

Developing Data Quality and Data Sharing Tools for a Global HIV Research Consortium

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Harmonist: Developing informatics solutions to harmonize observational data in a global research consortium

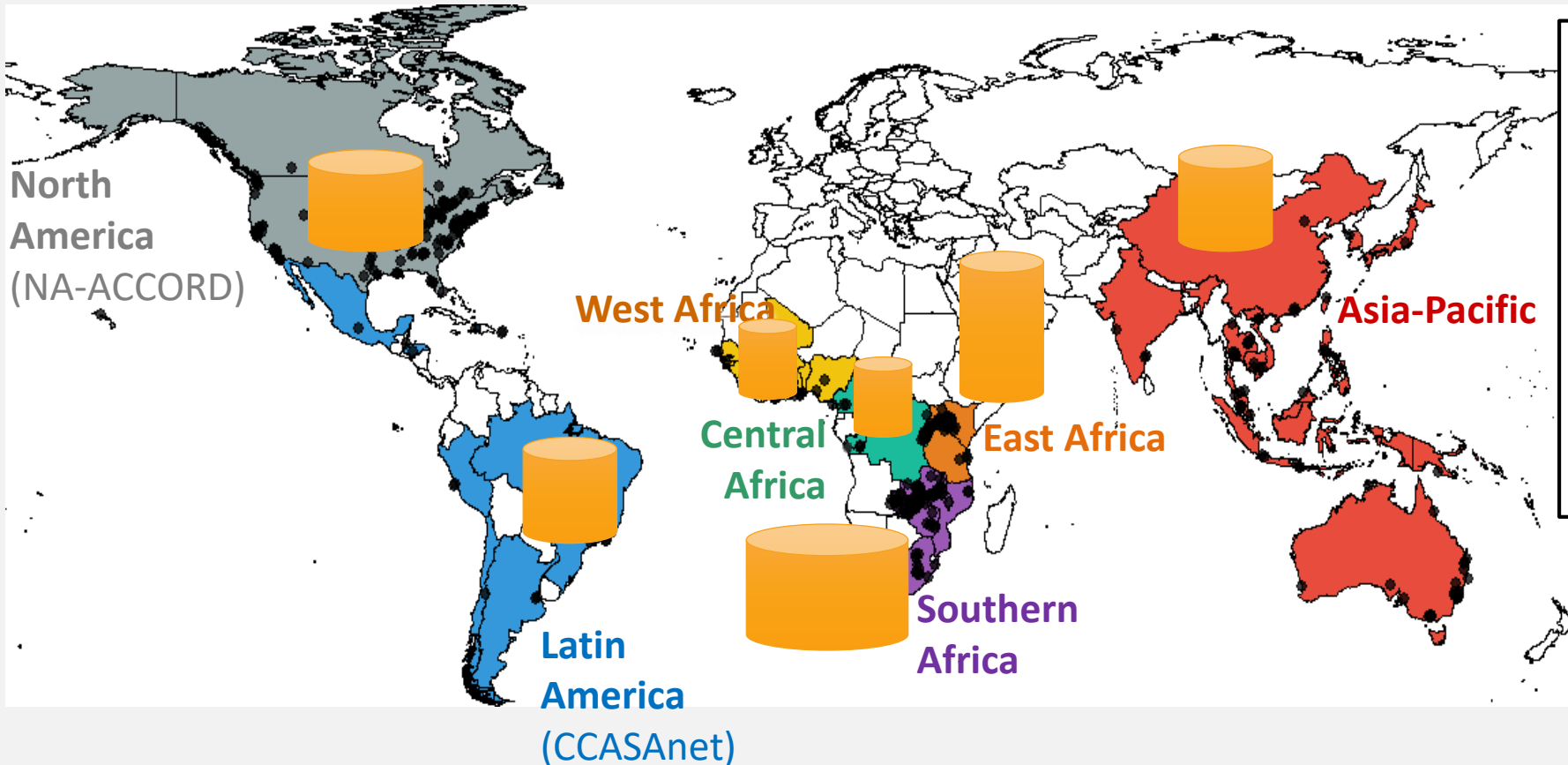
Today's Agenda



1. leDEA research consortium
2. Challenges in leDEA multiregional data sharing, merging, and analysis
3. Harmonist software tools: design and implementation
4. Example workflow
5. Initial feedback and results
6. Lessons learned

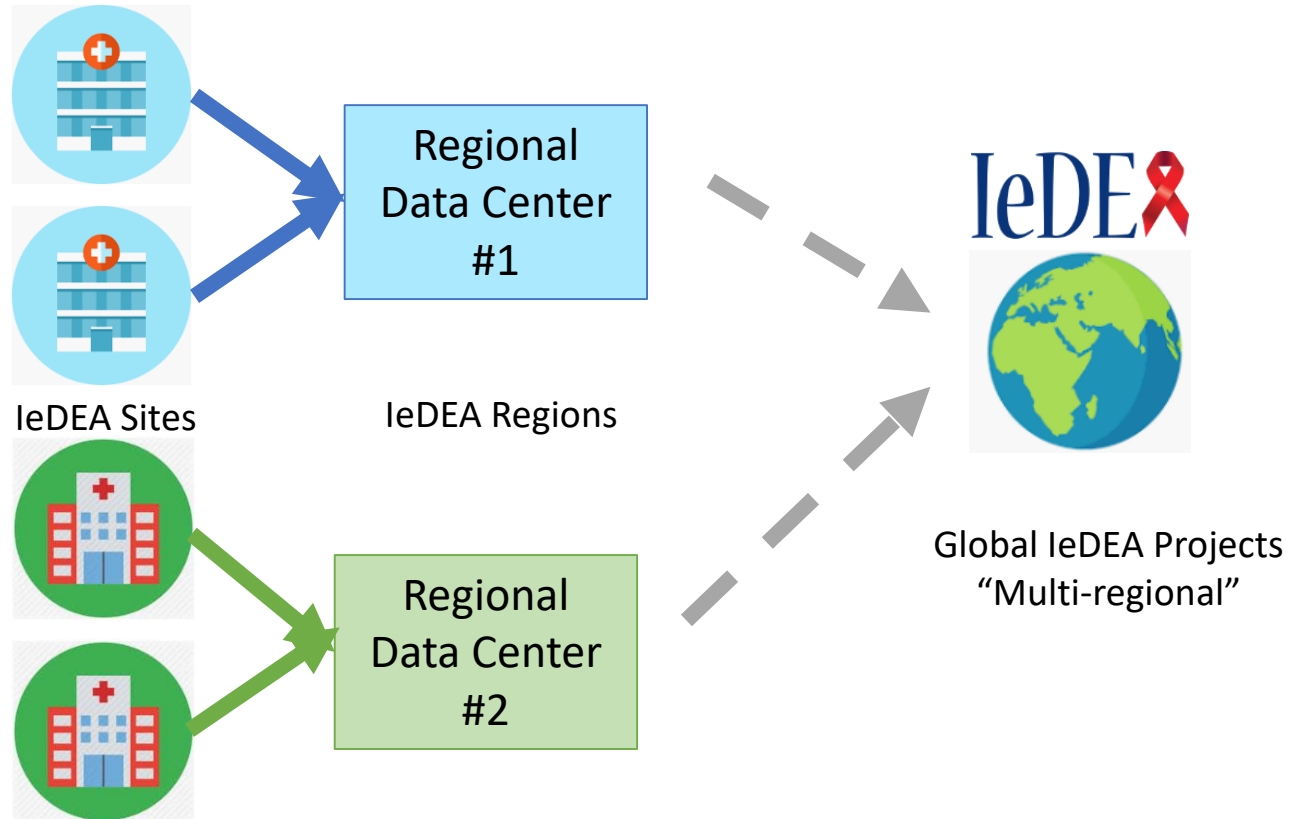


International epidemiologic Databases to Evaluate AIDS



- Established in 2005
- Funded by NIH
- 7 regions
- 46 countries
- 400+ clinics
- ~2 million patients
- 100's of publications



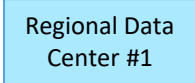
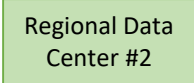
Flow of leDEA Data



In leDEA

- **Sites** generate the data.
- **Regional Data Centers** combine all the data from one region.
- **Researchers** can get data from multiple regions for a global leDEA project.

