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## Introduction

The decreasing cost of sequencing and the gradual in-depth study of genomics have led to the generation of more and more genomic data, but the data quality in genomics is not optimal ~~at present~~. From the dimension of data level, ~~there is a~~ lack of data integrity ~~is serious~~, and ~~the problem of semantic disunity~~ ~~that~~ medical information has been facing ~~a problem of semantic disunity~~. These problems have caused great obstacles to ~~the downstream~~ ~~application~~ ~~applications~~.

Standardization of data is a prerequisite for data asset management and data storage and applications, ~~with the improving of which can give~~ better ~~store and apply the storage for~~ genomic data ~~and enlarge these~~ ~~genomic data used~~ in precision medicine.

This ~~proposal document~~ is based on the actual situation of industry data production, combined with the needs of upstream and downstream industry users, ~~and refined from~~. ~~It also takes into account~~ the ~~actually use~~ ~~made by~~ stakeholders, ~~and~~ user ~~friendly~~ ~~friendliness~~ for all common ~~typetypes~~ of genomic data. Solving the problem of data scope and semantic unification can enhance the data association ability, ensure information exchange, ~~improve~~ data flow, improve the data quality from the aspects of data integrity, ~~and data~~ validity ~~and so on~~, and lay a good foundation for subsequent data storage, data application and data sharing.

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# Genomics informatics — Description rules for genomic data for genetic detection products and services

## 1 Scope

~~This document applies to all the genomic data used for human genetic detection products and services.~~

This document specifies the requirements on the category definition and quality assessment of genomic data, including the content structure, attribute and description rules of data format, and the compilation rules of data format.

~~This document applies to all the genomic data used for human genetic detection products and services.~~

This document applies to genomic data processing and analysis.

~~This document applies and~~ to the quality evaluation/assessment ~~for~~of genomic data.

## 2 Normative references

~~The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.~~

~~ISO 8601 : 2004, Data elements and interchange formats – information interchange – representation of dates and times~~

~~ISO/IEC 11179-1, Information technology – Metadata registries (MDR) – Part 1: Framework~~

~~ISO/IEC 11179-5, Information technology – Metadata registries (MDR) – Part 5: Naming~~

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### 3.1 alignment-sequence code

continuous coding of objects in the same series, and reserving of extended space

### 3.2 code

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representation of a piece of information such as a letter, word or phrase in another form, usually briefer

[SOURCE: ISO/CD 20691, 3.6]

### 3.3

#### **code structure**

representation of the composition and length of a complete code

### 3.4

#### **equal length code**

~~in a code~~ coding system, in which all coding objects have the same length

### 3.5

#### **DI** **data identifier**

**DI**  
identifier that uniquely distinguishes one set of data from all others

### 3.6

#### **layer code**

hierarchical code consisting of membership order of coded objects

### 3.7

#### **sequential code**

code that represents in the natural order of Arabic numerals, or letters

### 3.8

#### **variable-length code**

~~in a code~~ system, in which the length of code is not exactly the same

### 3.9

#### **VI** **version identifier**

~~numeric or symbolic identifier(s) of versions~~

## **VI**

unique number assigned to identify a version of submitted genomic data

## **4 Data format attribute and description rules**

Genomic data can be classified as unstructured data and structured data.

The unstructured data should be described by data format, illustration of data format and archiving catalogue.

The structured data should be described by metadata and data element code.

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## 5 Composition and rules of genomic data description

### 5.1 Identifier

The description of genomic data should include data format, data attribute and metadata.

### 5.2 Data format

Data attribute elements for description of data format are totally classified of 14 attributes in five categories, shown as Annex A.1 Table A.1 A.1. According to the universal property, there include data element common attribute and data element specific attribute.

### 5.3 Data archiving catalogue

Data elements for data archiving catalogue are totally classified of 14 attributes in five categories, shown as Annex A.1 Table A.2 A.2. According to the universal property, there include data element common attribute and data element specific attribute.

### 5.4 Metadata

Data elements for metadata description are totally classified of 14 attributes in five categories, shown as Annex A.1 Table A.3 A.3. According to the universal property, there include data element common attribute and data element specific attribute.

## 6 Core elements and rules for the description of genomic data

### 6.1 Identifier

Identifier shall use alphanumeric code with two-level structure, including Data Identifier (DI) and Version Identifier (VI).

EXAMPLE 1: DI\_V1

1) DI consists of alphanumeric characters combining classification code and serial number:

- A category code consists of two uppercase letters;
- A group code is a 2-digit code. The numerical value has no meaning;
- A class code is a 2-digit code. The numerical value has no inherent meanings to humans. If there is no class, the class code is 00. The group code and the class code are separated by a dot;
- A sequential code is a 3-digit code. It represents the data element number under a class, starting from 001. The numerical value has no meaning.

2) VI consists of 4 elements. It follows the structure "V"+"m..m"+"."+"n..n", where "m..m" and "n..n" are numbers assigned in increasing order. They should be positive integer. "m..m" represents major version numbers and "n..n" represents minor version numbers.

EXAMPLE 2: "V1.2" means the first major version and the second minor version.

- If a valid data exchange can be performed between the versions before and after the data element is updated, the updated major version number remains unchanged, and the minor version number equals to the current minor version number plus one.