



Abbreviation list Clinical Research

A

AE	Adverse Event
ACRP	Association of Clinical Research Professionals
ADME	Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion
ADR	Adverse Drug Reaction
ALCOA++	Data Integrity Principles in Clinical Trials (GCP) according to ICH E6(R3); Attributable, Legible, Contemporaneous, Original, Accurate, Complete, Consistent, Enduring, Available, Traceable
AMG	German Medicines Act (Arzneimittelgesetz, Germany)
API	Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient
ASR	Annual Safety Report
ATMP	Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products
ATP	According-To-Protocol

B

BA	Bioavailability
BE	Bioequivalence
BfArM	Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (Bundesinstitut für Arzneimittel und Medizinprodukte, Germany)
BfS	Federal Office for Radiation Protection (Bundesamt für Strahlenschutz, Germany)
BMG	Federal Ministry of Health (Bundesministerium für Gesundheit, Germany)
BOB	Federal Higher Authority (Bundesoberbehörde, Germany)

C

CA	Competent Authority
CAPA	Corrective and Preventive Actions
CCI	Commercial Confidential Information
CDA	Confidential Disclosure Agreement
CDASH	Clinical Data Acquisition Standard Harmonization

CDISC	Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium
CDM	Clinical Data Management
CDP	Clinical Development Plan
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations (USA)
CHMP	Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use
cMS	Concerned Member State
COL	Clinical Operations Leader
CONSORT	Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials
CRA	Clinical Research Associate
(e)CRF	(electronic) Case Report Form
CRO	Clinical Research Organisation
CT	Clinical Trial
CTMS	Clinical Trial Management System
CTA	Clinical Trial Agreement
CTA	Clinical Trial Assistant
CTCAE	Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events
CTD	Clinical Trials Directive
CTIS	Clinical Trials Information System
CTO	Clinical Trials Office
CTR	Clinical Trials Regulation
CRC	Clinical Research Coordinator
CSR	Clinical Study Report

D

DBL	Data Base Lock
DCF	Data Clarification Form
DDI	Drug-Drug Interaction
DIA	Drug Information Association
DIR	Directive
DM	Data Manager
DMP	Data Management Plan
DSMB	Data Safety Monitoring Board
DSUR	Development Safety Update Report
DVP	Data Validation Plan

E

EBM	Evidence Based Medicine
EC	Ethics Committee
EDC	Electronic Data Capture
EEA	European Economic Area
EFPIA	European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations
EHDS	European Health Data Space
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EMA	European Medicines Agency
ePRO	electronic Patient Reported Outcomes
EU	European Union
EU-CTR	European Clinical Trials Regulation
EUDRA	European Union Drug Regulatory Authorities

F

FDA	Food and Drug Administration (USA)
FIH	First in Human
FIM	First in Man
FMEA	Failure Mode and Effects Analysis
FPI	First patient in
PPFV	First patient first visit
FPO	First patient out
FSFV	First subject first visit
FU	Follow-up

G

GAMP 5	Good Automated Manufacturing Practice
GCLP	Good Clinical Laboratory Practice
GCP	Good Clinical Practice
GDNG	Health Data Use Act (Gesundheitsdatennutzungsgesetz, Germany)
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation

GEP	Good Epidemiological Practice
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice
GMP	Good Manufacturing Practice
GVP	Good Pharmacovigilance Practice

H

HAS	French National Authority for Health (France)
HTA	Health Technology Assessment

I

IB	Investigator's Brochure
ICF	Informed Consent Form
ICH	International Council for Harmonisation
ICSR	Individual Case Safety Report
IDMP	Independent Data Monitoring Committee
IEC	Independent Ethics Committee
IIT	Investigator Initiated Trial
IMP	Investigational Medicinal Product
IMPD	Investigational Medicinal Product Dossier
IND	Investigational New Drug
INDA	Investigational New Drug Application
IP	Investigational Product
IQWiG	Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care (Institut für Qualität und Wirtschaftlichkeit im Gesundheitswesen, Germany)
IRB	Institutional Review Board
ISF	Investigator Site File
ITT	Intention to treat
IVD	In Vitro Diagnostics
IVR	Interactive Voice Response
IWRS	Interactive Web Response System

K

KOL	Key Opinion Leader
KPI	Key Performance Indicator

L

LAR	Legally Authorized Representative
LEC	Local Ethics Committee
LPI	Last patient in
LPO	Last patient out
LSLV	Last subject last visit
LTFU	Long Term Follow Up

M

MA	Medical Advisor
MAA	Marketing Authorisation Application
MAH	Marketing Authorisation Holder
MABEL	Minimal Anticipated Biological Effect Level
MARB	Minimal Additional Risk or Burden
MD	Medical Device
MedDRA	Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities
MFG	Medical Research Act (Medizinforschungsgesetz, Germany)
MREC	Medical Research and Ethics Committee
MHLW	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Japan)
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (UK)
MoH	Ministry of Health
MOL	Medical Operations Leader
MPDG	Medical Devices Implementation Act (Medizinprodukte-recht-Durchführungsgesetz, Germany)
MREC	Multicentre Research Ethics Committee
MS	Member State
MSC	Member State Concerned

N

NCA	National Competent Authorities
NCI	National Cancer Institute
NCT	National Clinical Trial
NDA	New Drug Application
NIS	Non-interventional Study
NNT	Number needed to treat
NOAEL	No Observed Adverse Effect Level

P

PASS	Post Authorisation Safety Study
PAES	Post Authorisation Efficacy Study
PD	Pharmacodynamics
PDCA	Plan Do Check Act
PDCO	Paediatric Committee
PEI	Paul-Ehrlich-Institut (Germany)
PI	Principle Investigator
PIP	Paediatric Investigation Plan
PK	Pharmacokinetics
PL	Project Leader
PM	Project Manager
PMDA	Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (Japan)
PoC	Proof of Concept
PP	Per protocol
PPD	Protected Personal Data
PQL	Project Quality Leader
PSMF	Pharmacovigilance System Master File
PSUR	Periodic Safety Update Report
PV	Pharmacovigilance

Q

QA	Quality Assurance
Q&A	Questions and Answers
QC	Quality Control
QM	Quality Management
QMS	Quality Management System
QoL	Quality of Life
QVR	Qualification Visit Report

R

R&D	Research and Development
RA	Regulatory Affairs
RBQM	Risk-Based Quality Management
RCT	Randomized Controlled Trial
REC	Research Ethics Committee
REG	Regulation
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposal
RMP	Risk Management Plan
rMS	Reporting Member State
RRR	Relative Risk Reduction
RWD	Real World Data
RWE	Real World Evidence

S

SAE	Serious Adverse Event
SAP	Statistical Analysis Plan
SDTM	Study Data Tabulation Model
SDR	Source Data Review
SDV	Source Data Verification
SIF	Site Investigator File

SIV	Site Initiation Visit
SMO	Site Management Organisation
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
STROBE	Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology
SUSAR	Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reaction
SVT	Subject Visit Template
SWISSMEDIC	Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products (Switzerland)

U

UADE	Unanticipated Adverse Device Effects
UADR	Unexpected Adverse Drug Reaction

T

(e)TMF	(electronic) Trial Master File
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V

VAS	Visual Analogue Scale
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W

WBS	Work Breakdown Structure
WHO	World Health Organisation

Z

ZLG	Central Authority of the Länder for Health Protection with regard to Medicinal Products and Medical Devices (Zentralstelle der Länder für Gesundheitsschutz bei Arzneimitteln und Medizinprodukten, Germany)
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