Data Considerations

- Data from every clinic can be different.  
- Data at every Regional Data Center can be different.  
- Global IeDEA data are not stored centrally – subsets of the data are merged for specific projects.
- Sites and Regions have the ultimate say in whether their data is included for a specific project.

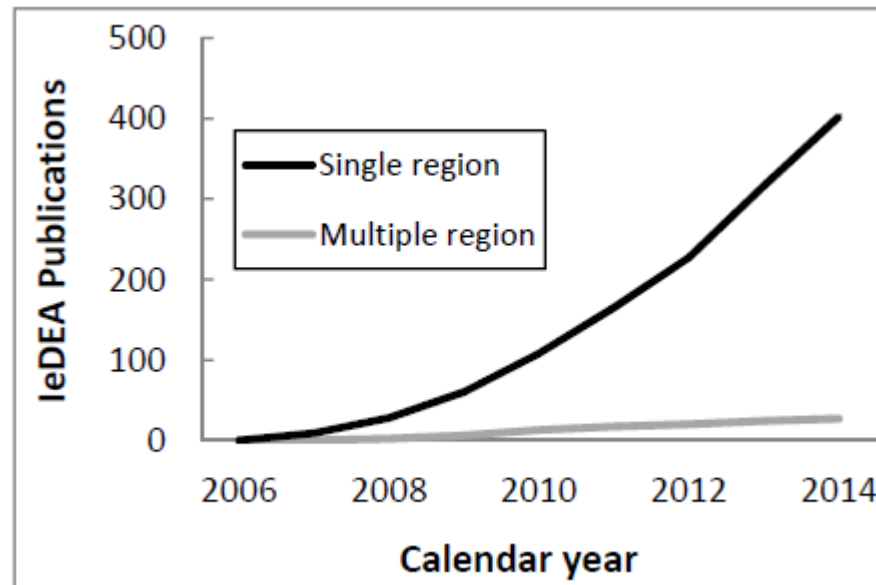


In the Early Days of leDEA...

- We had **no standardized way to share data** for global projects.
- Multi-regional projects (projects with 3+ leDEA regions) were **very slow**, in part because it was difficult to merge the data.

Cumulative number of leDEA publications by publication year

(figure from Constantin Yiannoutsos)

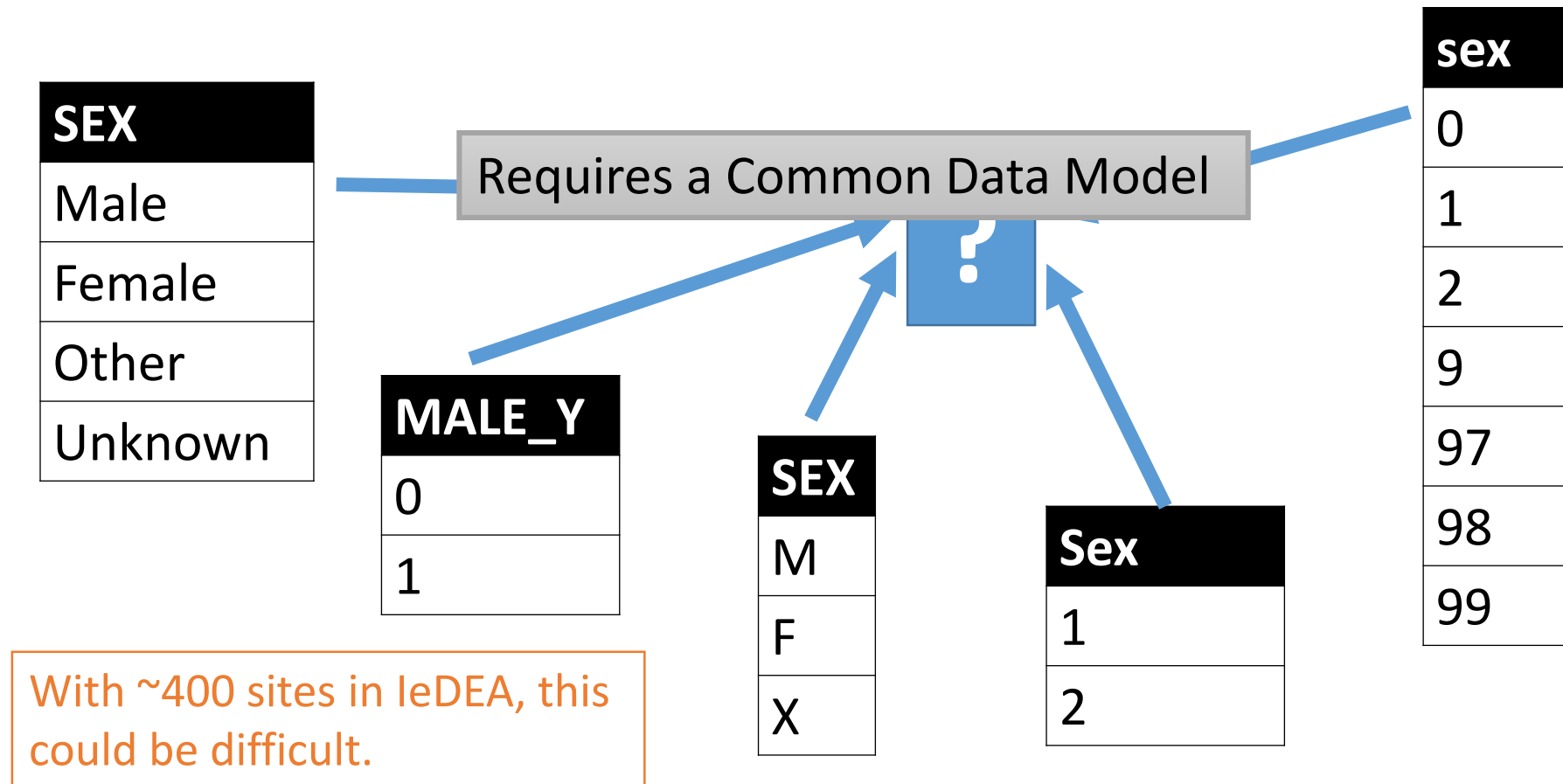


leDEA Data Harmonization Challenges

- Data from multiple regions must be merged
 - Need **common data model** that can **evolve**, is easy to share and access
- Meaningful research requires quality data
 - Need **data quality checking** algorithms
 - Need **report generation** to summarize dataset quality and characteristics
- Datasets must be transferred from regions to investigators
 - Need secure method for **submitting and receiving datasets**
- Regions must communicate to track requests, submit votes
 - Need **project management** hub
- Computing resources vary across regions and data managers are busy
 - *Need all software tools to require **minimal user resources and maintenance***

