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CHAPTER

1

Using this manual

This manual should help you, the reader, with deploying, maintaining, understanding and running the FAERS Database Pipeline. Sections 2 and 3 should help with deploying the pipeline. Section 4 provides some extra technical information. Section 5 provides an simple overview of the pipeline. Section 6 should help with starting to run the beginning of the pipeline. Sections 8,9,10 and 11.1 should help with understanding and maintaining the second part of the pipeline. Finally, 12 should help with maintainability by providing an overview of the unit tests.

LACDR VM Deployment

2.1 Prerequisites

- Python 3+ installed
- PostgreSQL installed (see Chapter 1)

For more details we refer to Chapter 4.

2.2 Deployment

- 1. Clone the faers-scripts repository from github.
- 2. Make sure the faers-data directory is in the same directory as the faers-scripts directory. It should not be within faers-scripts.
- 3. Make sure the IP of the machine you are deploying on is whitelisted in Google Cloud (see Chapter 12)

2.3 Updating MedDRA

MedDRA_25_1 already comes with the faers-data directory. However when a new MedDRA version is required follow these steps:

- 1. Download the new MedDRA data directory
- 2. Place the new directory in the faers-data directory

- 3. Remove the old MedDRA directory
- 4. Finally rename the new MedDRA directory to the old name "MedDRA_25_1" as the script will look for this name

Google Cloud Console

The following section discusses the use of the Google Cloud Workspace. We have included this as it may be more usable if not familiar with using vim on the LACDR VM. Hence, we have made documentation navigating it as it may have a few barriers to entry for those less familiar with the Google Cloud Workspace environment.

3.1 Accessing and Managing Google Cloud Resources

This section introduces the use of Google Cloud Console to manage a publicly accessible Google Cloud Storage bucket and a PostgreSQL server on Google Cloud SQL for the FAERS database project. The bucket stores ASCII files (e.g., DEM016Q2.txt) used for schema generation, and the SQL server, with IP whitelisting, hosts the database. The Cloud Console provides a web-based interface to manage these resources.

To begin, log in to the Google Cloud Console at https://console.cloud.google.com using your Google account. Ensure you have the necessary permissions (e.g., Editor or Owner role) for your project. Select your project from the top dropdown menu. The Console dashboard displays an overview of your resources.

To view the publicly accessible bucket:

- 1. Navigate to Cloud Storage > Buckets in the left-hand menu.
- Locate your bucket (e.g., your-bucket-name). Click on it to view files like ascii/DEMO16Q2.txt.

- Verify the bucket's public access by checking the Permissions tab. Look for a role like allUsers with Storage Object Viewer access, confirming public readability.
- 4. To download a file (e.g., for schema generation), click the file and select Download.

To manage the PostgreSQL server:

- 1. Go to SQL in the left-hand menu.
- 2. Find your PostgreSQL instance and click its name to view details.
- 3. Check the Connections tab to ensure the instance allows connections via public IP and has your IP whitelisted. To add an IP, click Add network, enter your IP (e.g., 203.0.113.1/32), and save.
- 4. Note the instance's public IP address for connecting locally or via Cloud Console.

Google Cloud Console includes Cloud Shell, a browser-based terminal for running commands. To access it, click the Activate Cloud Shell icon (terminal symbol) in the top-right corner. Cloud Shell is pre-authenticated with your project credentials and includes tools like gcloud and gsutil.

```
gsutil ls gs://your-bucket-name/ascii/
```

This lists files like DEMO16Q2.txt, which can be used by the schema generation script.

3.2 Connecting to the PostgreSQL Server

To connect to the Cloud SQL PostgreSQL instance from Cloud Console:

- 1. Navigate to SQL, select your instance, and go to the Overview tab.
- 2. Under Connect to this instance, click Connect using Cloud Shell.
- 3. Cloud Shell opens with a pre-filled gcloud sql connect command, e.g.: gcloud sql connect your-instance-name --user=postgres
- 4. Run the command, enter your database password, and access the PostgreSQL prompt.
- 5. Test the connection by listing tables in the faers_a schema:

\dt faersdatabase*

To connect locally, ensure your IP is whitelisted in the Cloud SQL instance's Connections tab. You need psql installed locally (available via apt, brew, or other package managers). You also need PSQL downloaded, psycopg and google pip extension for working with the bucket. Use the instance's public IP and database credentials:

```
psql -h your-instance-public-ip -U postgres -d your-database-name
```

Enter the password when prompted. If the connection fails, verify:

- Your IP is whitelisted.
- The database user has appropriate permissions.
- Network firewalls allow outbound connections to port 5432.

