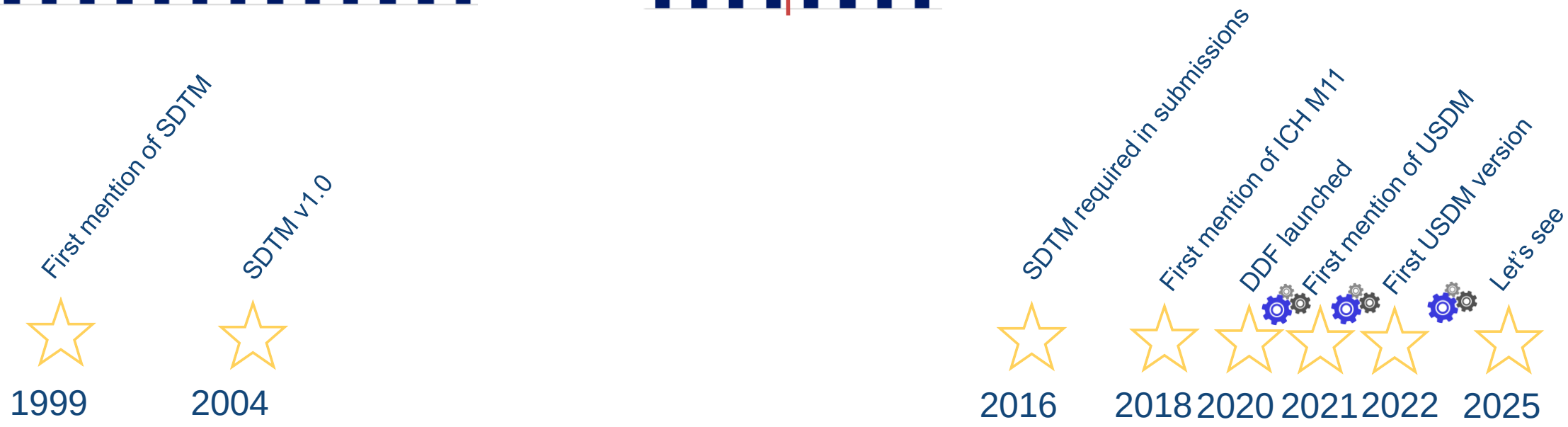
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SDTM v1.0
SDTM required in submissions
First mention of ICH M11
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First mention of USDM
First USDM version
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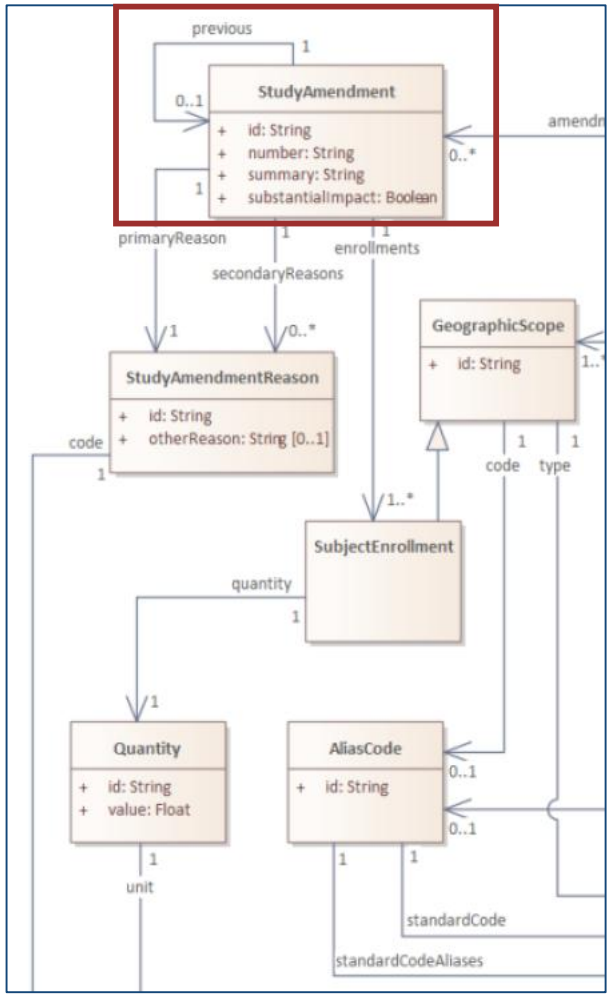
The Protocol Amendment Challenge



"The overarching study and the study protocol document each have their versioning with corresponding governance dates."…

What is the *'selling point'* for adding all amendments to a tool based on USDM? Why should Trial Management do double book-keeping?

