

Press Release

ACRONET

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ACRONET Corp.

Subject:

ACRONET has implemented the SAS Clinical Data Integration for expansion of business possibility

-aiming to assist pharmaceutical companies in global development with CDISC data standard-

ACRONET Corp. (ACRONET), whose president is Hisashi Uematsu, has introduced “The SAS Clinical Data Integration”, which realize standardization and unification of clinical data for drug development by SAS Institute Japan Inc., whose president is Hitoshi Yoshida. “The SAS Clinical Data Integration” follows the CDISC (Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium) data model, which is a NPO working on standardization of electronic collection, exchange, submission and archive of clinical data and metadata.

It is expected that globalization in Japanese pharmaceutical industry would be accelerated following expansion of drug development and submission in foreign market or increase of international alliances. Under this situation, adapting internal system to CDISC is essential because CDISC is required condition for application or submission to FDA, the authorization of the largest drug market in the world. Therefore, it is significant not only for pharmaceutical companies but also for CROs to introduce international data standard including CDISC.

Usability if the SAS Clinical Data Integration realizes unification of data and standardization of work process on statistical analysis, program codes, and analytic data and so on. Furthermore, this system provides a template required for data exchange to SDTM (ADaM soon as well) and a function for automatic generation of CRT-DDS and guarantees accuracy of data, protection from deterioration of data, in addition to standardization for CDISC

ACRONET is the first CRO in Japan, which has determined utilization of the SAS Clinical Data Integration with CDISC standard. ACRONET has collected information on CDISC implementation and reached to a conclusion that data exchange and integration from another data model is indispensable since it is quite difficult to establish whole process system with only CDISC. One of the reasons why we selected the SAS Clinical Data Integration is its superiority in data exchange and integration to and from a different model and synergy of combined utilization with SAS program already introduced and regarded as an intellectual asset for ACRONET.

Henceforth, ACRONET, in corporation with SAS Institute Inc., will promote the SAS Clinical Integration to optimize our administrative process and improve our productivity in order to assist our clients to maximize utilization of the CDISC data model.

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Japanese CRO 100% affiliated by the Itochu Corporation. We spun off from ITOCHU Techno-Solutions Corporation (formerly CRC Solutions Corporation), one of the largest IT companies of Itochu groups July 2003. The current number of employee is approximately 350. We have confident in our wealth of great experience of clinical trial support centered on monitoring, data management, statistics analysis, and EDC system. Furthermore, as one of the keys for future growth, we focus on clinical trials of anticancer drugs. We also operate our business globally, for example, forming an alliance with CROs overseas by utilizing world-wide network of Itochu Corporation.

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