Assuming the pipeline script is set up locally with credentials (e.g., via gcloud auth application-default login), run:

```
python s2.py
```

This accesses the bucket, generates $auto_s chema_c on fig. json$, and logs progress to $schema_g eneration.log$.

If you encounter errors:

- Connection refused: Check IP whitelisting and port 5432 accessibility.
- Permission denied: Ensure your Google Cloud account has Cloud SQL Client and Storage Object Viewer roles.
- File access issues: Verify the bucket's public access settings with gsutil iam get gs://your-bucket-name and ensure the appropriate IAM permissions are granted.

```
gsutil iam get gs://ascii
```

System admin details

4.1 PostgresSQL

In order to have PostgresSQL run on our test machine, we had to perform the following steps. These may be of use to you as well. For more information on how to run PostgresSQL on Rocky Linux, we refer to both the general Red Hat documentation¹ and the specific PostgresSQL SELinux documentation². Before we were able to run PostgresSQL, we first made the following manual changes to /lib/systemd/system/postgresql.service:

```
# Previously, this was here
#Environment=PGDATA=/var/lib/pgsql/data

# changed to this:
Environment=PGDATA=/faers/data
Environment=PGLOG=/faers/data/pgstartup.log
```

This sets the data folder PostgresSQL checks to the right folder. This should be the same folder as specified in the general options.

One then initialises the user and creates the database.

```
$ sudo su - postgres -c "initdb -D /faers/data"
$ pg_ctl -D /faers/data -l logfile start
```

¹https://docs.redhat.com/en/documentation/red_hat_enterprise_linux/7/html/ system_administrators_guide/part-basic_system_configuration

²https://docs.redhat.com/en/documentation/red_hat_enterprise_linux/7/html/selinux_users_and_administrators_guide/chap-managing_confined_services-postgresql

In order to let SELinux allow the PostgresSQL process to access /faers/data, we must make all files in this directory of an PostgresSQL type³. In order to display these types in a directory, use

```
$ ls -lZ .
...
drwxrwxr-x. 2 user user unconfined_u:object_r:postgresql_db_t:s0
37 May 13 16:58 logs
...
```

In order to set the right type recursively moving forward, use semanage. ⁴.

\$ semanage fcontext -a -t postgresql_db_t "/path/to/dir(/.*)?"

³https://docs.redhat.com/en/documentation/red_hat_enterprise_linux/
7/html/selinux_users_and_administrators_guide/sect-managing_confined_
services-postgresql-types

⁴https://docs.redhat.com/en/documentation/red_hat_enterprise_linux/7/html/selinux_users_and_administrators_guide/sect-managing_confined_services-postgresql-configuration_examples#sect-Managing_Confined_Services-PostgreSQL-Configuration_Examples-Changing_Database_Location

Overall System Diagram

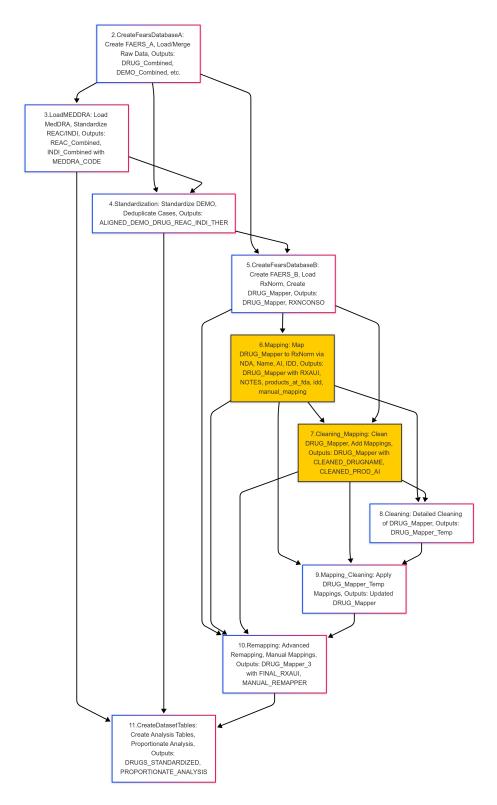


Figure 5.1: System Flow Diagram

Start up script

6.1 Details and basic usage

This serves as the starting point of the pipeline. Here we make sure the right folders exist, check the configuration settings the user provided, and prepare for downloading/fetching the FAERS datasets.