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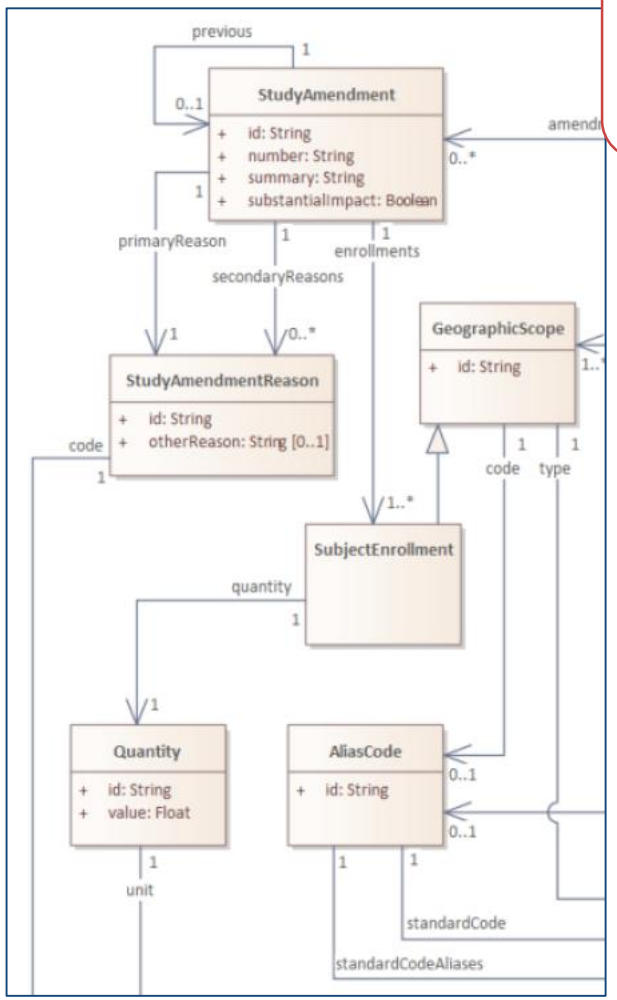

An update to the Section 9: Statistical considerations is required for the handling of missing data in the trial.
No change to data definitions

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Add manual protocol version

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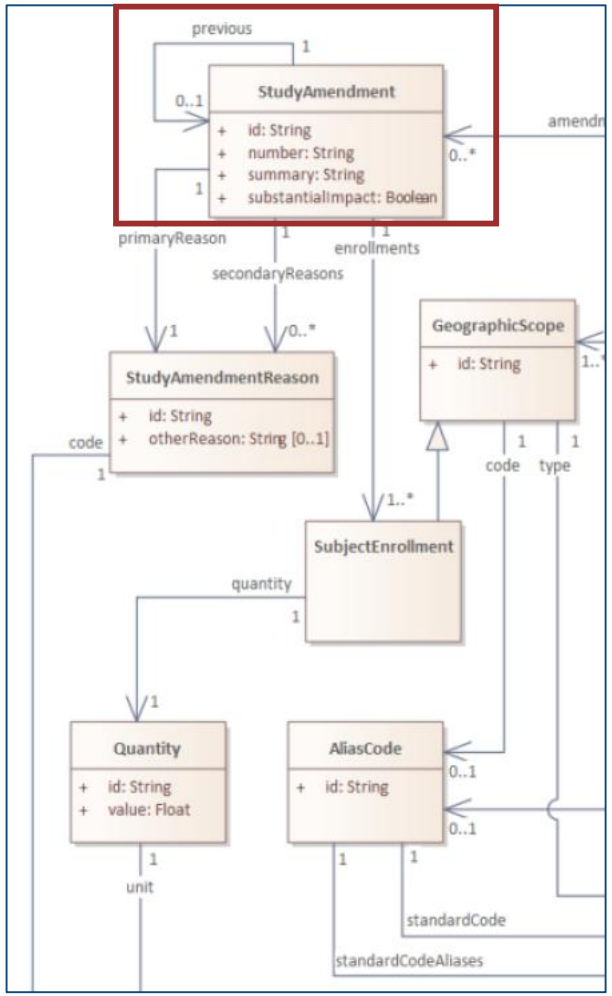
Hello Trial Manager, which study metadata version should we link to?

