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**Data Recipient Report for the  
Janssen Clinical Trial Data Set  
CNTO148ART3001**

“An Effectiveness and Safety Study of Intravenous Golimumab in Patients with Active Rheumatoid Arthritis Despite Treatment with Methotrexate Therapy”

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# 1 Introduction

The purpose of this project was to perform anonymization of the Janssen CNTO148ART3001 clinical trial data set.

The anonymization of this data set was performed to allow the data to be shared with external research teams. Access to clinical trial data provides opportunities to conduct further research that can help advance medical science and improve patient care. This helps ensure the data provided by study participants are used to maximum effect in the creation of knowledge and improving patient care. The data release is subject to certain criteria being met, including a requirement to effectively anonymize the data.

The data sharing environment and contracts in place with the data recipient are assumed to be at a level which would result in a Privacy and Security Context Assessment score of High and a Recipient Trust Context Assessment score of Medium.

This report describes the anonymization approach used for the study CNTO148ART3001, based on the re-identification risk determination that was performed on the data.

## 1.1 Data Set Model

The data set described in this report for study CNTO148ART3001 was received in the Study Data Tabulation Model (SDTM) standard. For more information on this standard see <https://www.cdisc.org/standards/foundational/sdtm>

## 1.2 Definitions

Definitions of key terms (such as the different types of identifiers) and acronyms are provided in Section A *Definitions*. Additional terms and definitions are provided elsewhere [1].

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## 2 Anonymization Process

### 2.1 Use of [REDACTED]

The analysis described in this report was performed using [REDACTED], a re-identification risk measurement software application developed by [REDACTED].

### 2.2 Supporting Documentation

The following documents were provided to assist with the analysis:

- [REDACTED] Transformation Summary CNTO148ART3001
- Annotated CRF

### 2.3 Transformations

In order to bring the risk of re-identification below the determined threshold, some transformations were required on the dataset. The transformations are described based on the fields used in the risk measurement. In all cases, modifications to these fields are applied to all other linked fields, e.g. where concomitant medication start date is suppressed, concomitant medication end date will also be suppressed as it is a linked field.

The anonymization strategy required the following modifications to the original datasets:

Identifier	Transformation
Subject IDs (USUBJID)	Masked
Site IDs (SITEID)	Suppressed
Free-text	Suppressed
Patient dates	PHUSE shifted
Date of Birth	Suppressed
Age	Generalized to 10-year intervals
Ethnicity	Suppressed
Concomitant medication dates	Suppressed
Alcohol Use	Suppressed
Smoking	Suppressed

### 2.4 Implemented Transformation Types

The following data transformations have been applied in this dataset:

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**Masking** Masking of the unique subject ID was performed using Format-Preserving Encryption (FPE). This type of encryption creates an encrypted value that has the same length as the original ID.

**Generalization** Reduce the precision of a field.

For this specific project, the age of subjects was generalized to 10-year intervals using [REDACTED] Table 1 summarizes the mapping of age to generalized age by [REDACTED] for age greater or equal to 0 years.

Age (Years)	Generalized Age Value (Years) (AGE)
$0 \leq \text{Age} < 10$	0
$10 \leq \text{Age} < 20$	10
$20 \leq \text{Age} < 30$	20
$30 \leq \text{Age} < 40$	30
$40 \leq \text{Age} < 50$	40
$50 \leq \text{Age} < 60$	50
$60 \leq \text{Age} < 70$	60
$70 \leq \text{Age} < 80$	70
$80 \leq \text{Age} < 90$	80

**Table 1:** Age generalization

**PHUSE date shifting** Offset a date value according to the scheme defined in the Pharmaceutical Users Software Exchange (PHUSE) CDISC SDTM anonymization standard [2]. This scheme determines a delta for each patient based on a difference between a date in the trial available for all patients (in this case the first visit date) and an anchor date (in this case, 15 September 2009).

**Suppression** The original value is replaced with an empty cell. The following types of suppression were applied for this project:

**global suppression (GS):** Occurs when risk measurement determines that no suitable generalized value can be retained and all values in the column are therefore suppressed.

