

The WHODrug Newsletter still provided every three months

With WHODrug Global, the new standardised dictionary now available to all WHODrug users, the number of releases has been streamlined from four to two – March and September. Nevertheless, we would still like to keep you updated with WHODrug-related news on a quarterly basis. So, even in the future you can look forward to receiving WHODrug Newsletters in March, June, September and December.

Improvements in WHODrug CAT and Insight

WHODrug CAT now features the functionality to assess the impact of transitions from WHODrug Enhanced to WHODrug Global. WHODrug CAT also has a new and modern interface, enabling quick and easy navigation within the application.

In WHODrug Insight, it is now possible to view the full ATC hierarchy (all levels) for WHODrug records. Another new feature enables users to view UNII names connected to corresponding UNII codes for WHODrug records.

WHODrug B2 to B3 format upversioning support

The new and improved WHODrug B3/C3 formats have now been available to all WHODrug users for more than a year. After the end of the transition period (i.e. from March, 2019), the new formats will completely replace the old B2/C formats.

For organisations transitioning from the B2 to the B3 format, UMC recommends the use of WHODrug Change Analysis Tool (CAT), featuring complete upversioning support functionalities. For example, a text file containing all Drug Code modifications between selected versions of the WHODrug B2 and B3 formats can be generated.

Before the introduction of WHODrug CAT, UMC started to produce a text file, Cumulative Changes.txt, aiming to assist users to upversion. Please note that Cumulative Changes.txt has not been designed to meet the specific requirements of WHODrug B2 to B3 format transitions and should not be used in such instances. Instead, UMC strongly recommends the use of WHODrug CAT.

WHODrug product files updates

From the September 2018 release of WHODrug and onwards, UMC has decided to discontinue the WHODrug Standardised Drug Groupings (SDGs) Excel file as the SDGs nowadays can be easily accessed and extracted from WHODrug Insight.

At the same time, UMC will also discontinue two additional feature product files: ThG Extensive.txt and Umbrella Records.xlsx. A complete list of all Umbrella Records can, just as the SDGs, be retrieved from WHODrug Insight

Draft PhUSE white paper on pooling WHODrug B3 format available

PhUSE is an independent, not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers aiming to address computational science needs in support of health product development and regulatory review. A PhUSE working group consisting of members from across the industry has now released a draft white paper on pooling of WHODrug B3 format data. The white paper was on public review until May 31 and the final paper is targeted for June, 2018. UMC supports the initiative and encourages users to read more about the project and download the draft version [here](#).

Forthcoming WHODrug User Group Meetings

Join us for any of our 2018 WHODrug User Group Meetings to learn more about WHODrug, participate in interactive workshops and network with colleagues in the industry. Below is a list of forthcoming meetings:

- Boston, MA, USA, June 29, 2018 – featuring presentations from the U.S. FDA (last day to register: June 8)
- Beijing, China, September 10, 2018
- South San Francisco, CA, USA, September 27, 2018
- Tokyo, Japan, November/December, 2018

Registration is free of charge if you are working for an organisation with a valid WHODrug license. For an updated list on forthcoming meetings and to register, please visit the [UMC website](#).

Forthcoming WHODrug Monthly Webinar

Join the webinar Tuesday, June 19 to learn about the WHODrug SDGs and how they can be used. You are also encouraged to forward the invitation within your organisation, as the information provided might also be useful to team members not usually involved in WHODrug related activities, e.g. individuals working within the field of data science and clinical trial study protocol design. Sign up for the 9:00 AM CEST ([click here](#)) or 5:00 PM CEST ([click here](#)) webinar today!

Did you know?

Our [WHODrug B3/C3 implementation guide](#) is continuously being updated. The latest version (April, 2018) includes extended information on how both B3 and C3 format users can comply with regulatory expectations.



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