Hi USDM expert!
We are flexible as long as there are no changes to the protocol.

The Protocol Amendment – data life vs. real life



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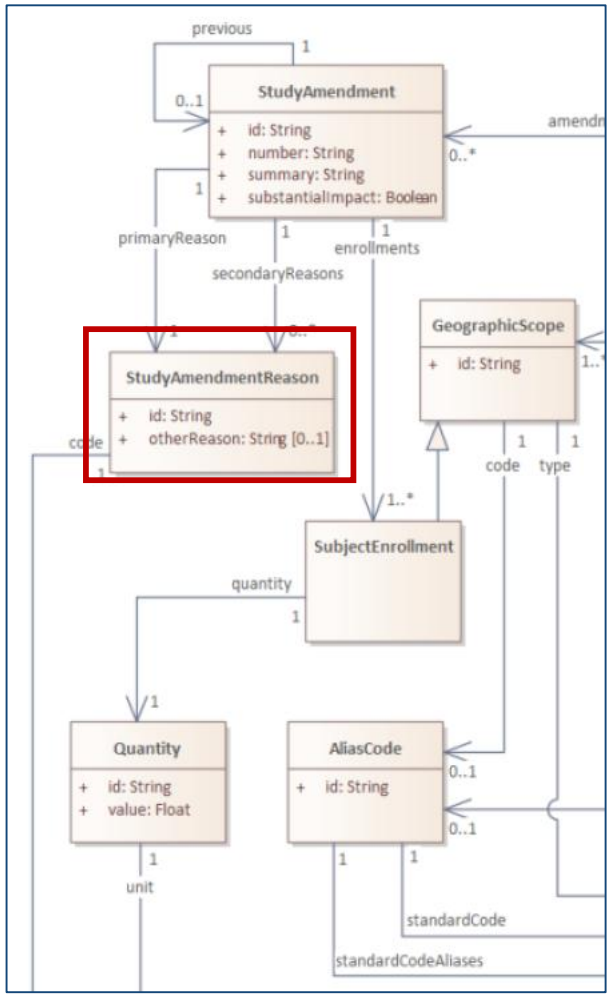

