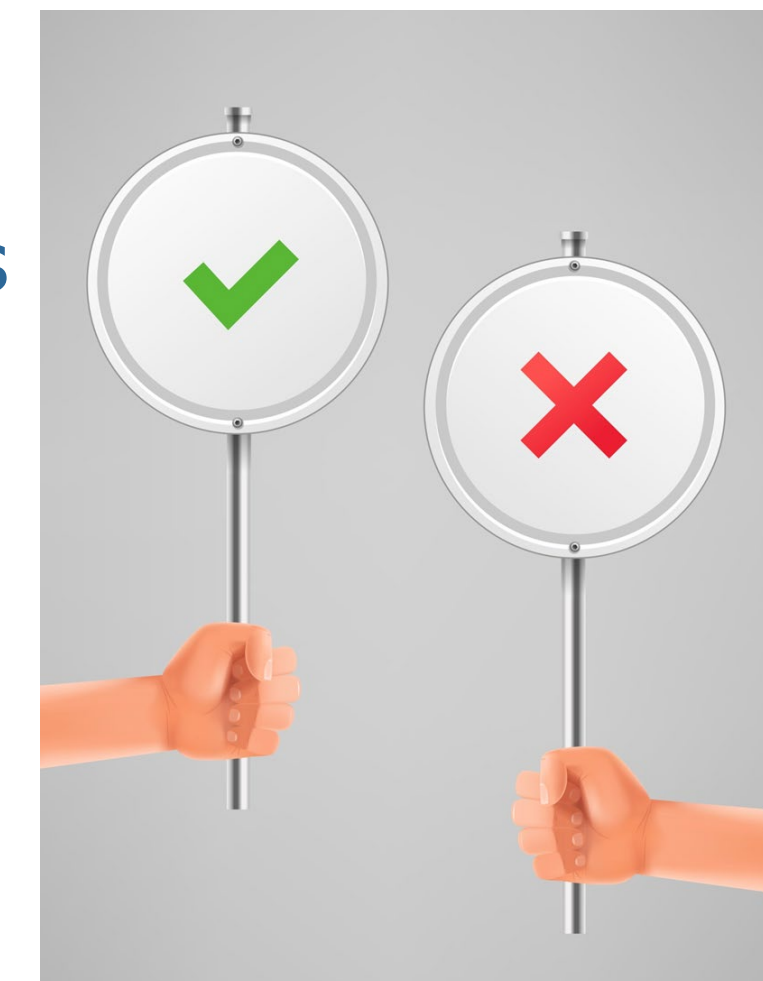


## Best practices for transitional trials and their management in CTIS

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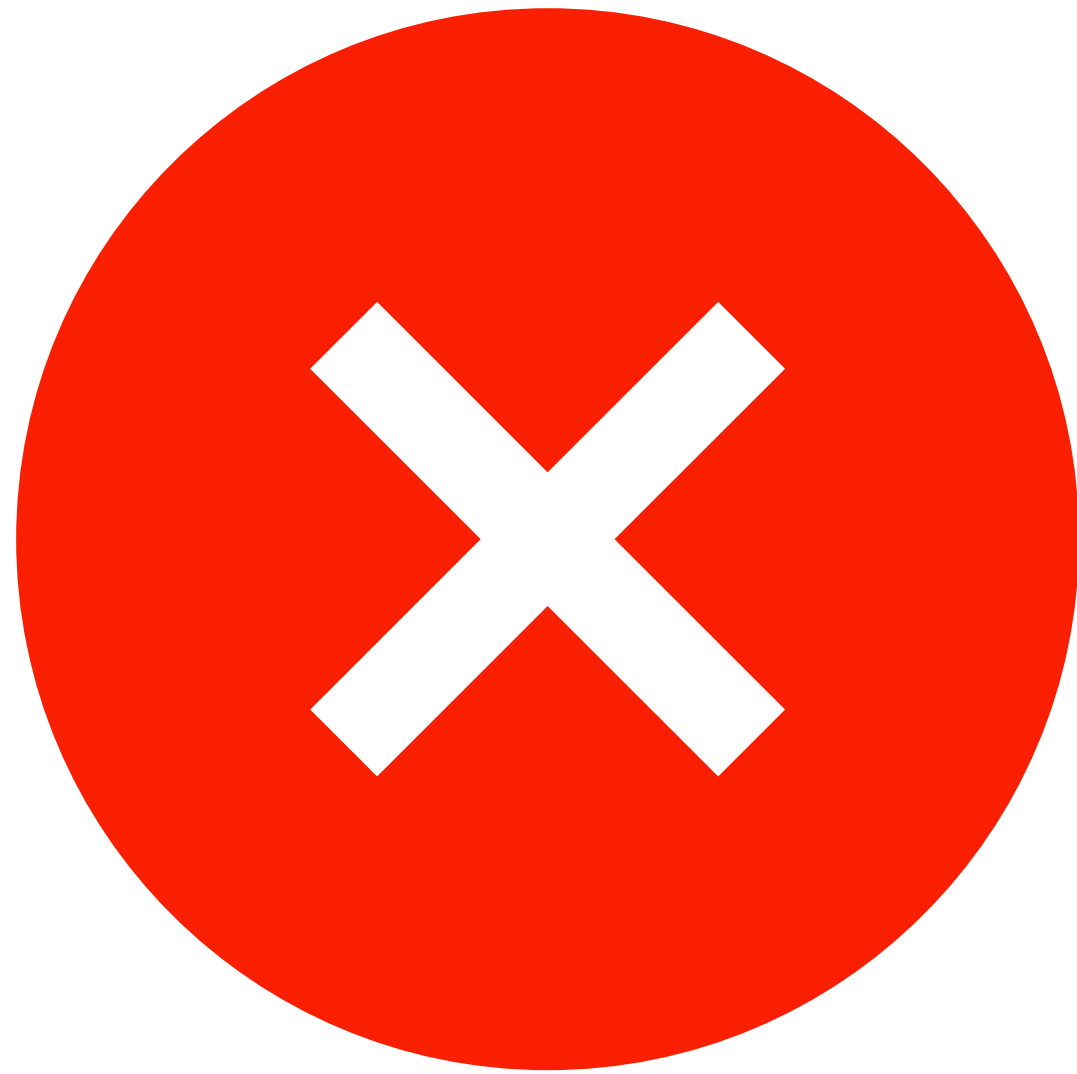