Common Data Model

What happens when everyone has a different data format or coding? (ex: sex at birth)



leDEA Data Exchange Standard (DES)

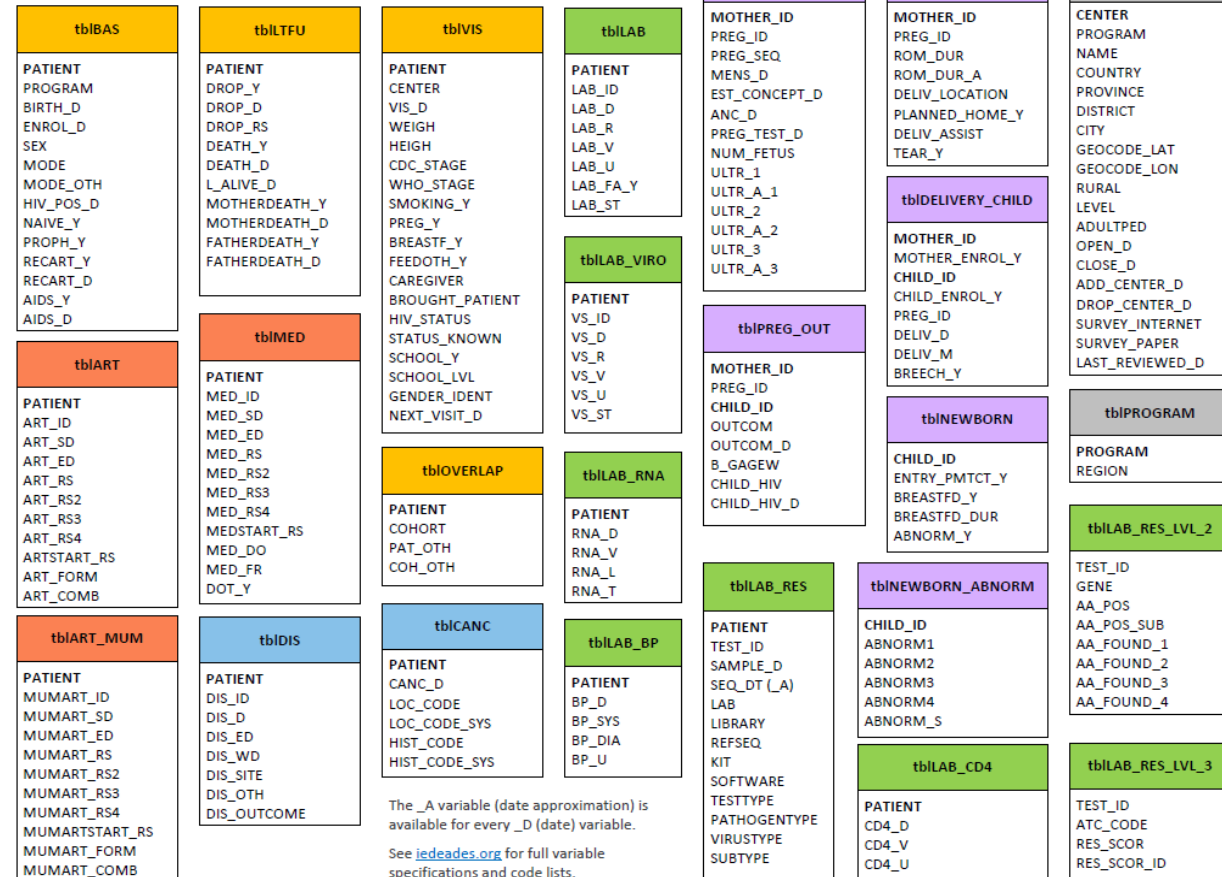
The leDEA DES defines the **variable names, variable definitions, and code lists** for data sharing for global leDEA projects.

tbICENTER

Relation to HICDEP: NON-HICDEP

Field	Format	Description
CENTER	character	Code for Clinic/Centre/Hospital where patient is seen. Needs to be unique within each region.
PROGRAM	character	Program with which the center is associated
NAME	character	Proper name to identify center
COUNTRY	character	3-letter ISO code
PROVINCE	character	(Optional) Proper name to identify province
DISTRICT	character	(Optional) Proper name to identify district
CITY	character	(Optional) Proper name to identify city
GEOCODE_LAT	Numeric	Latitude
GEOCODE_LON	Numeric	Longitude
RURAL	numeric: 1 = Urban 2 = Mostly urban 3 = Mostly rural 4 = Rural 9 = Unknown	Code for the site situation (facility location)
LEVEL	numeric 1 = Health centre 2 = District hospital 3 = Regional, provincial or university hospital 9 = Unknown	Code for level of care
ADULTPED	character: "PED," "ADULT", or "BOTH"	Population the center serves
OPEN_D	yyyy-mm-dd	(Optional) Date of opening of dataset: earliest date for which data were included from this site
CLOSE_D	yyyy-mm-dd	Date of closing of dataset
ADD_CENTER	yyyy-mm-dd	Inclusion date: date that the site was added to the cohort
DROP_CENTER	yyyy-mm-dd	(Optional) Exclusion date: date that the site was removed from the cohort

leDEA DES Quick Reference Diagram v1.1.20191016



The _A variable (date approximation) is available for every _D (date) variable. See ledeades.org for full variable specifications and code lists.

DES Growth Over Time

Change from 2015 to 2019

leDEA DES Version

DES Feature	2015	2017	2019
Data Tables	9	25	29
Variables	60	215	269

New variables are related to pregnancy, mental health, substance use, hospitalizations, diagnoses, etc.

We plan to work on additional variable types (e.g., TB, cervical cancer) in 2020.

Maintaining the leDEA DES

- Challenges with MS Word documents
 - Multiple versions, potentially conflicting edits
 - Hard to find latest version in files, email
 - Single copy is not group editable
 - **Not machine-readable**

Field	Format	Description
CENTER	character	Code for Center/County (optional where patient is seen. Needs to be unique within each region)
PROGRAM	character	Program with which this center is associated
STATE	character	Proper name to identify state
COUNTY	character	Proper name to identify county
PROVIDER	character	(Optional) Proper name to identify provider
DISTRICT	character	(Optional) Proper name to identify district
CITY	character	(Optional) Proper name to identify city
GEOCODE_LIN	numeric	Latitude
GEOCODE_ADR	numeric	Longitude
RURAL	numeric	Code for the site location (city/town location) 1 = Urban 2 = Mostly urban 3 = Mostly rural 4 = Rural 5 = Suburban
LEVEL	numeric	Code for level of care 1 = Health center 2 = Regional hospital 3 = Regional, generalist or university hospital 4 = Unknown
ADULTED	character "Y" = "adult", "N" = "not adult"	Population the center serves
OVER_18	YYYY-mm-dd	(Optional) Date of opening of dataset; neither date for which data were collected from this site
PUPP	YYYY-mm-dd	Date of opening of dataset
DRUG_CENTER	YYYY-mm-dd	Indicates when drug data were added to the dataset
DRUG_CENTER	YYYY-mm-dd	(Optional) Business date; date that the site was dropped from the dataset


- Needed a machine-readable solution that was easy to edit and didn't require technical training.
- **Solution:** Use REDCap to create human-readable forms that produce machine-readable structures




Representing the leDEA DES in REDCap

To represent the DES in REDCap, we designed
three data entry forms:

1. Information about Tables (e.g, demographics, visits, labs, meds)
2. Information about Variables
3. Information about Code Lists

Actions:  Modify instrument  Download PDF of instrument(s) **Table Metadata**

 Editing existing Record ID **3** tblBAS

Record ID 3
To rename the record, see the record action drop-down at top of the [Record Home Page](#).