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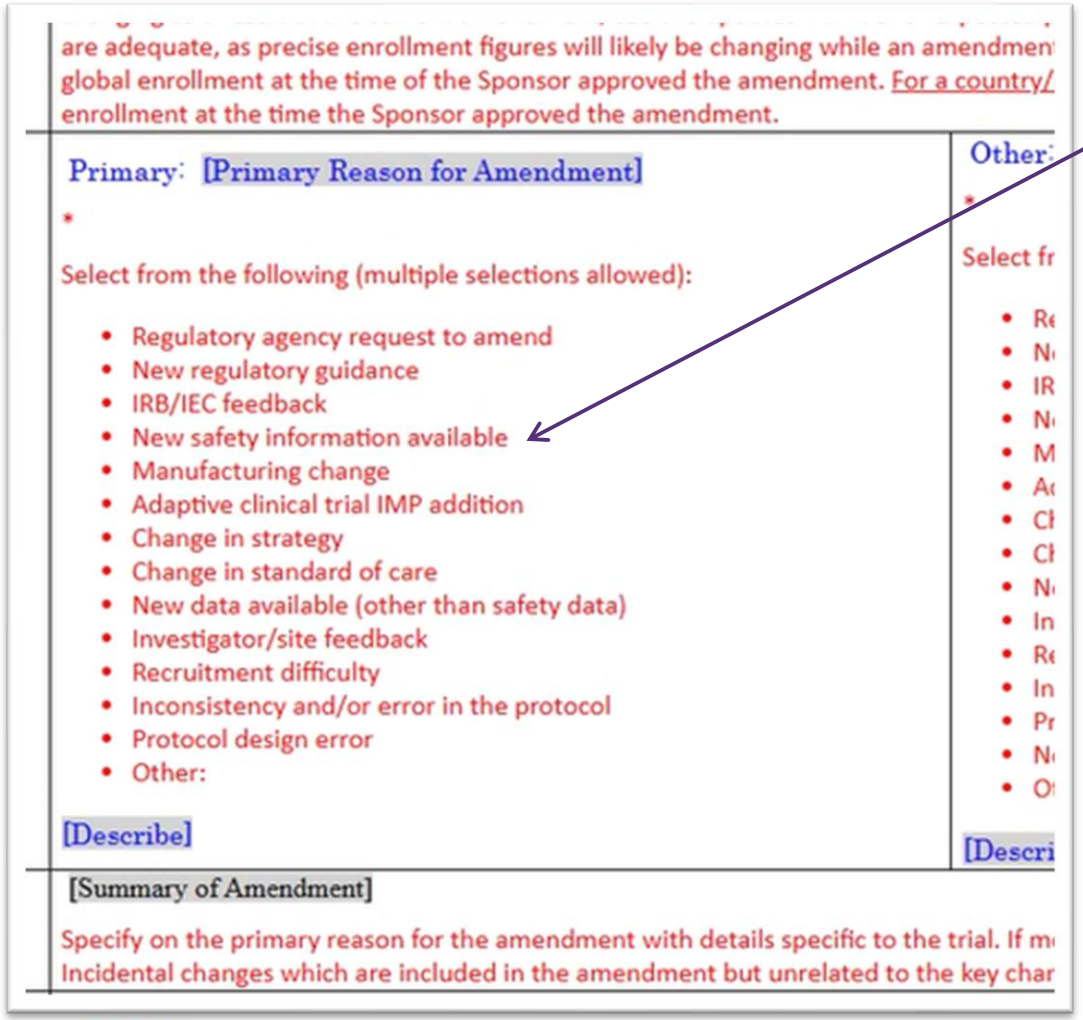