In order to start running the script, one needs to enter a Python virtual environment. For the pipeline itself, we use the external psycopg3 package, which needs to be present when running the pipeline. The code has been written to work for versions 3.11 and upwards, so first check if the correct version is installed.

```
$ which python3
/usr/bin/python3
```

As of the time of writing, Rocky Linux uses version 3.9 as its default version for Python 3, so we should instead install and use a newer version.

```
$ sudo dnf install python3.11
$ which python3.11
/usr/bin/python3.11
```

Now one can make a virtual environment like so:

```
$ python3.11 -m venv venv
$ source /venv/bin/activate
```

Now build the python project. There should exist a pyproject.toml in the root directory which specifies this build process.

```
$ pip install -e
```

You possibly need a more manual alternative case, try to isntall the psycopg3 package, excluding the 3.

```
(venv) $ pip install psycopg
One can now run the program. There exists a single -h,-help flag.
(venv) $ python3.11 faers_pipeline_start.py
```

6.2 Troubleshooting

If one encounters an error, these steps can be undertaken.

- Just run the script again. We have cleaning functions, and rerunning the pipeline may just resolve the issue.
- Check if the configuration files have valid syntax and have reasonable values.
- If the issue was fatal, the full log and trace of the error can be found in the most recent log file, present by default at /faers/data/logs. This may help to find the error, and since Python code is interpreted, a simple fix may be possible.

FAERS Downloading and fetching

7.1 Description

What was previously known as "Script 1", now replaced by src/download_files_from_faers.py, implements handling of FAERS datasets needed for the pipeline. See Figure 7.1 for a general overview of the structure of this part of the pipeline. We make use of caching to prevent having to download the data again at a later date. After the initial downloading one should except to only have to download if there are new quarterly datasets available.

7.2 Troubleshooting

If one encounters an error, these steps can be undertaken.

- Just run the script again. We have cleaning functions, and rerunning the pipeline may just resolve the issue.
- If the issue was fatal, the full log and trace of the error can be found in the most recent log file, present by default at /faers/data/logs.
- Delete the folder of the most recent quarter that did not finish being downloaded (check the log file for this), and try again.
- In previous versions, there were problems with non-existent directories. In this version, the directories are normally automatically created. If this is not the case, it might be useful to consult the directory lay-out and create the missing directory or re-run the scripts.

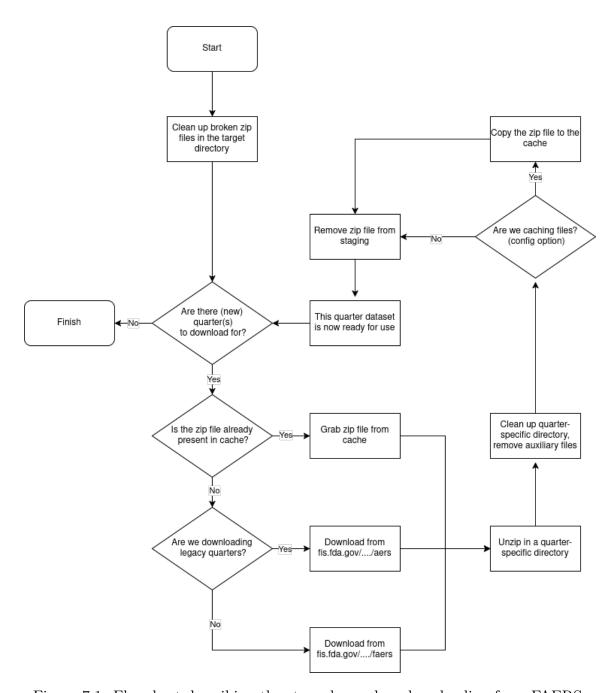


Figure 7.1: Flowchart describing the steps done when downloading from FAERS.