# DO!

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**START TO TRANSITION YOUR CLINICAL TRIAL NOW!**



# DON'T!

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**POSTPONE TRANSITION TO THE END OF  
TRANSITIONAL PERIOD**

**END (PREMATURE) THE TRIAL TO PREVENT  
TRANSITION**

# GUIDANCE and BEST PRACTICE GUIDE ON TRANSITION TRIALS

- Commission guidance on transition trials (Eudralex volume 10): [https://health.ec.europa.eu/document/download/10c83e6b-2587-420d-9204-d49c2f75f476\\_en?filename=transition\\_ct\\_dir-reg\\_guidance\\_en.pdf](https://health.ec.europa.eu/document/download/10c83e6b-2587-420d-9204-d49c2f75f476_en?filename=transition_ct_dir-reg_guidance_en.pdf)
- CTCG best practice transition multinational clinical trials and template cover letter at CTCG website, key document list, section transitional trials: <https://www.hma.eu/about-hma/working-groups/clinical-trials-coordination-group.html>

## Guidance for the Transition of clinical trials from the Clinical Trials Directive to the Clinical Trials Regulation

Vs 4.0 Mar 2024 adopted at CTCG plenary Mar 7 2024

### CTCG Best Practice Guide for sponsors of multinational clinical trials with different Part I document versions approved in different Member States under the Directive 2001/20/EC that will transition to the Regulation (EU) No. 536/2014

#### Version history and publication

- Vs. 1 adopted at the CTCG plenary June 27 2023
- Vs. 2 adopted at the CTCG plenary September 12 2023
- Vs. 3 adopted at the CTCG plenary November 13 2023
- Vs 4 adopted at the CTCG plenary March 7 2024

#### Description of changes in vs. 4 compared to earlier version

Sponsor should propose trial category but not apply for low-intervention clinical at time of transition from CTD to CTR. Details on CTIS submission for specific situations: i) sponsor is not product owner of an IMP, ii) recommendations for IMPs and AxMPs, iii) when, under CTD, a study was regarded as an interventional clinical trial in some Member States and as a non-interventional clinical study in other Member States. Archiving rules and end of trial for CTD trials when some but not all Member States included in transition.

