

An AI-Powered Metadata-Driven CDISC ADaM Dataset Automation

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Standards Metadata Repository

Standards | Automation | Metadata | Process

A metadata-driven framework that standardizes, automates, and governs clinical data programming through defined processes—producing consistent, and inspection-ready outputs.

Foundational framework enabling the Standards automation

This separates standard automation from study-specific logic, enabling scalable delivery without compromising quality or compliance.

Why Metadata-Driven ADaM Automation?

Industry challenges driving the need



Scale

Growing study portfolios demand consistent ADaM delivery across therapeutic areas and teams without proportional headcount increases.



Complexity

Study-specific requirements, evolving standards, and diverse data sources make manual programming error-prone and time-consuming.



Compliance

Regulatory expectations for inspection readiness, and auditability require embedded governance — not afterthought review.

A metadata-driven automation engine that standardizes ADaM construction — generating draft programs directly from MDR specifications, ensuring consistency across every study.

ADaM Automation Overview

Three pillars of the automation framework



Metadata-Driven

ADaM specifications are maintained centrally in the MDR, ensuring consistency across all studies.



Automated Generation

Driver and dataset programs are generated automatically from metadata, eliminating manual coding errors and accelerating timelines.



Independent QC

The framework preserves independent replication pathways, ensuring regulatory compliance and data integrity.

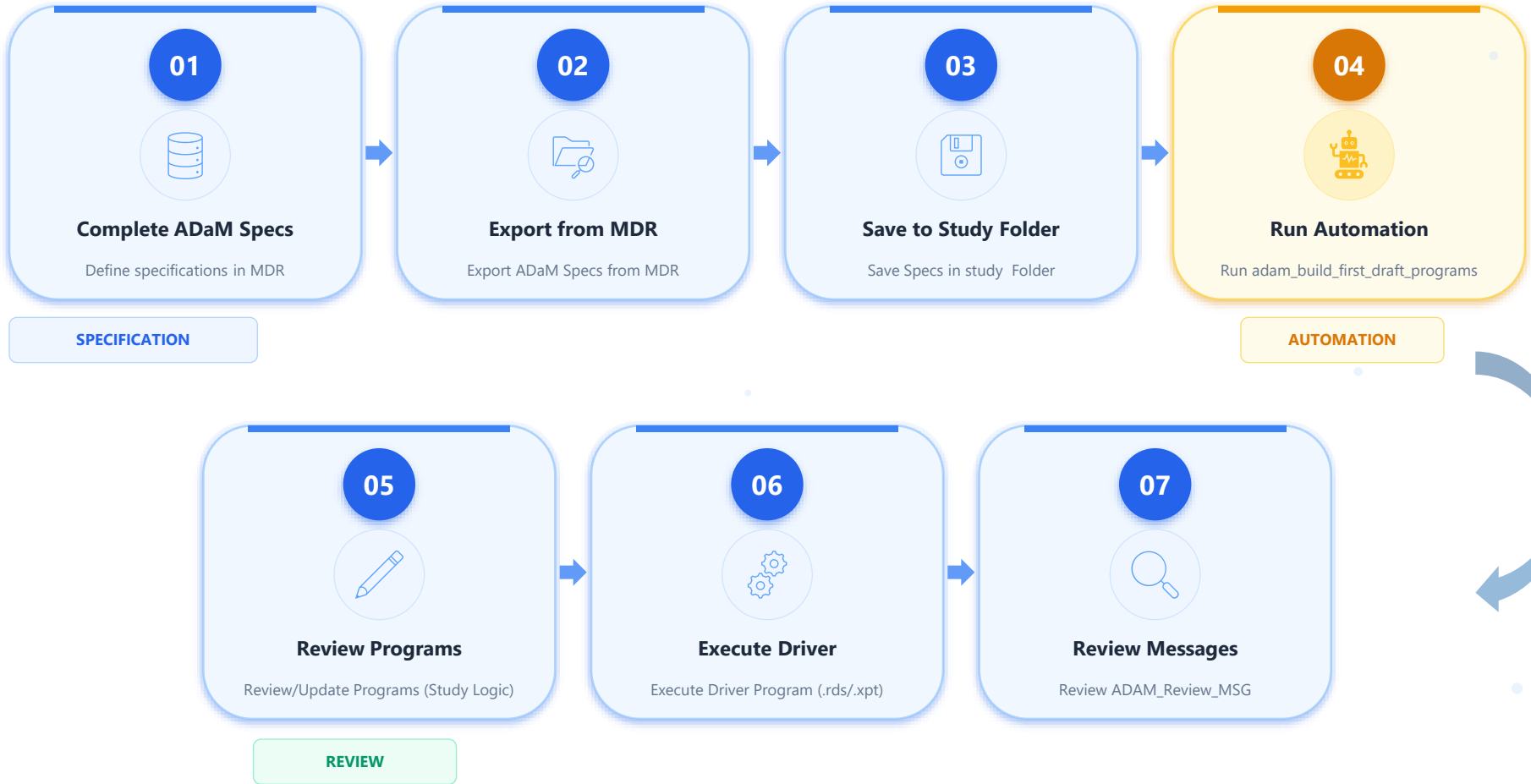
End-to-End Workflow

Metadata flows from MDR into program generators, producing validated ADaM datasets with full audit trails and independent QC.