FAERS A

FAERS A (createFearsDatabaseA_LoadTables_MergeTables.sql) is the stage in the database creation in which the tables are created for the relevant entries from the entire FAERS dataset, which are the following:

- Drug information (DRUG): contains the trade names of the name ("Drug-Name")
- Adverse drug reactions (REAC): contains medical descriptors, such as P.T. ("Preferred Term")
- Demographic information of patients (DEMO): each record is a single report
- Drug indications (INDI):
- Outcome information (OUTC): provides information on the outcomes of the cases
- Start and end dates (THER): gives the start and end dates of therapy
- Sources of reported events (RPSR): displays the source

For each of these categories, there is a two-stage process in FAERS A: first, a table is created and the data are bulk inserted for each quarter from 2004Q1 to 2023Q1, and, next, all quarterly entries are combined into a single table for their respective categories.

In the previous code, there was a high redundancy due to repeated operations. The reason for this original design was the difference in schema columns per quarter.

We have included an overview of all different column names and types per year-quarter combination in schema_config.json.

8.1 Table creation

Based on the loaded .txt-files, separate tables are created. These tables all have a different number of columns, differing per year-quarter combination. In the old script, these tables were all separately created to ensure that they were in the right format. The introduction of the schema_config.json reduces the number of lines for individual table creation from around 4000 to 150. New tables have to be in the correct format and are thus checked on the number of columns and the type of each column.

8.2 Table combination

After all quarterly tables have been created in the faers_a schema (e.g., demo23q1, drug22q4), they are merged into permanent combined tables in the faers_combined schema. This step ensures that all data for a given category (e.g., DEMO, DRUG, INDI) is centralized for efficient querying and downstream analysis.

The script s2-5.sql does this by:

- Creating permanent combined tables such as DEMO_Combined, DRUG_Combined, etc.
- Using the get_completed_year_quarters function to determine which quarterly tables exist and should be merged.
- Iterating through each year-quarter combination and dynamically generating INSERT INTO ... SELECT FROM statements to populate the combined tables.
- Assigning each record a PERIOD value (e.g., 2023q1) to retain information about its original source.
- Creating indexes on the primaryid column of each combined table to optimize future joins and lookups.

This consolidation step is essential for transitioning from fragmented quarterly data to unified datasets ready for enrichment and mapping in later stages.

8.3 Cleaning and Mapping

Loading MedDRA and mapping tables

The S3 stage, this stage is one of two scripts started by s3-4.py. The python script assures everything the SQL script needs to run is accessible. The SQL file is then run on the PostgreSQL server. The main goal of this stage is to load all MedDRA files and use the data from MedDRA to map the data on the tables created by the previous stage. The script does the following:

- Drop and recreate all MedDRA related tables.
- Load MedDRA data from .asc files into said tables.
- Load CSV files that contain data to map the MedDRA data (low level terms and pref terms to MedDRA codes).
- Clean pref_terms in INDI_Combined table for mapping. Leftover newlines or tabs are removed.
- Use MedDRA data to map the data in the INDI_Combined and REAC_Combined tables

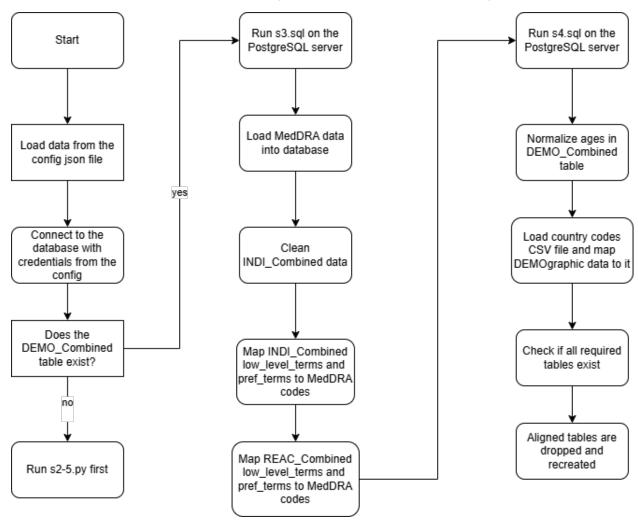
This is the point where data is intertwined with MedDRA. First all MedDRA data is loaded into newly created tables. The MedDRA data comes from ASC text files. The MedDRA data contains Low Level Terms which are first mapped to their MedDRA codes. These codes are in CSV files one for INDI data and one for REAC data. Both are loaded in and the REAC and INDI combined tables are mapped.