Table Definition

Table name

Table type

- One row per patient
- Multiple rows per patient
- N/A (e.g., tblCENTER)

[reset](#)

Table definition
(brief text)

Display Settings

Display this table in human-readable documents and forms?

- Yes
- No

[reset](#)

Table display name
(optional, if different title is needed for human-readable documents)

Display order for this table
(e.g., use 1.5 to place a table between tables 1 and 2)

Text (HTML-formatted) to display before the table definiton

Every Patient ID must have one and only one entry in tblBAS.

Text (HTML-formatted) to display before the table definition

Every Patient ID must have one and only one entry in tblBAS.

Variable Metadata

Current instance: 8 - MODE

Example: Variables

Editing existing Record ID 3 (Instance 8) tIBAS

Record ID	3
Variable Definition	
Variable name	<input type="text" value="MODE"/>
Variable format	<input type="text" value="Numeric"/>
Variable description	<input type="text" value="Code for mode of infection"/>
Display order for this variable (numbering is within table)	<input type="text" value="8"/> <small>(e.g., use 1.5 to place a variable between variables 1 and 2)</small>
TABLE PRIMARY KEY / COMPOSITE KEY (Is this variable the primary key for this table, or part of a composite key? A key variable is one that can uniquely identify each row in the table. A composite key combines two or more columns in the table to uniquely identify each row.)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
Variable Codes	
Is this a coded variable?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Select code list:	<input type="text" value="MODE code"/>

leDEA DES in REDCap: Machine-Readable Foundation for Harmonist Tools

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- **iedeades.org: “DES browser”**
 - Common data model
- **iedeadata.org: “Data Toolkit”**
 - Data quality checking
 - Report generation
 - Secure file transfer
- **iedeahub.org: “leDEA Hub”**
 - Data requests
 - Research project management

IeDEA Data Exchange Standard

This site provides an auto-generated, web-browsable version of the IeDEA Data Exchange Standard (IeDEA DES), a **common data model for sharing observational HIV data** developed by the [International epidemiology Databases to Evaluate AIDS \(IeDEA\)](#). More information on the data model is available on our [GitHub page](#).

IeDEA DES Quick Reference Diagram ([↓ Download PDF](#), last updated 2020-01-03)

IeDEA Multiregional Data Transfer Protocol (Word Document) ([↓ Download](#), last updated 2017-02-17)






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Show Deprecated

Data Tables	
Table	Content
tbiART	Antiretroviral medication
tbiART_MUM	Antiretroviral Medication of mother in cases where mother is not enrolled in cohort
tbiBAS	*Required Basic information
tbiCANC	Diagnosis of cancer
tbiCENTER	Site-specific information
tbiDELIVERY_CHILD	Delivery information related to child
tbiDELIVERY_MUM	Delivery information related to mother

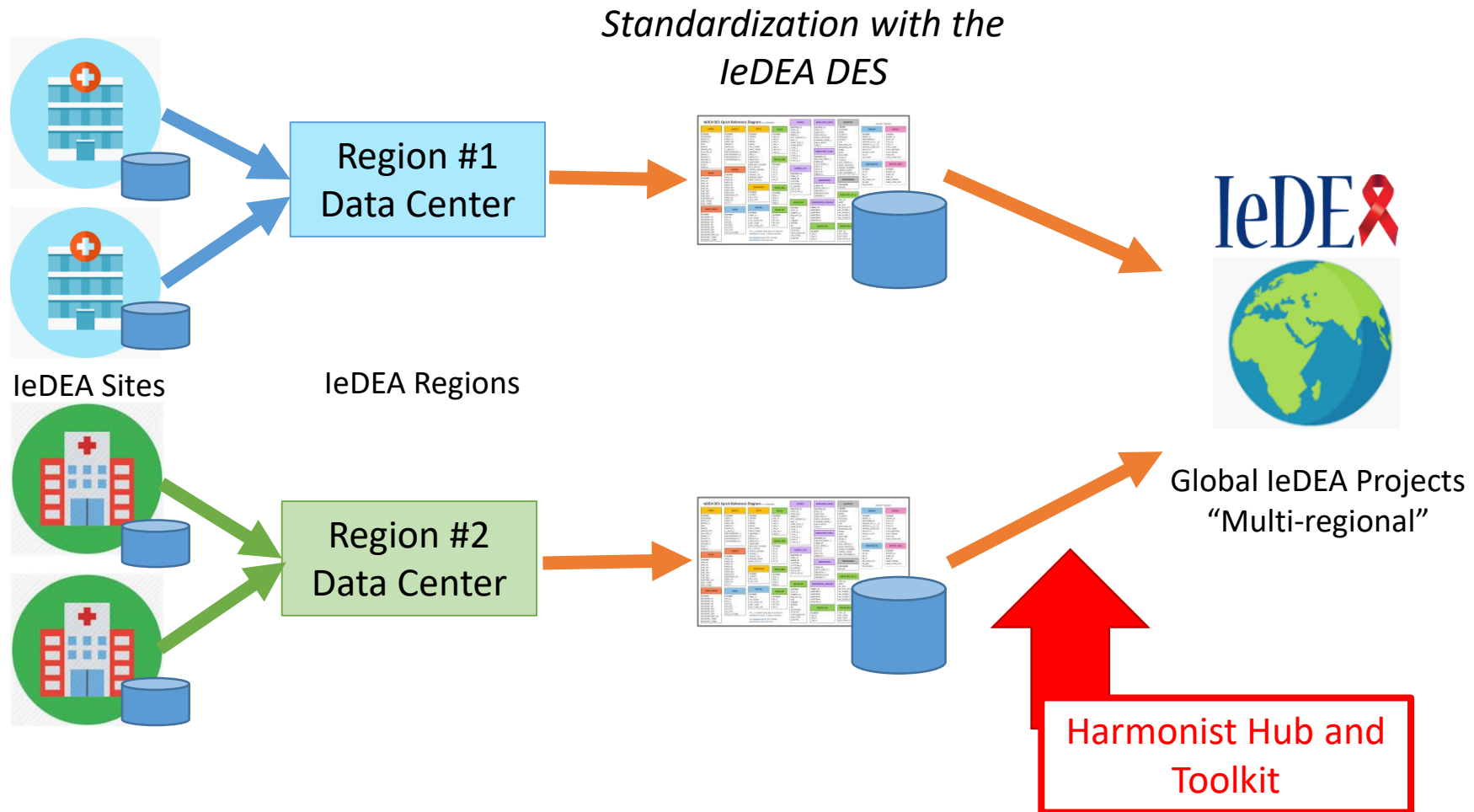
Data Toolkit

IeDEA Harmonist Data Toolkit

- Collaborative project with all seven **IeDE**  regions
- Web application
- Developed with open source tools (R, Shiny, REDCap)
- Designed to evolve with data exchange standard
- Features:
 -  Ensures datasets conform to common data model
 -  Performs data quality checks
 -  Generates reproducible reports
 -  Submits approved datasets to secure cloud storage

Workflow/Hub

Flow of leDEA Data for Global Projects



Workflow Begins in leDEA Hub

The screenshot displays the leDEA Hub interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Requests' (with a notification badge '2'), 'Concepts', 'Publications', and 'Data'. The user profile 'Judy Lewis' is visible in the top right.