#### Description of changes in vs. 3 compared to earlier version

Concept of consolidated protocols clarified highlighting sponsor's responsibility to decide on transition as a single clinical trial. **Example illustrating consolidated protocol version shown in figure. Clarification on background treatment - status of non-Investigational Medicinal Products under CTD regarded as IMP or AxMP under CTR.**

#### Description of changes in vs. 2 compared to earlier version

Consolidated Investigator's brochure (IB) and/or Investigational Medicinal Product Dossier (IMPD) not previously harmonised under CTD acceptable when submitting a transition application

If the first substantial modification application Part I after transitioning is a 'Multi-SM' submission, where the sponsor submits an IMP-related document in a single request for a substantial modification to several trials (CTR Annex II A.1, functionality restricted to IB, IMPD and GMP documents), the Application dossier should be updated to be in line with CTR in the following SM Part I application

#### Introduction

As provided for in Article 98 of Reg. 536/2014, clinical trials will be allowed to transition from the Directive 2001/20/EC (CTD) to the Regulation 536/2014 (CTR) before the end of the 3 years following the date when the CTR applies, in accordance with the [Guidance for the Transition of clinical trials from the Clinical Trials Directive to the Clinical Trials Regulation](#) (European Commission Guidance).

For multinational transition trial applications, CTCG has agreed on an *expedited, harmonised* Member State evaluation procedure open until 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 focussing on the validation of minimum application dossiers restricted to documents already authorised under the CTD. After this date, an expedited procedure might not be feasible depending on the workload. Unless an assessment RFI is

March 2024

Version 3

Agreement reached by the National Contact Points and the Q&A on the application of the CTR (version 6.4).

Annex Cover Letter Template vs. 4.0 adopted at CTCG plenary March 6 2024

CTCG Best Practice Guide for sponsors of multinational clinical trials under Directive 2001/20/EC that will transition to Regulation (EU) No 536/2014

### The following information should be provided in the cover letter of applications for transitioning a Clinical Trial authorised under the Directive 2001/20/EC (CTD) to the Clinical Trial Regulation (CTR)<sup>1</sup>

Description of changes in vs.3 compared to earlier version: Listing of authorised Auxiliary Medicinal Products used within marketing authorisation in the cover letter.  
Description of changes in vs.4 compared to earlier version: Adding guidance on IMPD-Q only submissions in the cover letter.

Each of the Part I documents Protocol, Investigator's brochure (IB) and/or Investigational Medicinal Product Dossier (IMPD) for transition is either fully harmonised or consolidated (describe/tick as appropriate for each document) across all Member States Concerned.

I hereby declare that the contents of the submitted version of the respective documents (protocol, IB, IMPD) in relation to the trial [insert EudraCT number] (version x, dated x) have been approved in the following Member States, and do not contain any substantial changes.

#### Harmonised Protocol (version x, date x)

Member State	Date of approval		
	National Competent Authority	Ethics Committee	Name of Ethics Committee

(add rows as appropriate)

#### Consolidated Protocol (version x, date x)

In case of a consolidated protocol, complete the table below describing Member State-specific aspects (e.g. restricted trial population, particular local requirements etc.) and where they are specified (i.e. annex number or protocol section number)

Member State	Version and Date of the protocol approved per Member State on which the consolidated protocol is based	Date of approval			National specific aspect	
		National Competent Authority	Ethics Committee	Name of Ethics Committee	Content	Page reference/location

(add rows if required). As applicable, similar tabular information with details on each document, Member State, approval dates and particular national aspects should be provided for the harmonised/consolidated IB and/or IMPD.

<sup>1</sup> The content of this document (with the table(s) completed) should be included in the cover letter of the clinical





# FIRST SM (part I and/or part II) after TRANSITION

**CTCG Best practice on first SM after transition (including templates cover letter and substantial modification description: See key documents list at CTCG website!!!**

<https://www.hma.eu/about-hma/working-groups/clinical-trials-coordination-group.html>

## Guide to sponsors on requirements for updating Part I documents in line with the Clinical Trials Regulation at the time of the first SM Part I after a minimum trial dossier was transitioned from the Clinical Trials Directive to the Clinical Trials Regulation

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Annex Cover Letter Template for Substantial modification vs. 1.0 adopted at CTCG plenary March 19 2024

Date

**Subject: Application CTIS trial number SM-number (Part I / Part II / Part I + II)**

Sponsor: Sponsor Name  
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 Application number: SM-x  
 Protocol Number: Protocol Number/Acronym  
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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the documents for the application concerning the trial referenced above for your review. All documents needed for your review have been uploaded to the CTIS portal.

Please refer to the **Modification Description** document for a detailed overview of all the changes made to the application dossier, including a list of documents. **Submit this document in the CTIS upload slot describing the substantial modification (see separate template).**

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Annex Substantial Modification description template vs. 1.0 adopted at CTCG plenary March 19 2024

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**\*\*\*\*\* END OF SECTION FOR FIRST SM AFTER TRANSITION \*\*\*\*\***

**Changes to structured data fields**

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MSCs	Subject number updated for MSC	Addition of study arm in MSC
Part I	Inclusion criterion #x added	Refer to updated protocol v3 8Jan2024
Part II Member State	Trial site X added	....
Part II Member State	PI change at site X	....