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- Recruitment difficulty
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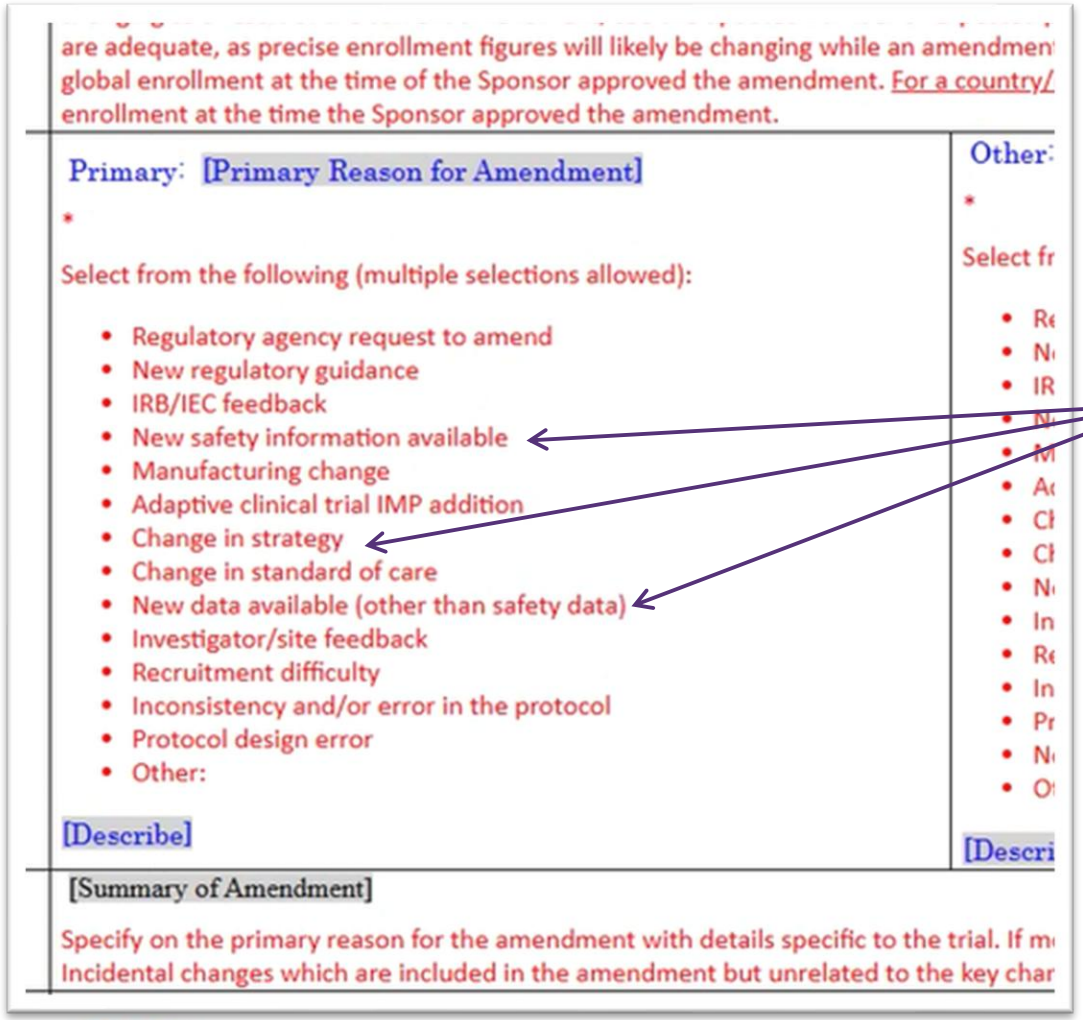

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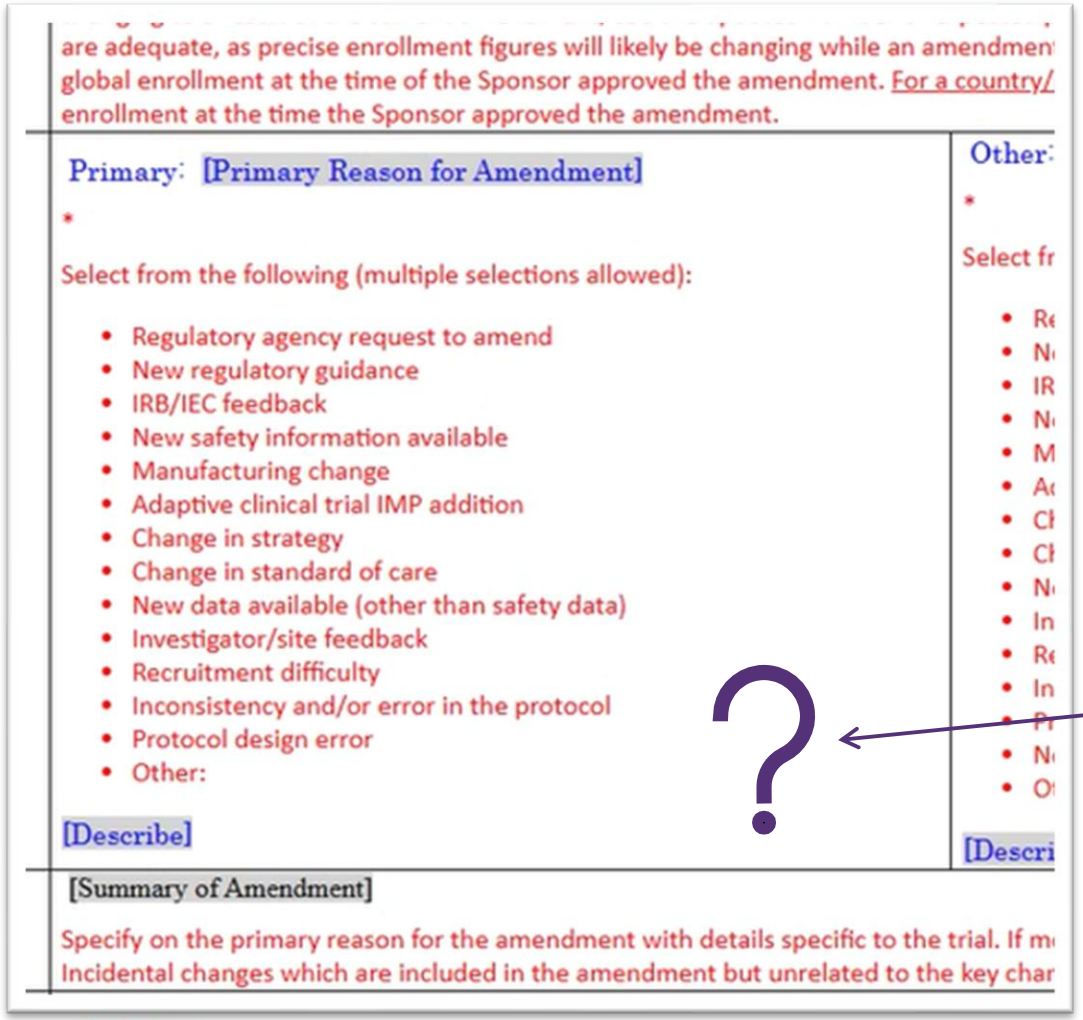