Cleaning DEMOgraphic table

The S4 stage makes changes to the DEMO_Combined table. The SQL script does 2 things: Standardize data and create aligned tables. Age and gender are standardized and country names are turned into country codes using external mapping with data from a CSV file. The existance of all necessary table is also checked and a new table called ALIGNED_DEMO_DRUG_REAC_INDI_THER is created. If not all necessary tables exist a notice is raised and the table will remain empty. The table aligns and combines demographic, drug, reaction, indication and therapy data by joining them on shared identifiers. To summarize the script does the following:

- Standardize age and gender
- Rewrite the country names into their country codes by external mapping from a CSV file
- Check if all necessary tables for the aligned table exist
- Create the aligned table 'ALIGNED_DEMO_DRUG_REAC_INDI_THER' to align and combine demographic, drug, reaction, indication and therapy data
- Fill table with data by joining the demographic, drug, reaction, indication and therapy data on shared identifiers.

Diagram for both s3 and s4 (from the starter script)



FAERS B

The FAERS B stage of the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) pipeline operates within the faers_b schema, focusing on the standardization, mapping, and analysis of drug data to support adverse event reporting and safety signal detection. Building on the data ingestion and combination performed in the faers_a and faers_combined schemas (stages S2, S2-5, S3, S4test), FAERS B encompasses stages S5 through S11, which initialize drug mapping infrastructure, clean and map drug names to RxNorm identifiers, aggregate adverse event data, and will allow users to perform statistical analysises. Stage S5, implemented via s5.sql and s5.py, marks the entry point of FAERS B by establishing the faers_b schema, creating the drug_mapper table to store FAERS drug records, and setting up RxNorm tables to facilitate drug standardization.

9.1 S5: Initializing Drug Mapping Infrastructure

Stage S5 initializes the faers_b schema and sets up critical tables for drug data processing in the FAERS pipeline. The s5.sql script performs what we see next:

- Schema Validation: Verifies the faersdatabase context, creates the faers_b schema if absent, grants full privileges to the postgres user, and sets the search path to faers_b, faers_combined, public.
- Logging Setup: Creates a s5_log table to record execution steps, successes, and errors, ensuring operational traceability.
- Drug Mapper Table: Creates drug_mapper with fields including:

- drug_id (INTEGER), primaryid, caseid, drug_seq (BIGINT): Identifiers for drug records.
- role_cod (VARCHAR(2)), period (VARCHAR(4)): Drug role and reporting period.
- drugname (VARCHAR(500)), prod_ai (VARCHAR(400)): Drug name and active ingredient.
- nda_num (VARCHAR(200)): NDA number.
- rxaui, rxcui (BIGINT), str (VARCHAR(3000)), sab, tty, code: RxNorm mapping attributes.
- remapping_* fields: For future remapping updates.

Populates drug_mapper from faers_combined.drug_combined, filtered by primaryid in aligned_demo_drug_reac_indi_ther, and creates an index on drugname.

- RxNorm Tables: Creates tables to support RxNorm mapping, including:
 - rxnatomarchive: Stores archived RxNorm atoms.
 - rxnconso: Contains RxNorm concepts with fields like rxcui, rxaui, sab, tty, and indexes for performance.
 - rxnrel, rxnsab, rxnsat, rxnsty, rxndoc, rxncuichanges, rxncui: Support relationships, attributes, and changes in RxNorm data.

Includes commented \copy commands for loading RxNorm data from files (e.g., RXNCONSO.RRF), to be executed manually.