**Changes to Form document**

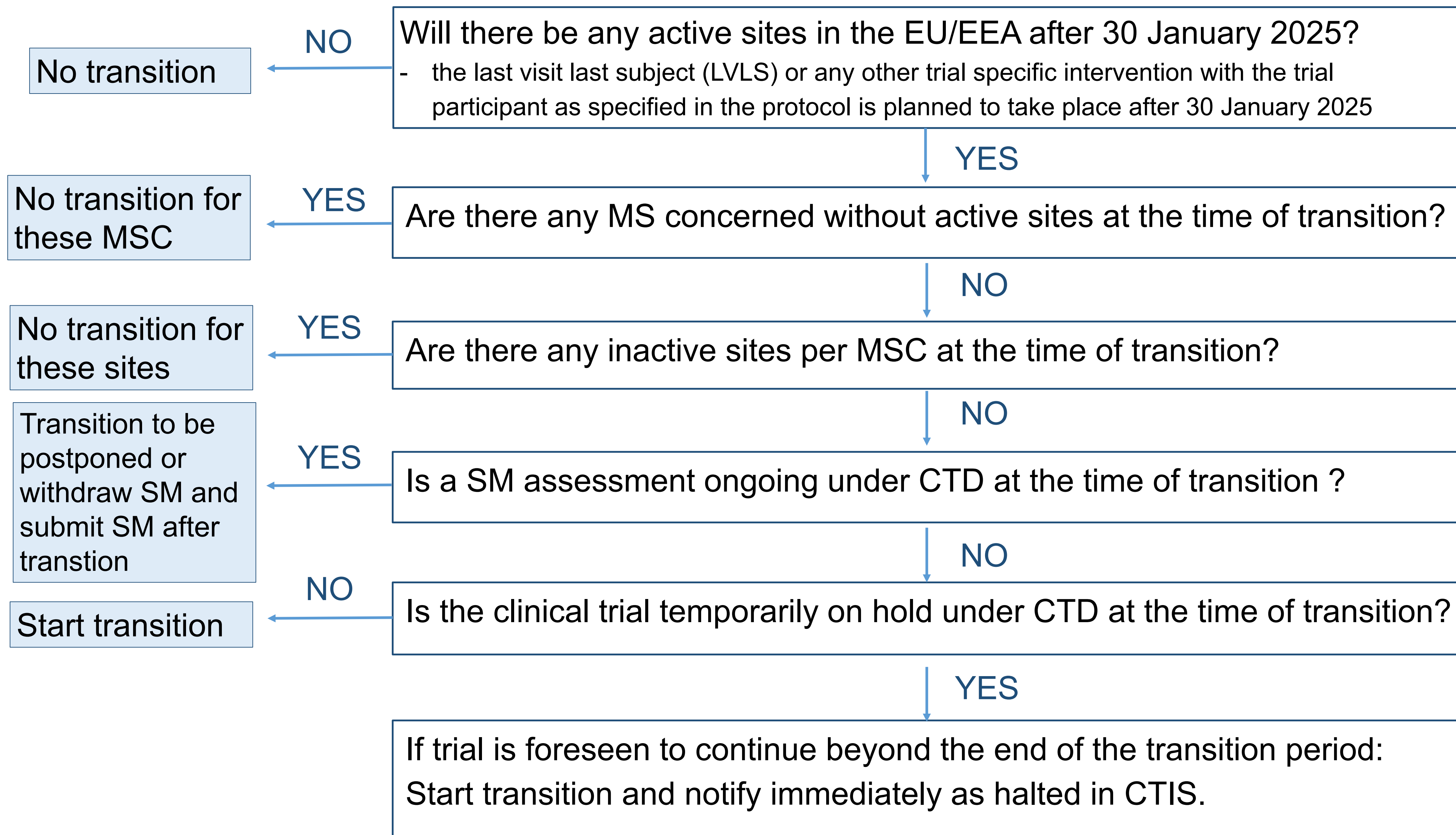
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## CRITERIA TRANSITION from CTD to CTR and CONCEPT of ACTIVE SITES

