**DDI Glossary Working Group**

Wednesday March 23, 2022

0900-1000 (US Eastern)

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Participants**:

· Dan Gillman (chair)

· Arofan Gregory

· Flavio Rizzolo

· Laura Molloy

· Valentin Brunel (Notetaker)

Regrets:

· Jane Fry

· Steve Richard

· Nathalie Gendron

· Barry Radler

**Notes:**

Work continues on the glossary. Starting from “Crosswalk” today. It seems the definition of DDI on the front page of the DDI website is actually incorrect. Should we create a “DDI definition” WG? A new definition is created.

“The Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) is a suite of open, human-readable, and machine-actionable specifications used internationally for describing the data produced with surveys and other observational methods in the social, behavioral, economic, and health domains.”

Data Lifecycle

“The stages of the data production and management process to support research and policy covering conceptualization, design, acquisition, processing, analysis, sharing, and archiving.”

So we defined DDI and Data Lifecycle today. Work is underway to define “datum”, which may only exist in a DDI context - other than as the singular for “data” in latin.

The draft glossary can be found on the confluence page. [Glossary work](https://ddi-alliance.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/DDI4/pages/2790359041/Glossary%2Bwork)

**Decision:**

**Process to create the Glossary**

· We will have two pass processes for generating the definitions of the terms.

o First pass is review and finding candidate sources

o Second pass is arriving at a definition (or maybe two)

· If an existing definition fits the needs of DDI, we should use it.

· We want a definition of each term in the DDI context.

· We will add relevant possibilities for the definition of the terms. We will go back and come up with the appropriate wording in the second pass.

· We won’t specify for each term that this is in the context of DDI, as we will add a caveat to the top of the glossary that the terms specifically apply to DDI.

* Another important specification is that the definition should be ISO compatible. The definition should be written so that it can replace the term in any context.

**Removal of some terms**

· We removed the term “DDI Codebook Model” from the Glossary. We can still add it in the future.

· We removed the term Colectica because it is a private commercial application.

· We want to add only the terms to understand the DDI standard.

· We will add a link to the software page. [https://ddialliance.org/resources/tools](https://us06st1.zoom.us/web_client/zsc0psq/html/externalLinkPage.html?ref=https://ddialliance.org/resources/tools)

**Creating definitions**

For most of the terms, we found there is probably a useful generic definition, e.g., codebook, and there is the specific use of it in DDI. So, many terms will have 2 definitions associated with them.

**Acronyms, Synonyms**

· We need to make the definition of the terms accessible and usable.

· We decided to add the acronym in brackets.

· We will add, “also known.”

Resources

[Glossary work - DDI - Confluence (atlassian.net)](https://ddi-alliance.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/DDI4/pages/2790359041/Glossary%2Bwork)

[Glossary Working Group - DDI - Confluence (atlassian.net)](https://ddi-alliance.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/DDI4/pages/2770796545/Glossary%2BWorking%2BGroup)

Next Meeting

Wed April 6, 09.00-10.00 ET