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Protocol version 3.0 has been updated to ensure that the total blood volume does not exceed 550 mL, to add flexibility in the clamp procedure and correct minor inconsistencies and inaccuracies.

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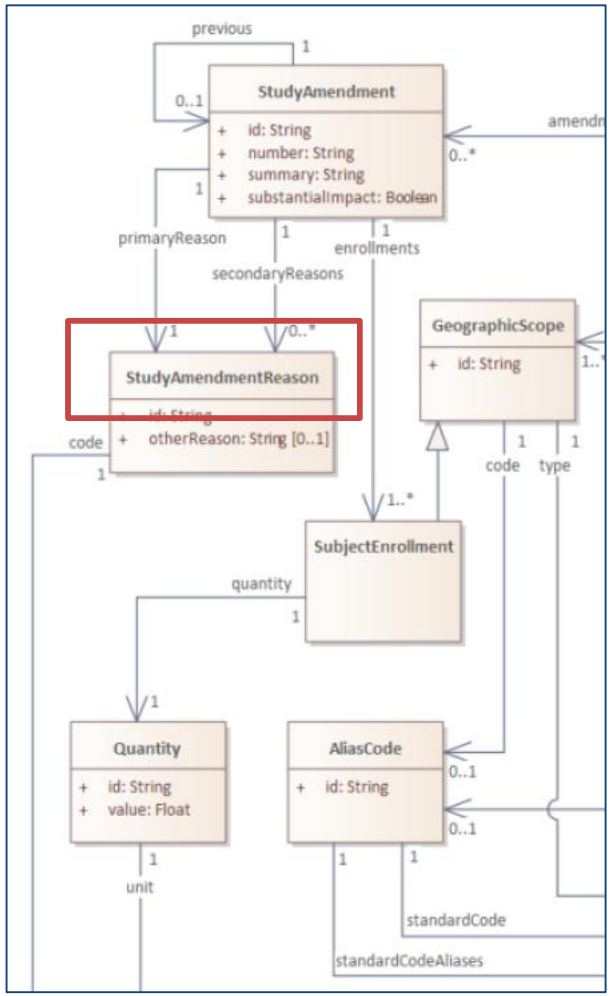