- Trials that can be transitioned: Only trials authorised under the CTD and likely to be ongoing beyond 30 January 2025 need to be transitioned if they meet these criteria:
  - are interventional clinical trials in humans;
  - involve **at least one active site** in the EU/EEA where the trial is still ongoing;
  - there are no substantial amendments ongoing in any Member State Concerned (MSC) under CTD.
- **Active site:** the concept active site implies that if the **last visit last subject (LVLS)** or any other **trial specific intervention with the subject** as specified in the protocol **took place before** this date, the trial does **not have to be transitioned**.
- **At the time of transition: all active sites have to be transitioned!**

# Decision tree administrative transition clinical trial



# EudraCT for clinical trials with no active sites and not transitioned

- If there are **no active sites in EU/EEA** but the EoT has not yet been notified, the trial should **not be transitioned**
- **EudraCT remains open** beyond the end of the transition period for sponsors:
  - to notify (global) end of the trial and submission of summary results of trials completed under the Directive.
  - to keep registering in EudraCT trials conducted exclusively outside of the EU/EEA that are part of a Paediatric Investigation Plan (PIP) and/or in scope of Article 46 of the Paediatric Regulation (EC) 1901/2006, until a relevant functionality is delivered in CTIS.



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**All trials which are ex continue after 30 Jan need to transition**

## Welcome to the EudraCT public home page

EudraCT (European Union Drug Regulating Authorities Clinical Trials Database) is the data submitted to the National Competent Authorities (NCAs) of the European Union (EU)/Eurc 2023 under [Directive 2001/20/EC](#), as well as for all trials conducted outside of the EEA th conducted under Article 45 or 46 of [Regulation \(EC\) No 1901/2006](#). Most of the protocol a through the [European Union Clinical Trials Register](#) (see [Frequently Asked Questions](#)).



# Documentation: minimum set of documents

Sponsor needs to submit an initial application relying on the existing CTD dossier, already assessed and authorised.

The following minimum set of data/documentation is required:

## Structured fields and forms

- ✓ All mandatory application structured data fields in CTIS need to be completed.
- ✓ Statement on GDPR compliance (*new, required for users CTIS*)
- ✓ Cover Letter. The cover letter should follow the format of the CTCG template cover letter for transition trials

## Part I

- ✓ Protocol (consolidated/harmonised)
- ✓ Investigator's Brochure (consolidated/harmonised) or SmPC for marketed product
- ✓ IMPD (consolidated/harmonised)
- ✓ GMP relevant documents
- ✓ Documents related to auxiliary medicinal products\* (non-IMPs under CTD)

## Part II

- ✓ Subject information sheet and informed consent form

• Auxiliary medicinal products in clinical trials, update 3 March 2024: [https://health.ec.europa.eu/document/download/47ad006a-6ad4-488d-bb51-ab91d11e2871\\_en?filename=2017\\_06\\_28\\_recommendation\\_on\\_axmps.pdf](https://health.ec.europa.eu/document/download/47ad006a-6ad4-488d-bb51-ab91d11e2871_en?filename=2017_06_28_recommendation_on_axmps.pdf)

# Documentation: minimum set of documents



- ✓ Only the **latest approved versions** should be included in the transition application
- ✓ The sponsor may choose to **include additional part I documents** (not listed in previous slide) as outlined in CTR annex I, provided that these have been **authorised under CTD**
- ✓ A **list of the minimum set of documents part II per MS** have been published in annex to the Commission guidance on transition trials (Eudralex volume 10): [https://health.ec.europa.eu/document/download/10c83e6b-2587-420d-9204-d49c2f75f476\\_en?filename=transition\\_ct\\_dir-reg\\_guidance\\_en.pdf](https://health.ec.europa.eu/document/download/10c83e6b-2587-420d-9204-d49c2f75f476_en?filename=transition_ct_dir-reg_guidance_en.pdf)
- ✓ All **other part I or II documents** (not listed), the sponsor **replace them with a document clarifying “Assessed by National Competent Authority (NCA) and/or ethics committee** who has given a positive opinion on the clinical trial under the CTD” and therefore **covered by the conclusion of the assessment under the CTD.**
- ✓ **Additional documents Part I documents approved in some, but not all MSCs** (e.g. the **DSMB Charter** for Part I or layperson **synopsis in national language**) can be included as well, provided that these have been **authorised under the CTD** and they are clearly **indicated in the cover letter** as applicable for those MSs only.

