

## 1. File formats

The Enroll-HD PDS dataset is provided in two formats:

- **CSV file:** CSV stands for comma separated values (.csv) which is a delimiter-separated format. The PDS data uses the **tab** as the delimiter. Software settings need to be adapted respectively.
- **R file:** binary code format for the R<sup>1</sup> software application (a software environment for statistical analysis).

Because of the complexity and the size of the data set, use of a statistical software package such as R, Stata, or SAS is recommended. The .csv file format can also be imported into Excel (caution is advisable).

It is important that files **are not be edited in a word processing software or other programs that may potentially modify characters**, as this may damage the integrity of the original files. CSV files can be saved in other formats which are compatible with other statistical software packages as needed.

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<sup>1</sup> R Core Team (2017). R: A language and environment for statistical computing. R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria. URL <https://www.R-project.org/>.

## 2. Importing data

### *Importing CSV files into Excel*

The .csv files can be imported and opened in Microsoft Excel. Because Excel is language dependent and delimiters differ from one country to another, some considerations need to be addressed when opening the .csv files to maintain data integrity. The procedures outlined here, to open the .csv files, can be applied to most recent versions of Excel.

As a default, Excel reads the values for each column as being in a “**General**” format. For example, unless otherwise specified, Excel interprets numeric data as numbers (e.g., 1234), entered dates as date format (as pre-set, e.g. 11/28/2016), and changes other values (e.g. strings) to text format (e.g. Aspirin). For some entries this is counterproductive, as Excel may **misinterpret entries** and **incorrectly reformat the data**, effectively changing the data (e.g. 1.5 is read as May 1 instead of 1.5 mg; or the WHO-DD Code for Tetrabenazine 00222101003 is changed to 22211003, removing the important leading “0”s).

To maintain the integrity of the data, each data column needs to be **carefully examined prior to importing the data into Excel**.

**An illustrated guide** for correctly importing CSV data files into Excel are provided in **Appendix A**.

### *Importing CSV files into R*

Make sure the CSV file has not been opened and saved using a word processing software. A software package capable of reading CSV files must be loaded into R environment. The package “readr” is one of the most popular packages, but there are several others that will also work. If a package like “readr” is not already installed, the CSV data files can be imported using the following code line:

```
install.packages(readr)
```

To load the CSV data into R using a package like “readr” use the: **library(readr)** command. To ensure the CSV file is imported correctly, set the directory to the file folder where the PDS files are located, and then run the following code:

```
file = read_delim("file.csv", "\t", escape_double = FALSE, trim_ws = TRUE)
```

### *Importing R files into R*

This data file is specific for R. After loading the R data files into R, 9 data frames are made available in the R environment and are ready to be used. The loading can be done using the function command:

```
load("Rdata_directory")
```

For **Rstudio** users, the loading can be performed by clicking in the "load workspace" ribbon, and then browsing for the location of the R data file.



## Appendix A: An illustrated guide to correctly importing CSV files into Excel

The file used for this demonstration is the 'profile.csv' file.

**Step 1 – Open CSV file in Excel:** Open the .csv file using Excel, or open Excel and on the “Data” tab click “From Text/CSV”. Data will be imported in entirety into the first column of the Excel file, as illustrated below.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel interface with the 'Data' tab selected. The ribbon includes options like 'From Access', 'From Web', 'From Text', 'From Other Sources', 'Existing Connections', 'Refresh All', 'Connections', 'Sort', 'Filter', 'Advanced', 'Text to Columns', 'Remove Duplicates', 'Data Validation', 'Consolidate', 'What-if Analysis', 'Group', 'Ungroup', 'Subtotal', 'Show Detail', 'Hide Detail', and 'Data Analysis'. The spreadsheet area shows a single column of data starting with 'subjidregionsexracehandedhssidssagedsplacedsendcaghighcaglowmomhdmomagesxdadhdadagesfhxcmtccmtragesxsubjxfamhddiagnsxe...'. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Ready' and '100%' zoom.







**Step 3 – Specify data file type:** In the Text to Columns Wizard (step 1 of 3), select the “**Delimited**” checkbox (this lets Excel know that the data fields are separated by commas or tabs), then click “**Next**”.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel interface with the 'Convert Text to Columns Wizard - Step 1 of 3' dialog box open. The dialog box contains the following text:

The Text Wizard has determined that your data is Delimited.  
 If this is correct, choose Next, or choose the data type that best describes your data.