The main content area is titled 'Data' and contains a descriptive paragraph: 'The leDEA Hub provides a set of tools that allow you to **request, submit, and retrieve** leDEA data. The purpose of these tools is to make it easier to use the leDEA Data Exchange Standard (DES) and share standardized and quality-checked data in a secure way.'

Below the text are four action cards:

- Explore** the different types of leDEA data (Coming Soon)
- Request** leDEA data for your approved concept (Request Data)
- Check and submit** data for an active data call (Submit Data) - **Arrow 1** points here.
- Retrieve** data uploaded for your project (Retrieve Data)

The 'Check and Submit Data' section is expanded, showing instructions for data submission:

- leDEA data is submitted securely through the **Harmonist Data Toolkit**. The toolkit will:
 1. Scan your uploaded files to run data format and quality checks,
 2. Auto-generate dataset reports for you to download, and
 3. Allow data upload to the **secure Harmonist cloud** (for data transfer only).
- Data files should be formatted according to the [leDEA Data Exchange Standard \(leDEA DES\)](#).
- The following leDEA Concepts have active Data Requests. Please review the request details or select the request for which you wish to upload data.

Links for 'View Upload History' and 'View Past Data Calls' are provided.

The 'Active Data Calls' table is shown below:

Due Date	Concept	Data Contact	Downloaders Assigned	Data Request	PDF	TT	Actions
2019-03-12 -3 days	MR116	Judy Lewis (TT)	2	2. Data Toolkit Practice Request A		8	Upload Data

Arrow 2 points to the 'Upload Data' button in the 'Actions' column of the table.

1. Upload Files to leDEA Toolkit

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STEP 1 Upload files

Choose the files containing your leDEA tables to check for data quality. After files are uploaded, review the table summarizing uploaded files and variables.

MR116 Active Data Request

Title	Harmonist Data Toolkit Development: Request for leDEA DES Datasets from All Regions
Hub Pages	MR116 on Hub  , Data Specification  PDF 
Requested Tables	tblBAS tblILTFU tblIVIS tblILAB_CD4 tblILAB_RNA tblICENTER tblIPROGRAM
Requested Data Format	SAS
Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy Lewis (TT) , Vanderbilt University Stephany Duda (CN) , Vanderbilt University Judy Lewis (TT) (<i>Data contact</i>), Vanderbilt University
Data Downloaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephany Duda (CN) , Vanderbilt University Judy Lewis (TT) , Vanderbilt University

Select Data Files

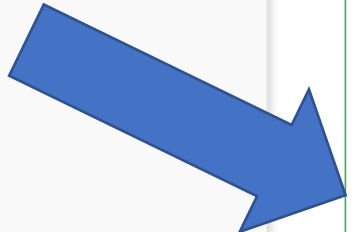
Upload data in the [leDEA Data Exchange Standard \(leDEA DES\)](#) format. tblBAS is required.

Allowed file formats include **CSV, SAS, Stata, SPSS, or a ZIP containing multiple files** of this type.

Select a single ZIP file or multiple files with Ctrl+Click

Data files

No file selected



Use Sample Dataset

Launch the Toolkit with a sample dataset (fake data) for practice, testing, and demonstrations.

The sample dataset contains 48 intentionally error-filled records representing the following leDEA DES tables: tblBAS tblILTFU tblIVIS

tblIART tblILAB tblILAB_BP



Data Quality Checks

The toolkit is checking your dataset.

- ✓ Files read and formatted
- ✓ Checking numeric values
- ✓ Checking date logic and date format
- ✓ Checking for missing values
- ✓ Checking coded variables
- ✓ Checking lab values
- ✓ Checking tables for Patient IDs that don't exist in tbIBAS
- ✓ Comparing all dates to BIRTH_D, DEATH_D, DROP_D, and L_ALIVE_D
- ✓ Checking for duplicate records in tables
- ✓ Checking for correct sequence for start dates and end dates
- ✓ Checking for possible typos in HEIGHT: height values that decrease
- ✓ Checking for conflicting WHO_STAGE on the same date
- ⚠ Checking for conflicting CDC_STAGE on the same date (*Quality check # 12 of 16*)

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STEP 2 Check data

View interactive summary of errors and download detailed results of data quality checks to review offline.

Error Summary by Table

Download error detail CSV

tbIBAS 10

tbILTFU 14

tbIVIS 2

tbILAB_CD4 1

tbILAB_RNA 7

tbIART 85

tbIDIS ✓

tbICENTER ✓

Invalid Codes 28

Show 10 entries

Search:

Error description	Severity	Count	
Future date: ENROL_D	Error	1	View Detail
Invalid Code: MODE	Error	1	View Detail
Invalid Code: RECART_D_A	Error	2	View Detail
Invalid Code: HAART_D_A	Error	2	View Detail
BIRTH_D before 1920	Warn	3	View Detail
Date before 1980: AIDS_D	Warn	1	View Detail

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries

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Continue to Summary

 Error checks completedYour dataset contains **114 total errors in 12 error categories** including **28 invalid codes**If you have already reviewed the content of the dataset, proceed to the next step to **generate a summary of the data.**

Continue to Step 3

Restart session

Start over and upload a **revised or different dataset.**

Upload new dataset



4. Reproducible Reports

STEP 3 Create summary

Generate and download customized reports summarizing uploaded dataset.

Customize Summary Report

File format for report

PDF

Data subgroup(s) for report

All

(Optional) Short title for report heading

Select report content

- Summary statistics of tables
- Summary of data quality checks
- Histograms of dates

Date Histogram Options

Choose years to include in histograms

Years: 2000 - present

Generate summary PDF report

IeDE Harmonist Data Toolkit Report

Dataset submitted from IeDEA Region: Harmonist Test

Report date: 2019-03-07

Dataset Summary

Total number of patients in dataset: 28089

Table 1: Table Summary

Table	Records	Patients	Age at Enrollment					Adults 25+
			0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	
tblBAS	28089	28089	0	0	0	971	3342	23776
tblLTFU	28089	28089	0	0	0	971	3342	23776
tblVIS	1084237	26820	0	0	0	963	3270	22587
tblLAB_CD4	298041	27304	0	0	0	945	3273	23086
tblLAB_RNA	159234	15524	0	0	0	471	2010	13043
tblART	140435	25840	0	0	0	889	2971	21980
tblDIS	3750	3215	0	0	0	100	345	2770