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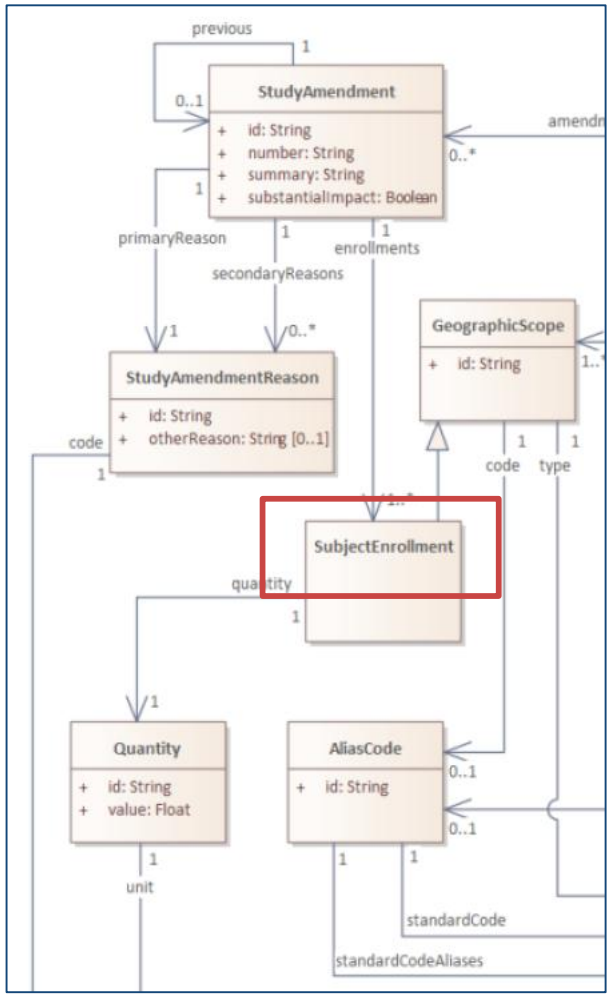

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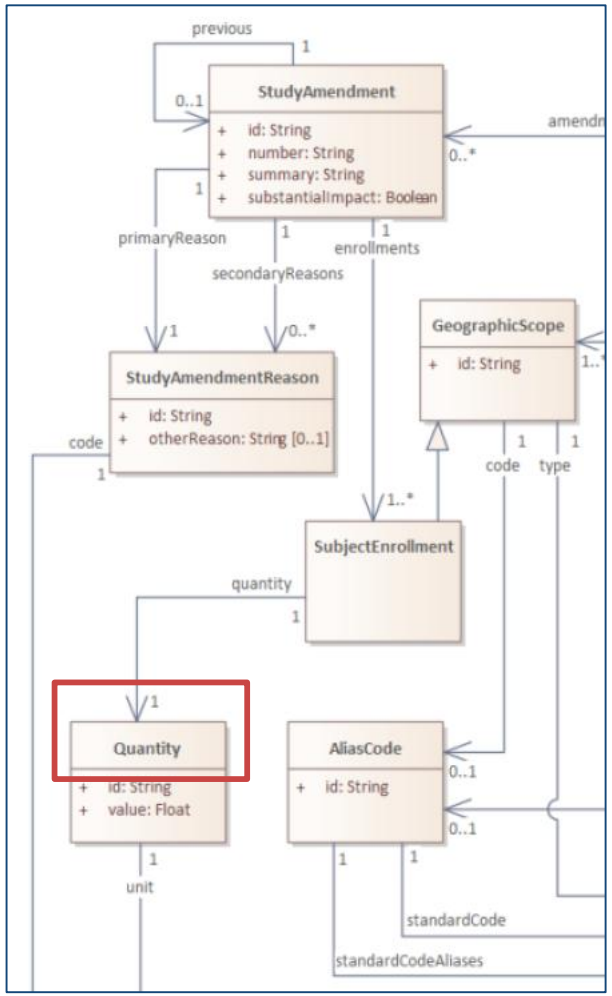