Original data type

Choose the file type that best describes your data:

- Delimited - Characters such as commas or tabs separate each field.
- Fixed width - Fields are aligned in columns with spaces between each field.

Preview of selected data:

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1 subjidregionsexracehandedhxsiddssagedsplacedsendcaghighcaglowmomhdmomagesxdadhdadagesfxhccmtrccmtragesxsubjsxfamhddiagnsxestratersxestcfdxsxsubjsxfammsxrater
2 R00002452Northern Americam11044191500114242424714211101460014600
3 R00021725XEuropef1103824155010NANANANANA0000000
4 R00023946XEuropef11041200170116567707016621110
5 R000798865Europef1104420013010NANANANA0000
6 R00108452Northern Americaf1122151
7 R001159219Europef1101716014010
8 R001225334Europef110411701380
9 R001286120Northern Americaf6104
10 R00170741XEuropef110471812501
11 R001717535Northern Americam111
12 R001832046Europef111421813500
13 R001924217Northern Americam812
14 R002201037Northern Americaf1204
15 R002215739Northern Americaf1101
16 R002311975Northern Americaf1510
17 R002330616Europef110411615001
18 R00257043XEuropef1120161
19 R00259363Europef110422016001
20 R002776032Europef1123171
21 R002798312Northern Americaf1104
22 R002834739Europef110432001501
23 R002901876Northern Americaf1102
24 R002918938Northern Americaf2111010014410NANA0157000000
25 R002995975Northern Americam1118181
26 R002999525Northern Americaf11145171400101251231230000
27 R00300506XEuropef11142161420114444NA45145166613914814913814800
28 R003027046Northern Americaf1104326149010NANANANANANA000000135
29 R003114308Europef110451601531135353538135111114515315314101530138
30 R003161434Europef11045190140113131312NANA101100110000
31 R003183907Northern Americaf120371815501154545401210000000
    
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Buttons: Cancel, < Back, Next >, Finish



**Step 4 – Select delimiter type:** In the Text to Columns Wizard (step 2 of 3), select the Delimiter type “Tab” (this lets Excel know that the data fields are separated by tabs specifically), then click “Next”.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel interface with the 'Convert Text to Columns Wizard - Step 2 of 3' dialog box open. The dialog box has a title bar with a question mark and a close button. The main text reads: "This screen lets you set the delimiters your data contains. You can see how your text is affected in the preview below." Under the 'Delimiters' section, the 'Tab' checkbox is checked, and the 'Treat consecutive delimiters as one' checkbox is unchecked. There are also checkboxes for 'Semicolon', 'Comma', 'Space', and 'Other'. A 'Text qualifier' dropdown menu is set to '"'. The 'Data preview' section shows a table with the following columns: subjid, region, sex, race, handed, hxsid, message, dsplace, dsend, cagh. The data rows are as follows:

subjid	region	sex	race	handed	hxsid	message	dsplace	dsend	cagh
R000024542	Northern America	m	1	1	0				44
R00021725X	Europe	f	1	1	0				38
R00023946X	Europe	m	1	1	0				41
R000798865	Europe	f	1	1	0				44
R001084542	Northern America	f	1	1	0				22

The spreadsheet background shows a long string of data in cell A1: "subjidregionsexracehandedhxsidmessage dsplace dsend caghlowmomhdmmomagesxdadhdadagesfxhccmtrccmtragesxsubjxfamhddiagnsxestratersxestcfdxsubjxfammsxratermccdepccdepagccirbcbageccvabccvabageccaptccaptageccpobccpob". The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Ready' and 'Count: 8847'.

**Step 5 – Assign column formats:** For each column (i.e., variable), an appropriate format needs to be assigned. This is completed in the Text to Columns Wizard (step 3 of 3). The default format “General” works for most columns. Columns where numbers have leading “0” and columns with mixed entries like 1.5, 1/5, 1/5, need to be explicitly formatted as “Text”, as entries might otherwise become corrupted in an unchangeable way. After assigning the correct format to each column, click “Finish”.

The screenshot shows the 'Convert Text to Columns Wizard - Step 3 of 3' dialog box in Microsoft Excel. The dialog is open over a spreadsheet with columns A through W. The 'Column data format' section has 'General' selected for most columns, but 'Text' is selected for columns M and N. The 'Destination' is set to '\$A\$1'. A data preview table is visible at the bottom of the dialog.

