

Controlled Vocabularies Working Group 2011/12

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In the past year, the Controlled Vocabularies Group has been working on finalizing the lists and definitions for the following DDI fields:

SourceType (in DataCollection:DataSource)

ModeOfCollection (in DataCollection:CollectionEvent)

[Instrument]Type (in DataCollection: Instrument)

KindOfData (in StudyUnit)

The group has been in touch with the Qualitative Data working group, following requests to incorporate in our vocabularies terms that cover qualitative data. We are open to suggestions in this direction, and will evaluate them as they are forwarded to us by interested/qualified parties.

Following a new discussion around TimeMethod we have come up with a clearer definition for cross sectional data, and are ready to publish a new version of this list.

Jani Hautamaki from FSD has agreed to serve as our technical consultant, working with TIC to publish the CV tools on our web page, and helping us publish new vocabularies, or new versions of vocabularies, as needed.

When the tools are made publicly available we also need to publish a clear policy regarding contributions by parties that are not directly affiliated with our group, or with the Alliance in general. We have discussed some of the issues that are involved, but need a decision at Alliance level, to conform to the Alliance's policy in this area.

We are also working to finalize a versioning policy before publishing a new version of the TimeMethod list.