**parameter-value suppression (PV):** Occurs when values in a column are suppressed based on the values of a parameter-column in the same dataset. For example, a vital sign dataset may include a parameter-column specifying the type of measurement such as “systolic blood pressure”, “height”, “weight” and “temperature”, and one or more value-columns containing the values of the measurements (for example, height measured in centimeters when the parameter is “height”). Parameter-value suppression occurs when all values in the value-column associated with one or more identifiers in the parameter-column are suppressed as part of the anonymization strategy.

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Please see the file "[REDACTED] Transformation Summary CNTO148ART3001.csv" for a catalog of all transformations applied to the data set.

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### **3 Conclusions**

The re-identification risk of the Janssen CNTO148ART3001 clinical trial database, after the anonymization as described in this report, is below the data risk threshold given the assumed level of mitigating controls and motives and capacity in the context of the data sharing environment.

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## References

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## A Definitions

### A.1 Acronyms

**FPE** Format-Preserving Encryption

**PHUSE** Pharmaceutical Users Software Exchange

**SAS** Statistical Analysis System

**SDTM** Study Data Tabulation Model

**SQL** Structured Query Language

### A.2 Identifiers

It is useful to differentiate among the different types of variables in a disclosed data set or document. The way the variables are handled during the risk measurement and anonymization process will depend on how they are categorized.

A distinction is made among three types of variables [3, 4]:

**Directly identifying variables.** One or more direct identifiers can be used to uniquely identify an individual, either by themselves or in combination with other readily available information. In clinical trial data sets and documents, the only patient direct identifier will likely be the subject ID. There will be direct identifiers pertaining to staff and investigators; however, these are treated differently than patient information.

**Indirectly identifying variables (quasi-identifiers).** The quasi-identifiers are the background knowledge variables about individuals in the disclosed data set that an adversary can use, individually or in combination, to probabilistically re-identify a trial participant. If an adversary does not have background knowledge of a variable then it cannot be a quasi-identifier. The manner in which an adversary can obtain such background knowledge will determine which attacks on a data set are plausible. For example, the background knowledge may be available because the adversary knows a particular target individual in the disclosed data set, an individual in the data set has a visible characteristic that is also described in the data set, or the background knowledge exists in a public or semi-public registry.

Examples of quasi-identifiers include sex, date of birth or age, locations (such as postal codes, census geography, information about proximity to known or unique landmarks), language spoken at home, ethnic origin, aboriginal identity, total years of schooling, marital status, criminal history, total income, visible minority status, event dates (such as admission, discharge, procedure, death, specimen collection, visit/encounter), codes (such as diagnosis codes, procedure codes, and adverse event codes), country of birth, birth weight, and birth plurality.

**Other variables.** These are the variables that are not really useful for determining an individual's identity. They may be clinically relevant or not.

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### A.3 Glossary

**data recipient** The data recipient is the researcher who accesses the anonymized data to perform an analysis.

**Privacy and Security Context Assessment** A questionnaire that evaluates the privacy and security controls in place for a data recipient.

**Recipient Trust Context Assessment** A questionnaire that evaluates the motives, capacity, and contracts in place with regard to data recipient performing a re-identification attack.

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## B Output Format of De-identified Datasets

The original data were received from Janssen primarily as Statistical Analysis System (SAS) files; datasets received in SAS version 5 (V5) transport file format (extension “.xpt”) must first be converted to .sas7bdat for processing. Each .sas7bat file was exported as a Structured Query Language (SQL) table to a Microsoft SQL server database using the Microsoft SQL Server Native Client driver for Open Database Connectivity (ODBC). Information was extracted from these SQL tables for the purpose of risk measurement with [REDACTED]. The anonymization strategy determined from the measurements was applied to the tables. The anonymized SQL tables were exported back to SAS files using the same interface. The SAS variable labels in the original SAS files were added back to the variables in the anonymized files. After performing quality control checks on the anonymized SAS files, all datasets are converted from .sas7bdat to .xpt for delivery to Janssen to be shared with the data recipient(s).

As a result of data anonymization, the attributes of an anonymized variable in an anonymized SAS file may differ from the attributes of the variable in the original file. For non-anonymized variables, the following SAS attributes may differ between the anonymized and original SAS files as a result of the SAS to SQL data conversion process.