General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	General	Text	Text	General	General
subj_id	region	sex	race	handed	hxsid	hssage	hplace	hsend	hagh	cmtrt_modify	cmtrt_decod	cmtrt_ing	cmtrt_atc
R000024542	Northern America	m	l	l	0				44	Xenazine	00222101003	Tetrabenazine	N07XX
R00021725X	Europe	f	l	l	0				38	Aleve	00256202018	Naproxen sodium	S02CC, M01AE, M0
R00023946X	Europe	f	l	l	0				41	Xenazine	00222101003	Tetrabenazine	N07XX
R000798865	Europe	f	l	l	0				44		00539602006	Citalopram hydrobromide	N06AB
R001084542	Northern America	f	l	l	0				22	Clonazepam	00285201001	Clonazepam	N03AE, N05BA

**NB:** The data files *pharmacotx* and *nutsuppl* contain two columns ‘cmtrt\_decod’ and ‘cmdostot’ that require formatting as “Text”.





**Step 6 – Save data file:** The .csv file is now column-separated and should be saved as an Excel file (.xls or .xlsx) using the ‘Save As’ option.

profile - Microsoft Excel

File Home Insert Page Layout Formulas Data Review View

From Access From Web From Text From Other Sources Existing Connections Refresh All Properties Edit Links Connections Sort & Filter Sort Filter Reapply Advanced Text to Columns Remove Duplicates Data Validation Consolidate What-if Analysis Group Ungroup Subtotal Show Detail Hide Detail Data Analysis Analysis

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
1	subjid	region	sex	race	handed	hxsid	dssage	dsplace	dsend	caghigh	caglow	momhd	momages	dadhd	dadages	fxh	ccmtr	ccmtrage	sxsubj	sxfam	hddiagn	sxest	sxrater	sx
2	R0000245	Northern	m		1	1	0			44	19	1	50	0		1	1	42	42	42	47		1	42
3	R0002172	Europe	f		1	1	0			38	24	1	55	0		1	0		NA	NA				
4	R0002394	Europe	m		1	1	0			41	20	0			1	70	1	1	65	67	70	70	1	66
5	R0007988	Europe	f		1	1	0			44	20	0			1	30	1	0		NA	NA		NA	
6	R0010845	Northern	f		1	1				22	15						1							
7	R0011592	Europe	f		1	1	0			17	16	0			1	40	1	0						
8	R0012253	Europe	m		1	1	0			41	17	0			1	38	0	1	45	45	44	46	1	44
9	R0012861	Northern	f		6	1	0			46	17	1	32	0			0	0	NA	NA		NA		
10	R0017074	Europe	m		1	1	0			47	18	1	25	0			1	1	35	40	35	40	1	35
11	R0017175	Northern	m		1	1	1			27	17	1	56	0			1	0						
12	R0018320	Europe	m		1	1	1			42	18	1	35	0			0	1	65	65	65	68	1	65
13	R0019242	Northern	m		8	1				23	16					0								
14	R0022010	Northern	f		1	2	0			44	14	1	40	0			1	1	49	49	49	52	1	49
15	R0022157	Northern	f		1	1	0			18	17	1	50	0			0	0		NA				
16	R0023119	Northern	f		15	1	0			40	16	0			0		1	1	61					
17	R0023306	Europe	m		1	1	0			41	16	1	50	0			1	0						
18	R0025704	Europe	m		1	1				20	16						1							
19	R0025936	Europe	m		1	1	0			42	20	1	60	0			1	0		NA	NA			
20	R0027760	Europe	f		1	1				23	17						1							
21	R0027983	Northern	f		1	1	0			42	21	0			1	40	1	1	54	54	NA		NA	
22	R0028347	Europe	m		1	1	0			43	20	0			1	50	1	1	51	48	48	52	1	48
23	R0029018	Northern	f		1	1	0			20	19	0			1	43	1	0						
24	R0029189	Northern	f		2	1	1			16	16	0			1	44	1	0		NA	NA		0	
25	R0029959	Northern	m		1	1				18	18						1							
26	R0029995	Northern	f		1	1	1			45	17	1	40	0			1	0						
27	R0030050	Europe	f		1	1	1			42	16	1	42	0			1	1	44	44	NA	45	1	45
28	R0030270	Northern	f		1	1	0			43	26	1	49	0			1	0		NA	NA		NA	
29	R0031143	Europe	f		1	1	0			45	16	0			1	53	1	1	35	35	35	38	1	35
30	R0031614	Europe	f		1	1	0			45	19	0			1	40	1	1	31		31	31	1	31
31	R0031839	Northern	f		1	2	0			37	18	1	55	0			1	1	54	54	54		0	

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