# Harmonised or consolidated protocol, IB, IMPD

- Transition of **multiple versions** of these part I documents within one clinical trial application under a single EU CT number is **NOT possible**
- Only **one single document** should be uploaded.
- A **harmonised protocol, IB and/or IMPD** means that the respective document(s) is **identical** and includes the same trial procedures/ information in all countries **approved across all EU Member States under the CTD.**



- A **consolidated protocol, IB and/or IMPD** means that there are **differences** in the respective document(s) in **different Member States**, but the document itself is identical, i.e. **Member State-specific differences are outlined within the document text or in an appendix** to the respective document.
- **Non-substantial modifications** (in line with annex IV of the Commission Q&A on Eudralex volume 10), can also be included in a **consolidated** document for transition.

# INITIAL TRANSITION CT APPLICATION

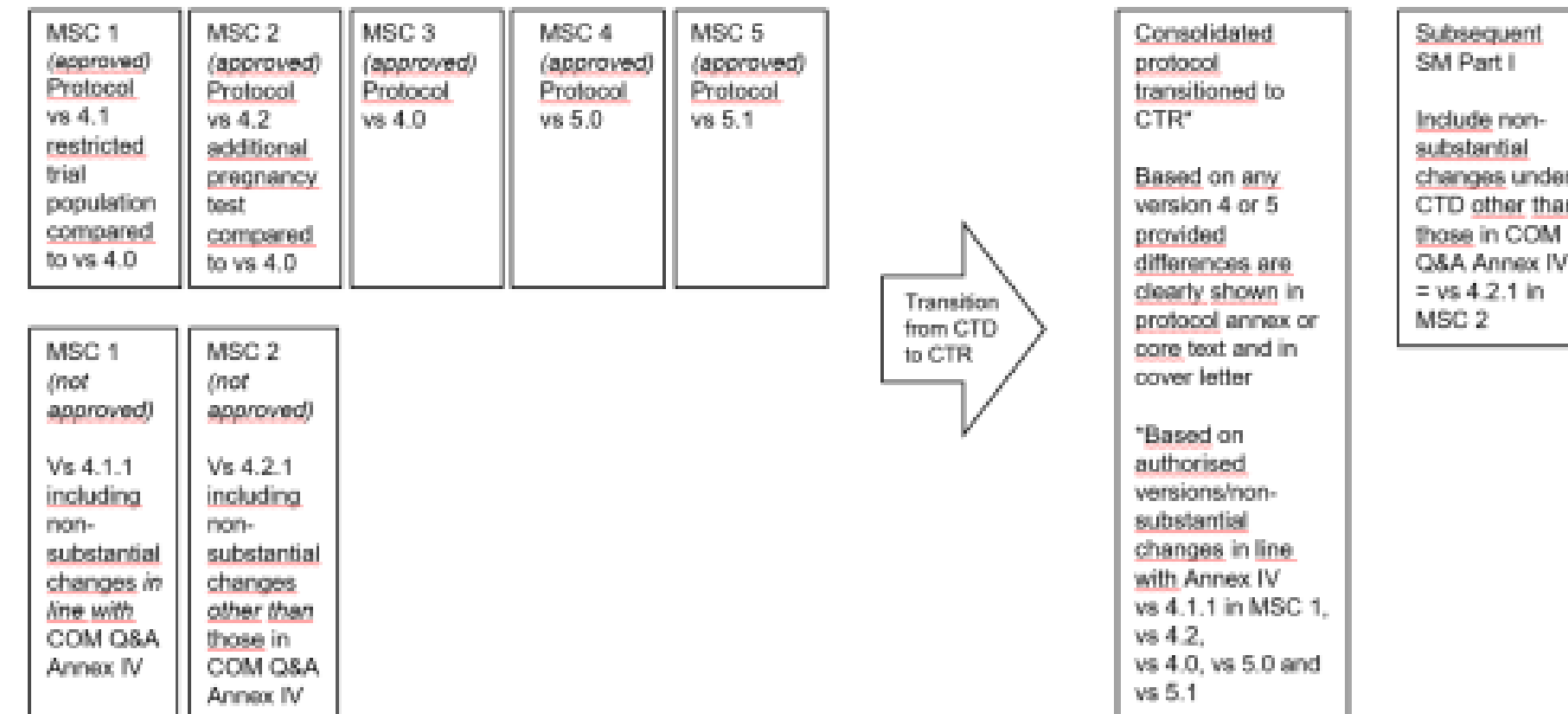


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## CONSOLIDATED PROTOCOL, IB or IMPD in case of DIFFERENT authorised versions in MULTINATIONAL clinical trials

### ANNEX

An example illustrating transition of a CTD trial to CTR with different protocol versions approved in the Member States Concerned – for some MSCs including additional non-substantial changes