End-to-End Programming Workflow

ADaM Automation Workflow

End-to-end process from specifications to production datasets



SPECIFICATION (Steps 1-3)

Define ADaM specifications in MDR, export metadata from MDR, and save to the snapshot folder for version control.

AUTOMATION (Step 4)

Run adam_build_first_draft_programs to auto-generate R code from the exported specifications.

REVIEW (Steps 5-7)

Review and customize generated programs for study-specific logic, execute the driver, and validate output messages.

Where GenAI Fits

Programming Assistance Tool — GenAI-assisted code generation within the ecosystem

1 Custom Variable Identification

Metadata flags variables that cannot be auto-generated, targeting them for GenAI assistance



2 GenAI-Assisted Code Generation

AI generates R code for flagged variables with human review at every step

KEY SAFEGUARDS



Human-in-the-Loop

Full control at every step



Immutable Audit Trail

Complete traceability



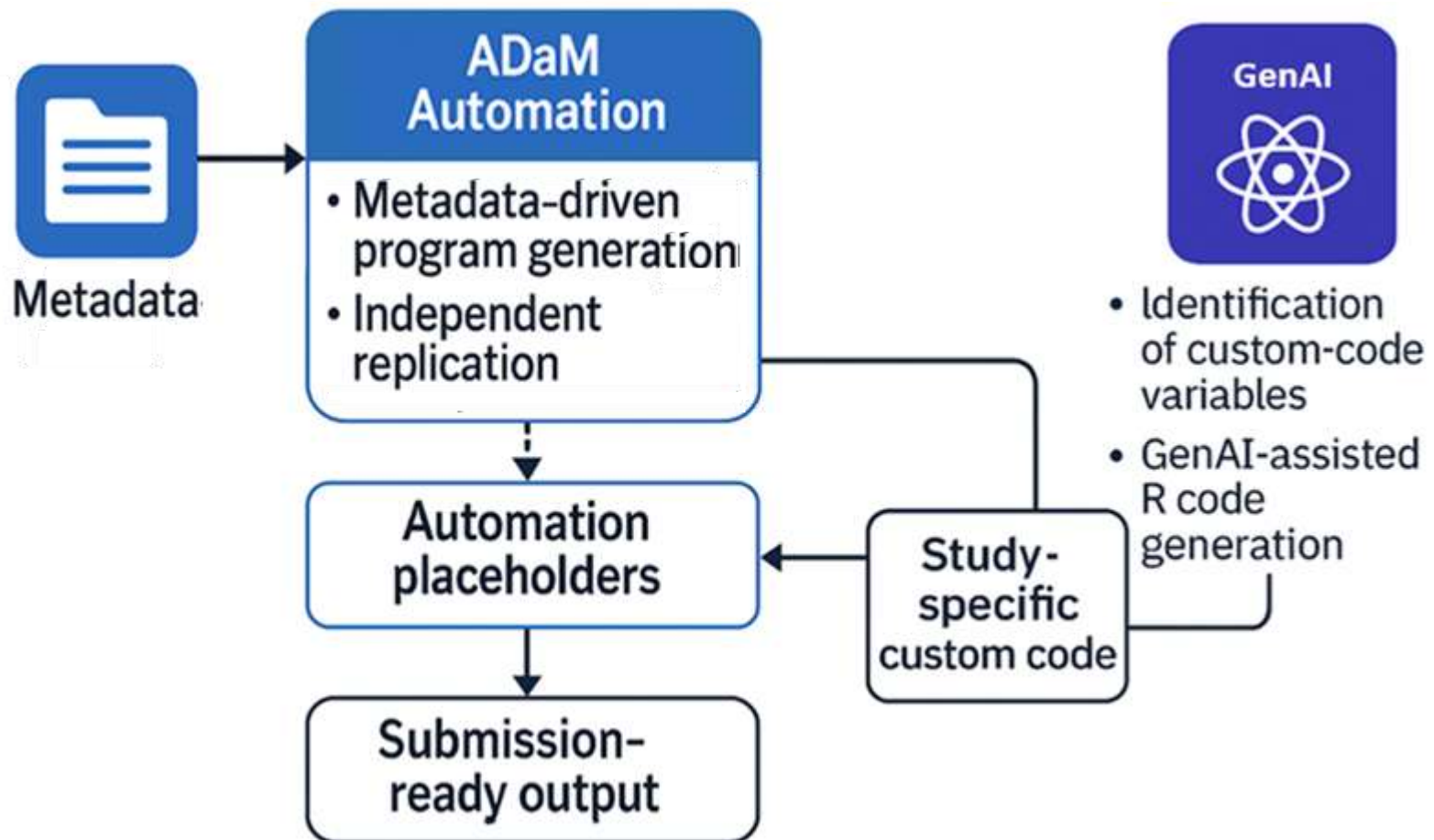
Seamless Integration

Fits existing workflows

Tool focuses only on the custom code gap — variables that our automation cannot handle. Everything else is fully automated.