Table 2: SITE in Dataset

SITE	Patients	tblLTFU	tblVIS	tblLAB_CD4	tblLAB_RNA	tblART	tblDIS
Hogwarts	594	594	537	557	461	536	36
Hufflepuff	11763	11763	11744	11447	239	11530	1933
Muggleton	5248	5248	5240	5145	4898	4397	650
Potterburg	3208	3208	3208	3168	3116	2723	69
Ravenclaw	1079	1079	0	983	983	904	0
Slytherin	458	458	413	429	308	426	38
Snapetown	4099	4099	4099	3971	3912	3800	345
Wizardville	1640	1640	1579	1604	1607	1524	144

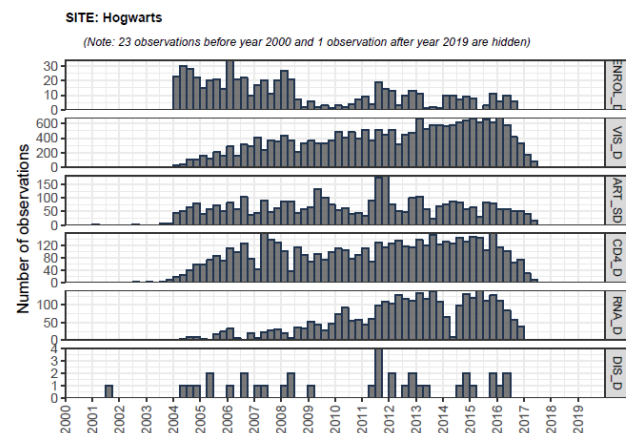
Table 5: Number of observations per year

Variable	< 2011	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Enrolled	14728	2517	2527	2859	2391	1439	1332	295	0	0	28088
Visits	411772	115301	117341	124501	118630	120098	71094	5500	0	0	1084237
Deaths	1064	249	232	234	170	216	141	10	0	0	2316
Transfers Out	193	19	19	48	94	145	139	14	0	0	671
Viral Load	59549	15201	15740	16776	16726	17731	15799	1708	0	0	159230
CD4	122521	30414	30781	30465	33865	26465	20152	3378	0	0	298041

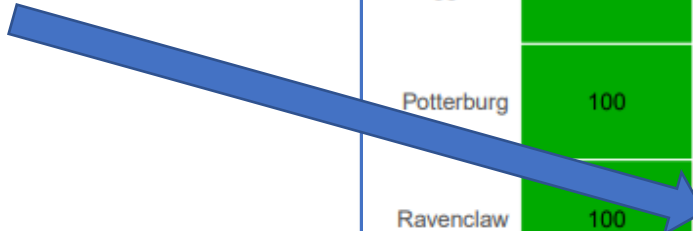
Table 4: Summary statistics from uploaded tables

Value	Count	Percent
Sex		
Male	17453	62.1
Female	10636	37.9
Missing	0	0.0
Deceased		
No	25773	91.8
Yes	2316	8.2
Missing	0	0.0
Treatment Naive at Enrollment		
No	2940	10.5
Yes	25149	89.5
Missing	0	0.0
Receive Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)		
Yes	25840	92.0
Missing	2249	8.0

Histograms of important dates by SITE



Details by Site:
Spot gaps in data
reporting



Data Quality Summary

Table 6: Summary of Errors		
Description	Variable	Count
tblBAS		
Invalid PROGRAM	PROGRAM	79527
Invalid Code	BIRTH_D_A	4989
Missing Required Variable	ENROL_D	62
RECART_D before BIRTH_D	RECART_D	30
Missing Required Variable	BIRTH_D	26
tblLTFU		
Reason provided but date missing	DROP_RS	363
Y/N data in conflict with date	DROP_Y	6
tblLAB_CD4		
Value Above Expected Range	CD4_V	160
CD4_D before BIRTH_D	CD4_D	41
Invalid PATIENT ID	PATIENT	2
tblART		
Invalid Code	ART_ID	686894

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Visualize data

After selecting the desired table and variable(s) to include in your graph, click Generate graph

Select a table to investigate
interactively

tbIDIS

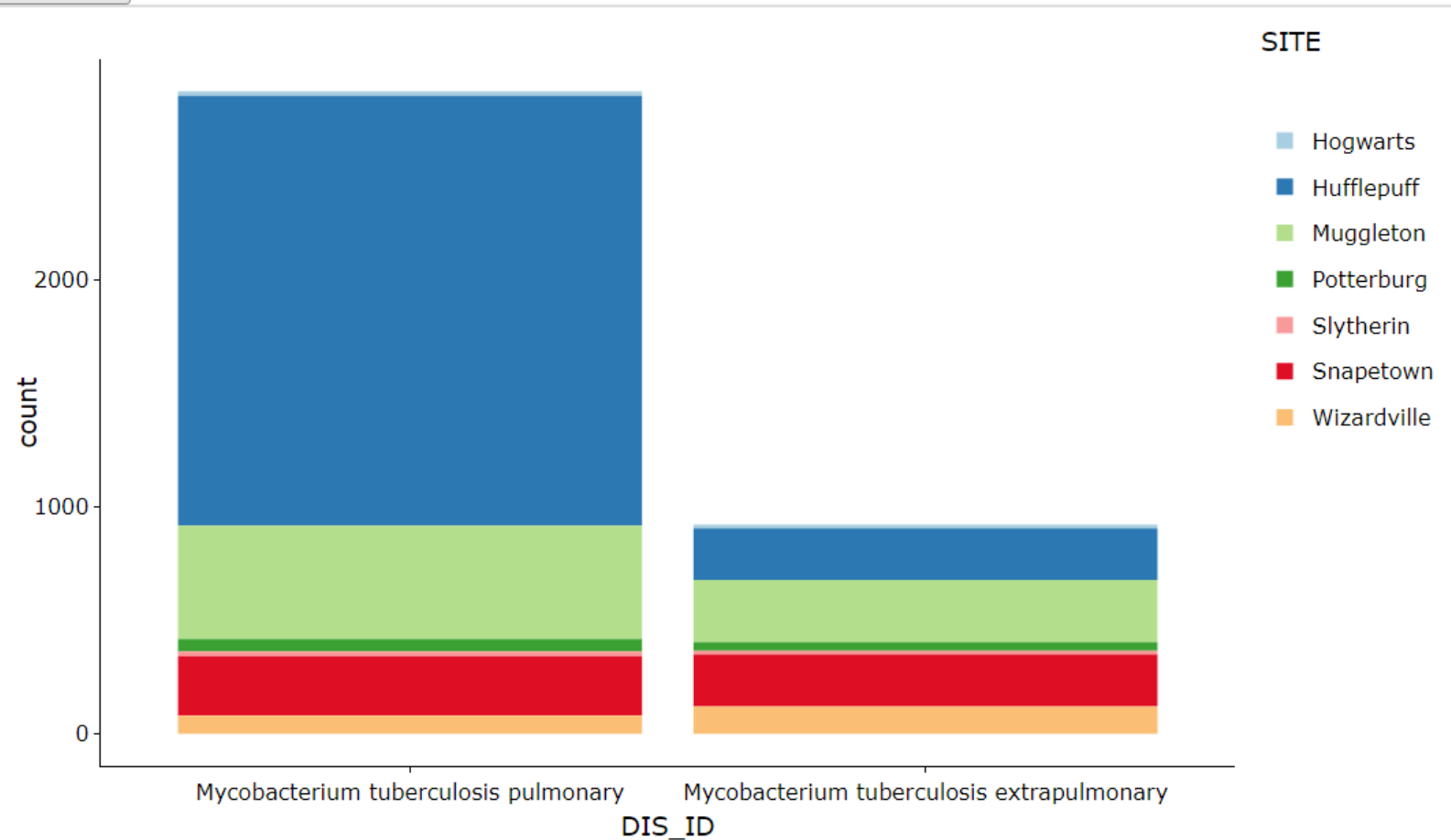
Select a variable to plot


DIS_ID

Select a categorical variable to group
data by

SITE

Generate graph





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STEP 4 Submit data

Submit dataset for selected concept.