1. Internal precision of a numeric variable: When a SAS numeric variable is exported to a SQL table, its values are rounded to  $d$  decimal digits, where  $d \geq 0$  is the decimal scaling factor of the SAS display format  $w.d$ . As a result, the internal precision of the variable in the anonymized SAS file is also limited to  $d$  digits.
2. SAS formats: The SAS format (for example, "DATE", "DATETIME", "\$" or no format) of a variable in an anonymized file may differ from the original file. These differences were all identified and reviewed during quality control checks. No additional data processing was performed on the anonymized files to reconcile variable formats with those of the original files except in rare occasions where the difference in formats between the anonymized and original file was deemed important enough to potentially impact data analysis. For example, this would be the case if a SAS "TIME" variable file was changed to "DATETIME" during the anonymization process.
3. Length of a numeric variable: The length (in bytes) of a numeric variable in the anonymized file may differ from the original file. In such cases, no additional data processing was done on the SAS anonymized file to reconcile the variable lengths in the anonymized SAS file with those in the original file.
4. Format width of a numeric variable: When the width  $w$  specified by the SAS format  $w.d$  of a numeric variable is too small to properly display all values taken by the variable, an error may occur when exporting the SAS file to a SQL table. In such case, the format width of the variable was increased before performing the export to ensure that the operation is successful and as a result, the variable's width in the anonymized SAS file differs from the original file.

For datasets originally received in .xpt format, the final conversion from .sas7bdat to .xpt for delivery should not pose any additional problems. However, for datasets received in .sas7bdat format, inherent limitations in the .xpt format may require modifications.

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Based on the definition of the .xpt format, conversion of a SAS dataset to V5 transport file format fails when one or more of the following requirements is not met:

1. The dataset name must not have more than 8 characters,
2. Variable names in the dataset must not have more than 8 characters,
3. The character variables in the dataset must not include values that are more than 200 characters long.

If any of these requirements are not met, ██████████ has modified de-identified datasets as follows:

1. Values exceeding 200 characters in character variables were split among new variables so that any value contained in a variable did not exceed 200 characters long,
2. Datasets with names exceeding 8 characters were renamed,
3. Variables with names exceeding 8 characters were renamed.

Characters not permitted in XPT variable or dataset identifiers were remapped or omitted, and identifiers conflicting with keywords were replaced.

If modifications were made to deliver V5 transport files, these are summarized in the spreadsheet "CNT0148ART3001\_SAStoXPTMapping\_\*.xlsx" delivered with the de-identified datasets. This spreadsheet can be used to map the names of the variables and datasets in the V5 transport files to their original names in the datasets shared by Janssen. If no spreadsheet is present, no modifications were required.

The spreadsheet contains the following two worksheets:

**Dataset Summary** : Lists the original and new name of the datasets that were renamed for conversion to the V5 transport file format. The original dataset names are captured in column "SAS\_DATASET" and the new names are captured in column "XPT\_DATASET". The worksheet is empty (except for column headers) if no dataset was renamed.

**Variables Summary** : Lists the original and new name of variables that were renamed and the new character variables that were added to a dataset after splitting a value exceeding 200 characters. The original variable names are captured in column "SAS\_VARIABLE" and the new names are captured in column "XPT\_VARIABLE". The worksheet is empty (except for column header) if no variable was renamed or no new variable was added to a dataset.

The dataset and variable names used in this document are the original names found in the initial datasets received from Janssen.

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## C Datasets Delivered in CNT0148ART3001

Table	Number of Rows
AE	2417
CF	821
CM	79972
DC	1195874
DM	1219
DS	4756
DV	485
EX	8602
GE	1804
IE	899
IF	71245
LB	236115
MH	16087
PC	11664
QS	464580
RELREC	10261
SC	1219
SG	1429
SU	1182
SUPPAE	18220
SUPPCF	1210
SUPPCM	844330
SUPPDM	128
SUPPDS	94
SUPPEX	43019
SUPPIF	2444
SUPPLB	19196

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<b>Table</b>	<b>Number of Rows</b>
SUPPMH	7409
SUPPPC	11665
SUPPSG	225
SUPPSU	229
SUPPXI	3398
SV	12724
TI	52
VS	148765
XA	11144
XI	668730

**Table 2:** List tables considered and the number of rows in each.