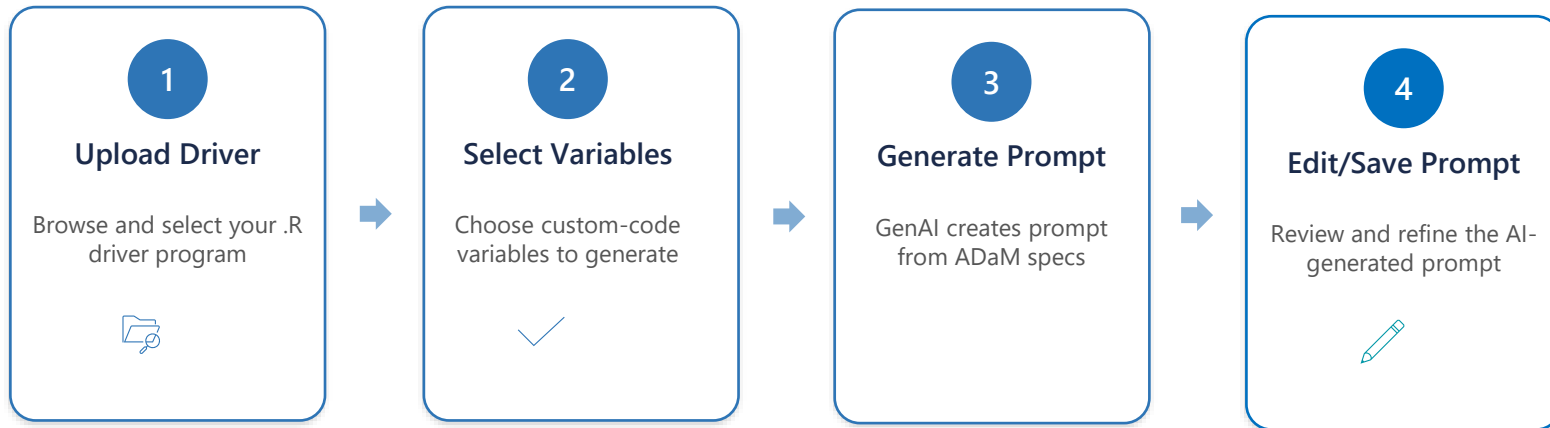
MDR + GenAI Integrated Architecture

How standardized automation and GenAI-assisted coding work together

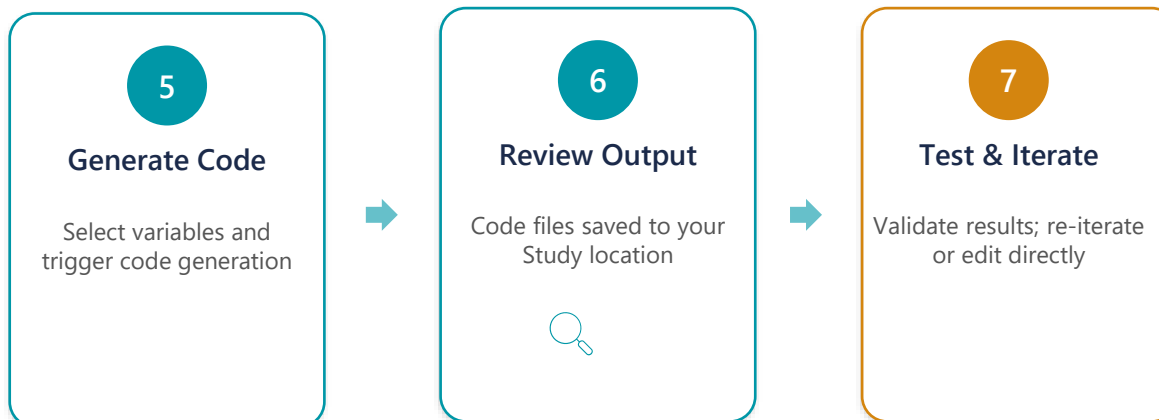


GenAI Assistance— Complete Workflow

PHASE 1: Setup & Input



PHASE 2: Generation & Output



Business Value

Cycle Time & Quality Impact

Faster delivery with built-in inspection readiness

CYCLE TIME REDUCTION

Auto-Generated Programs

From MDR specs — no boilerplate recreation

Instant Regeneration

Programs rebuilt automatically when specs change

Review Over Coding

Programmers focus on verification, not blank-page work

QUALITY & INSPECTION READINESS

Standardized Logic

Consistent transformation patterns across all teams

Immutable Audit Trail

Every specification change logged

Early Issue Detection

Spec-level checks catch problems before coding begins

Impact: Weeks of setup → days of focused review. Every output standardized, traceable, and inspection-ready.

Cross-Study Consistency

Uniform output across teams and TAs

Inspection Confidence

Embedded governance with full audit transparency

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Practical GenAI use
in regulated
environments



Scalable enterprise
ADaM delivery
model



Thank you



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