Transfer Data for leDEA Concept

Ready to transfer data

Dataset summary:

- 28089 unique patient records included.
- 8 leDEA DES tables included.
- **Missing 4 variables requested by MR116 across 2 tables.**
- **114 potential data quality issues** detected.

After transfer:

- Uploaded data will be **stored for 30 days.**
- Data will be automatically deleted after 30 days. You can manually delete your uploaded datasets via the leDEA Hub.
- Approved data downloaders will be able to retrieve your data through the Hub. (Downloaders: Stephany Duda, Judy Lewis)

Message to accompany your file upload (visible to Data Downloaders on the Hub):

Click below to submit your data to secure cloud storage to be retrieved by Judy Lewis

Submit Data

Sometimes Datasets Include Critical Errors...

STEP 2 Check data

MR116 on Hub [↗](#)

View interactive summary of errors and download detailed results of data quality checks to review offline.

Your dataset contains 39 critical errors in 6 categories. We highly recommend that you correct critical errors and upload the revised dataset in Step 2. Note that critical errors require correction or explanation for dataset submission.

Error Summary by Table

[Download error detail CSV](#)

tbIBAS **8** tbILTFU **0** **8** **tbIVIS** **2** **3** tbiART **46** **28** Invalid Codes **34**

Show entries

Search:

Error description	Severity	Count	
Invalid ID: PATIENT	Critical	2	View Detail
Missing Required Variable: PATIENT	Critical	1	View Detail
Missing Required Variable: CENTER	Error	1	View Detail
Value Above Expected Range: HEIGH	Warn	1	View Detail

Showing 1 to 4 of 4 entries

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Continue to Summary

⚠ Critical Error Warning

Your dataset contains **91 Errors** in **10 error categories** including **39 Critical errors** and **34 invalid codes**

If you have already reviewed the content of the dataset, proceed to the next step to **generate a summary of the data**.

[Continue to Step 3](#)

Restart session

We recommend that you review and correct the critical errors found in the dataset. To review the errors offline, download the [error detail CSV](#)

Start over and upload a **revised or different dataset**.

[Upload new dataset](#)

Researchers are strongly encouraged to revise data before submitting.

STEP 4 Submit data

Submit dataset for selected concept.

Transfer Data for leDEA Concept

⚠ Critical errors found in dataset. *We highly recommend that you correct the critical errors offline and upload the revised dataset. To review these errors, return to [Step 2](#). If you choose to proceed, any remaining critical errors require explanation below.*

Dataset Summary:

- 7 unique patient records included.
- 4 leDEA DES tables included.
- **Missing 31 variables** requested by MR116 across 7 tables.

Error Summary:

- **Critical** 39 critical errors detected. *Critical errors require explanation.*
- **Error** 52 additional errors detected.
- **Warn** 4 possible data quality issues detected.

After transfer:

- Uploaded data will be **stored for 30 days**.
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Submit Data with Critical Errors

Please correct critical errors before submitting your dataset. Remaining critical errors must be explained below.

Using the space below, please justify the inclusion of records found containing critical errors.

1. Duplicate Record PATIENT in tbILTFU (1)

2. Invalid ID PATIENT in tbILTFU (6)

3. Missing Required Variable PATIENT in tbILTFU (1)

Message to accompany your file upload (visible to Data Downloaders on the Hub):

(Optional) Does this complete the MR116 data submission from your region?

This will set your region's data submission status on the Hub. You can change it manually on the Hub (Submit Data page).

- Yes, this completes the data submission from my region
- No, this is a partial data submission
- Do not set data submission status at this time

Click below to submit your data to secure cloud storage.

Submit Data

Review and Correct Errors

Please review your critical errors (Step 2) and upload a revised dataset (Step 1).

[Download error detail CSV](#)

Return to Step 2

Submissions with Critical Errors require explanations.

7. Recipient Downloads Data

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Download security:
Login with multifactor authentication

Retrieve Data

All leDEA data requests that you have access to are displayed here. Uncollapse the menus to see individual file downloads and details. Downloads expire after 30 days. If you expect to have access to datasets that are not listed here, you may not be listed as a permitted Data Downloader on that data request. Contact the project lead and the Harmonist team to request permission.

MR116 | Data Request #2 -10 days until due 2 ▾

Title: [Harmonist Data Toolkit Development: Request for leDEA DES Datasets from All Regions](#) | [Data Request #2](#)

Data Contact: Judy Lewis (judy.lewis@vumc.org)