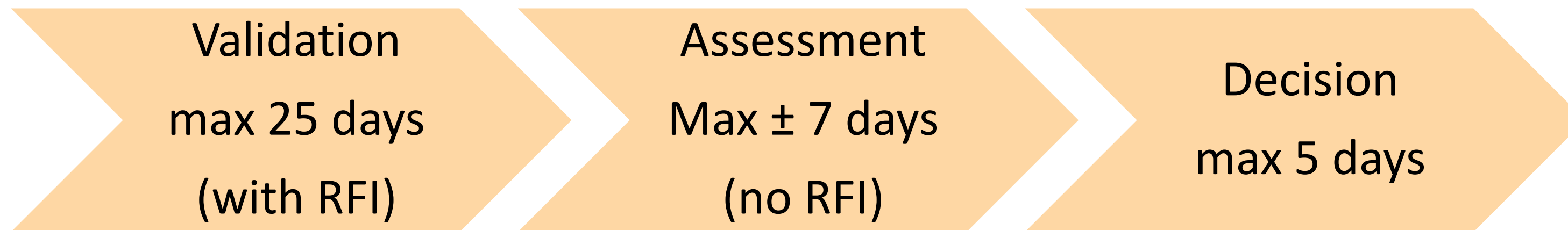


## Documentation/structured data: some specifications

- ✓ Category **low-intervention clinical trials** is **not applicable** for transition clinical trial at the time of transition.
- ✓ **Categorisation AxMP (non-IMP under CTD) vs IMP**, if not harmonised among MSC under CTD: **harmonisation at the time of transition** – administrative procedure, see page 5 in CTCG best practice for sponsors on transition (<https://www.hma.eu/about-hma/working-groups/clinical-trials-coordination-group.html>)
- ✓ The **approved IMPD** can be uploaded in the Clinical Trials Information System (CTIS) slot for IMPD-Q, providing a reference to this document or to the IB/SmPC in the CTIS slot for IMPD S&E.
- ✓ If **sponsor is not the product owner of the IMP** and no reference trial in CTIS: **no IMPD-Q submission in the initial transition step** but with next SM part I (link to IMPD-Q only submission or reference trial, if applicable)
- ✓ **Documentation labelled with EudraCT trial number** (=approved under CTD) is acceptable and does not have to be updated with EU CT number before transition (e.g. protocol, QP declaration or IMP labels)
- ✓ **No update of templates** needed
- ✓ **No need to retro-spectively create a site suitability form**
- ✓ **Mandatory use of CTCG template cover letter** (annex to CTCG best practice guidance for sponsors).

# EXPEDITED ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSITION OPEN UNTIL 16 OCTOBER 2024!

*After this date an expedited administrative transition might not be feasible anymore!!*



- Validation phase in line with article 5 CTR (no RFI max 10 days; with RFI max 25 days)
- Assessment phase max  $\pm 7$  days – no re-assessment of clinical trial
- If there are errors in trial category/deferrals as proposed by sponsor  $\rightarrow$  RFI  $\rightarrow$  timelines for assessment phase fall back on max timelines article 6 CTR (max 76 days)
- No tacit conclusion part II – assessment phase also max  $\pm 7$  days
- Decision phase in line with article 8 CTR (max 5 days)
- During transition, the clinical trial can continue under the CTD



Please keep an eye in CTIS in order for your application not to lapse!

## AFTER TRANSITION CT IS APPROVED



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**CONDUCT CT according to rules CTR**

**COMPLETE CT DOSSIER PART I with next  
SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION PART I**

**COMPLETE CT APPLICATION PART II with next  
SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION PART II**



# FIRST SM (part I and/or part II) after TRANSITION

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**Changes to Form document**

Section	Document name Version and date	Details
Substantial modification details	B1_Cover letter 2024-512345-99-00 SM-6 V1.0 22Jan2024	New
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# REQUIREMENTS FIRST SM PART I: THREE DIFFERENT STAGES OF CLINICAL TRIALS