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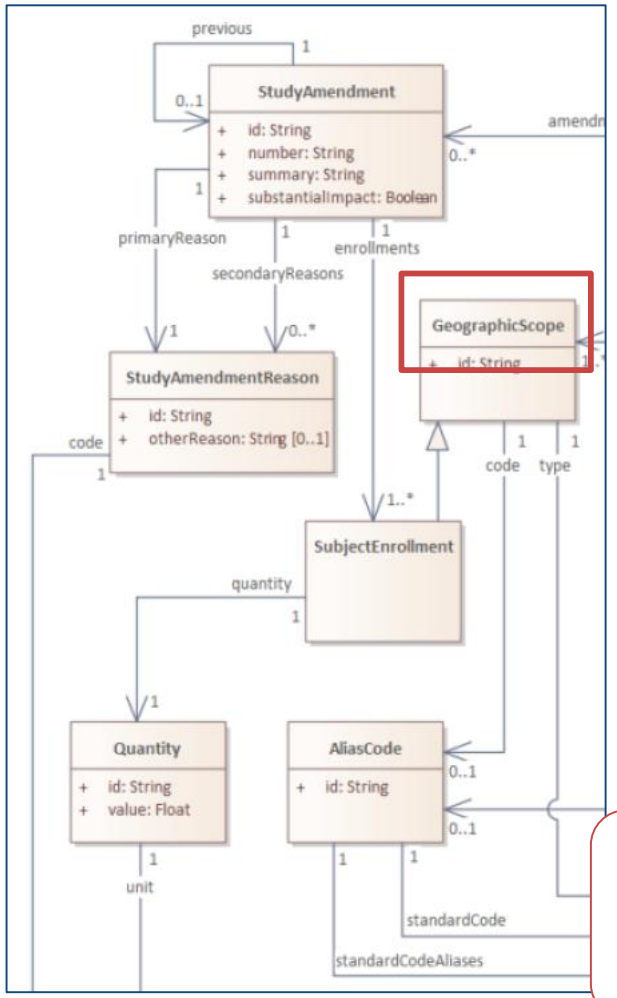

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We are doing the amendment due to recruitment issues. Do you want to know subject re-allocation or rescue countries?

Sorry for disturbing again again again but …
yet another thing. Are there any deadlines for when I need to update?

… one more thing. If we get a rejection from a country – should I then re-update again?

CON's and PRO's – because USDM mindset makes a difference

Where there are challenges…..

- Lost in translation
  - Are we losing th
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- Are we aligned
  - Flexibility and c
- Can we set the
  - API integration

…there are also opportunities.

- Protocol/amendment Submissions to Regulatory Agencies via OPEN-SOURCE portals across all countries
  - Shortening approval timelines
- ALIGNMENT on Protocol sections, e.g. section 8* in the protocol across industry:
  - improve site training
  - minimizing number of Protocol Deviations
  - Improve data quality
- CDISC 360i etc

*Study Assessments and Procedures

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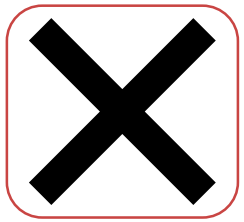

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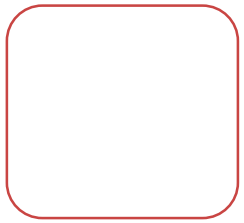

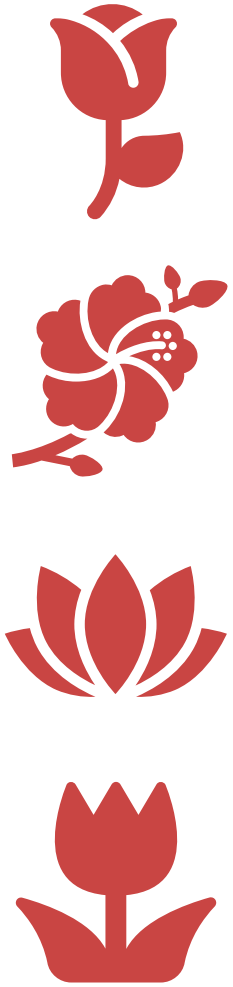

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