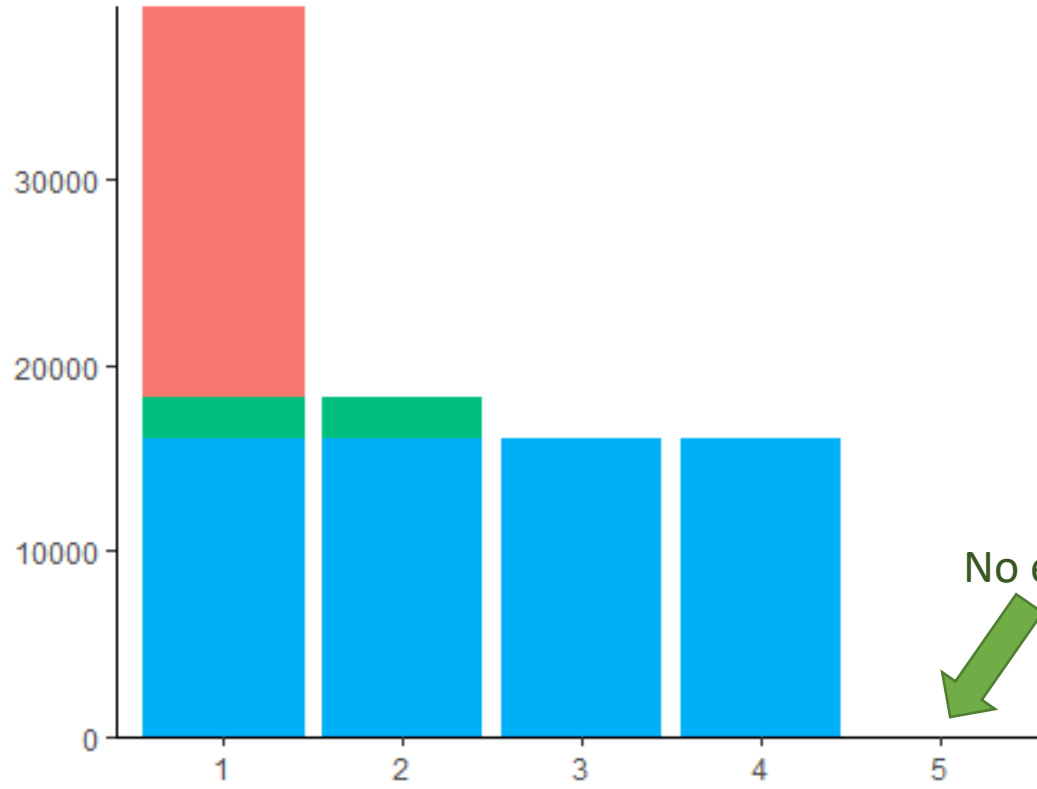
Data Due: 12 March 2019

Upload Date	Region	Submitted By	Filename	PDF	Expires On	Actions
+ 2019-03-20 15:06:42	TT	Judy Lewis	MR116_TT_Lewis_201903201506.zip		21 April 2019 +30 days	Download
+ 2019-03-18 12:01:32	CN	Hilary Vansell	MR116_CN_Vansell_201903181201.zip		21 April 2019 +30 days	Download

Toolkit Impact on Data Quality

- As of May 2020:
 - **>700 datasets** processed
 - 1,800 to 986,089 patients per dataset
 - Used for 7 official multiregional leDEA data calls
- Regional data managers **uploaded datasets and reviewed data quality results multiple times** before final submission
- Results suggest that data managers used Toolkit data quality reports to **improve datasets before submission**
- The number and types of **errors decreased** with each iteration of Toolkit use.

Number of Errors in Dataset



Example:
Region responding to MR140

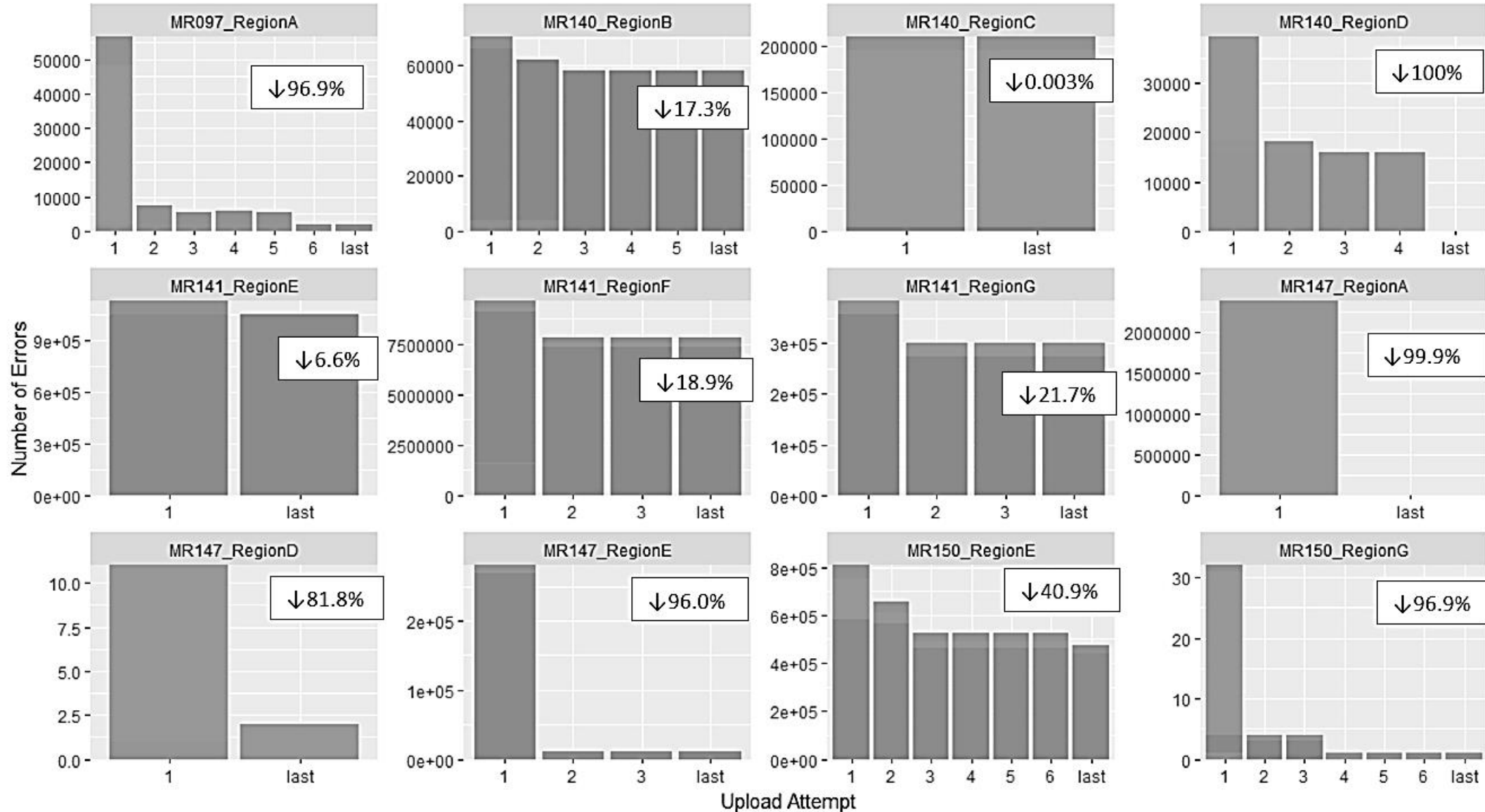
No errors in final submission
Iterations with Toolkit

- Variables with Errors
- PATIENT(VIS)
 - PATIENT(RNA)
 - PATIENT(RNA)
 - ART_RS
 - NAIVE_Y
 - PROPH_Y
 - CENTER
 - RNA_D
 - VIS_D
 - ART_RS
 - DROP_Y
 - ART_RS
 - DROP_Y
 - DROP_Y

- Duplicate Record
- Invalid Code
- Missing Required Variable
- Reason provided but date missing
- Y/N data in conflict with date

Toolkit Use Impact on Data Quality:

Median Percent Decrease in Number of Errors = 61.3%



Error types most often...

Corrected by final submission

- Invalid IDs (patient not in tblBAS)
- Invalid codes (tblLTFU)
- Duplicate records
- Out-of-range values

Remaining in final submission

- Invalid codes (ART, labs)
- Date logic errors

Why This Matters

- **High quality data** is essential to meaningful research.
- Tools like this can help:
 - Improve **adherence** to data model and standards
 - **Reduce time** for data preparation and checking
 - Highlight data **completeness** and **coding** problems
 - Increase **security** and **uniform workflow** for data exchange
- Generalized design using REDCap allows software to be adapted to other domains.

Lessons Learned



- **Close collaboration** with stakeholders and users is key
 - Monthly Data Harmonization Working Group Calls
 - Structured testing and training exercises with users
 - International meetings to collaborate in person on design
- Defining details in REDCap and using the REDCap API make it possible to design tools that **adapt with the changing data model**
- Web-based tools are **easy to use** and require no user maintenance or equipment

Future Development



- Expand data quality checks, report content
- Enhance code portability
- Dataset quality metrics
- New application domains



Code available github.com/leDEA/Harmonist

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