

# Controlled Vocabularies Working Group Report 2012/13

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In the past year, the CVG has finalized a new versioning policy for the controlled vocabularies, moving from a 3-digit to a 2-digit version numbering. This new policy only distinguishes between substantive and non-substantive changes. The 2-digit numbering is compatible with the CodeValueType declaration that suggests a 2-digit version number. The policy was reviewed and approved by the Technical Implementation Committee and published on the DDI Alliance Web site, together with some related recommendations for collection migration.

The input template has been improved to include information about Version Changes, as well as Version Notes.

All of the previously published CVs have been republished with a 2-digit version number.

A new version of TimeMethod (V 1.1) has also been published. It includes a non-substantive change, i.e. an improved definition for cross-sectional data.

In the past few months we have been contacted by a few organizations who plan to incorporate our CVs in their metadata, either using DDI (Bielefeld University) or using other metadata standards or formats (Mathematica, GESIS). As a result, we have produced recommendations for citing controlled vocabularies outside DDI that were also published on the DDI Alliance website.

We have continued working on the ModeOfCollection list and definitions. This list, as well as the SourceType and KindOfData lists are almost finalized, will probably be ready for publication by fall.