	<b>A. Planned inclusion of additional Member State concerned (CTR Article 14)</b>	<b>B. Recruitment and/or treatment/IMP administration ongoing in at least one MSC</b>	<b>C. Declared closed treatment/IMP administration in all MSCs, i.e. remaining procedures restricted to trial-specific follow-up procedures</b>
Cover letter and description of changes	Mandatory templates	Mandatory templates	Mandatory templates
Protocol	Update protocol with EU CT number, sponsor statement CTR compliance, result reporting and, if applicable, DSMB and emergency situations (art 35). Other changes only if in conflict with CTR, e.g. text on notifications (art 52-54), archiving (art 58)	See column A	Update (see column A) only if SM concerns this document
Protocol synopsis	Update protocol synopsis in English or national language (if applicable) – <i>needed to provide later translations for the addMSC</i>	See column A	Update (see column A) only if SM concerns this document
Patient facing documents	Update patient facing document in English or national language (if applicable)	See column A	Update (see column A) only if SM concerns this document
IB, Scientific advice, PIP	Update IB, Scientific advice or PIP only if SM concerns this document	See column A	Update (see column A) only if SM concerns this document
IMPD/AxMPD	Update IMPD/AxMPD only if SM concerns this document or in case of alignment IMP/AxMP (non-IMP)	See column A	-
GMP compliance/ QP declar.	Update in case of new IMP batches	See column A	-
Labeling	Update in case of new IMP batches	See column A	-
Structured data	Update if sponsor considers trial to be a low-intervention clinical trial	See column A	-

## REQUIREMENTS FIRST SM PART II after TRANSITION

- ✓ Submit the authorised versions of the documents not uploaded at initial transition step;
- ✓ Use the template cover letter and template description of changes for the SM application package: [CTCG website]
- ✓ All sections of part II dossier as indicated in annex I CTR EU no 536/2014 should be completed taken into account the following:
  - templates of forms authorised under CTD do not need to be updated eg. CV principal investigator;
  - if recruitment has closed in a MSC, no need to upload recruitment material for this MSC;
  - no need to retrospectively create a site suitability form. The site suitability form authorised under CTD can be uploaded
  - new templates of forms under CTR, with content (new or updated) not authorised under CTD, should be submitted
  - new templates of forms with content authorised under CTD: no need to update to the new templates.
  - check the websites of the MSC for the full list of required documents part II for this MS (see annex III of the Commission Q&A on CTR: [https://health.ec.europa.eu/document/download/bd165522-8acf-433a-9ab1-d7dceae58112\\_en?filename=regulation5362014\\_qa\\_en\\_0.pdf](https://health.ec.europa.eu/document/download/bd165522-8acf-433a-9ab1-d7dceae58112_en?filename=regulation5362014_qa_en_0.pdf))

# TRANSPARANCY RULES TRANSITION TRIALS

[ACT EU Q&A on protection of Commercially Confidential Information and Personal Data while using CTIS \(europa.eu\)](#)

## STEP 1: Initial transition dossier (Q11 of COMMISSION GUIDANCE, Eudralex volume 10)

**PROTOCOL, SUBJECT INFORMATION SHEET(s) AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM(s):** REDACTED (for publication) and UNREDACTED (not for publication)

**ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS:** In slot 'for publication' upload document with text referring to NCA and/or ethics committee who assessed and authorised the document under the CTD.



## STEP 2: after transition sponsors may already follow the principles of the revised rules (see Q&A on protection of CCI and PD) – CTIS update planned for mid 2024

A version 'for publication' (redacted) and 'not for publication' (unredacted) only for the documents in scope of the revised transparency rules:

### **CATEGORY 1/PIP:**

**PROTOCOL including PATIENT FACING DOCUMENTS (if applicable), PROTOCOL SYNOPSIS**

### **CATEGORY 2,3**

**PROTOCOL including PATIENT FACING DOCUMENTS (if applicable), PROTOCOL SYNOPSIS, SmPC (if applicable), RECRUIT MATERIAL, SUBJECT INFORMATION SHEET(s) AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM(s)**

- Documents outside scope of the revised transparency rules: in slot 'for publication' upload document with text that those documents no longer will be subject to publication, see wording suggested in Annex I of the Q&A: [ACT EU Q&A on protection of Commercially Confidential Information and Personal Data while using CTIS \(europa.eu\)](#)
- See for full overview: [ACT EU Q&A on protection of Commercially Confidential Information and Personal Data while using CTIS \(europa.eu\)](#)

# CTIS training modules:

[Clinical Trials Information System \(CTIS\): online training modules](#) | [European Medicines Agency \(europa.eu\)](#)



Select the transition trial button in CTIS!

# DO!

## START TO TRANSITION YOUR CLINICAL TRIAL NOW!

A screenshot of the CTIS 'Create new trial' dialog box. The dialog is titled 'Create new trial' and has a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains a text input field for 'Full title (English)\*' with the value 'Transitional trial test'. Below this is a 'Search organisation' section with filters for Name, ID, City, and Country. A table lists two organizations: 'Test Organisation' in Athens, Greece, and 'Test Organisation Spain' in Madrid, Spain. At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: 'Transition Trial' (highlighted with a blue box and a blue arrow) and 'Create' (highlighted with a blue box).

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