The s5.py script acts as follows:

- Configuration: Loads config.json for database settings (e.g., host: 104.155.47.49, port: 5432).
- **SQL Parsing**: Splits **s5.sql** into statements, preserving **D0** blocks and skipping \copy commands.
- Execution: Uses psycopg to execute statements with up to three retries, logging to s5_execution.log.
- Verification: Checks existence and row counts of drug_mapper and RxNorm tables, logging warnings for empty or missing tables.

Dependencies:

- s2.sql, s2.py: Populate faers_a tables (e.g., drug23q1) from gs://bucketfaers/ascii/.
- s2-5.sql, s2-5.py: Create faers_combined.drug_combined.
- s4test.sql, s3-4.py: Create faers_combined.aligned_demo_drug_reac_indi_ther.
- External files: RxNorm data files (e.g., RXNCONSO.RRF) for manual loading.

Execution Instructions:

python3.11 -m venv venv

Listing 9.1: Executing S5

```
source venv/bin/activate
pip install psycopg
python3.11 s5.py

For RxNorm data loading (if files are available):
```

```
psql -h 104.155.47.49 -p 5432 -U postgres -d faersdatabase
\copy faers_b.rxnconso FROM \
'/data/faers/FAERS_MAK/2.LoadDataToDatabase/RxNorm_full_06052023/rrf/RXNCONSO.RRF'
WITH (FORMAT CSV, DELIMITER '|', NULL '', HEADER FALSE);
```

9.2 Key Code Excerpts

The following excerpts from s5.sql highlight the creation and population of the drug_mapper table, a cornerstone of the FAERS B stage.

```
Listing 9.2: Creating drug_mapper in s5.sql
```

```
CREATE TABLE faers_b.drug_mapper (
drug_id INTEGER NOT NULL,
primaryid BIGINT,
caseid BIGINT,
drug_seq BIGINT,
role_cod VARCHAR(2),
period VARCHAR(4),
drugname VARCHAR(500),
prod_ai VARCHAR(400),
nda_num VARCHAR(200),
notes VARCHAR(100),
rxaui BIGINT,
rxcui BIGINT,
```

```
str VARCHAR(3000),
    sab VARCHAR(20),
    tty VARCHAR(20),
    code VARCHAR(50),
    remapping notes VARCHAR(100),
    remapping_rxaui VARCHAR(8),
    remapping_rxcui VARCHAR(8),
    remapping str VARCHAR(3000),
    remapping_sab VARCHAR(20),
    remapping tty VARCHAR(20),
    remapping code VARCHAR(50)
);
CREATE INDEX idx drug mapper drugname ON faers b.drug mapper (drugname);
             Listing 9.3: Populating drug_mapper in s5.sql
INSERT INTO faers_b.drug_mapper (drug_id, primaryid, caseid, drug_seq,
role cod, drugname, prod ai, nda num, period)
SELECT drug id, primaryid, caseid, drug seq, role cod, drugname, prod ai,
nda num, period
FROM faers combined drug combined
WHERE primaryid IN (SELECT primaryid
FROM faers combined. aligned demo drug reac indi ther);
```

Cleaning, Mapping, and Remapping

This chapter details the cleaning, mapping, and remapping stages of the (FAERS) pipeline, focusing on the standardization and mapping of drug data to RxNorm identifiers within the faers_b schema. These processes, implemented through scripts S6, S7, S8, and S9.

10.1 S6: Initial Mapping Setup

implemented via s6.sql and s6.py, initializes the drug mapping pipeline by creating the faers_b schema, defining a string cleaning function, and establishing foundational tables for drug data standardization and RxNorm mapping. It processes data from the faers_combined.DRUG_Combined table, generated in earlier stages, and integrates external data sources to support drug identification.

The s6.sql script does as follows below:

- Schema Creation: Creates the faers_b schema if absent, grants full privileges to the postgres user, and sets the search path to include faers_b, faers_combined, and public. It verifies schema creation, raising an exception if unsuccessful.
- String Cleaning Function: Defines faers_b.clean_string(input TEXT), a PL/pgSQL function that standardizes drug names by:
 - Extracting content within parentheses using SUBSTRING.
 - Trimming special characters (e.g., :.,?/!@#\$).
 - Replacing semicolons with / and normalizing whitespace with REGEXP_REPLACE.

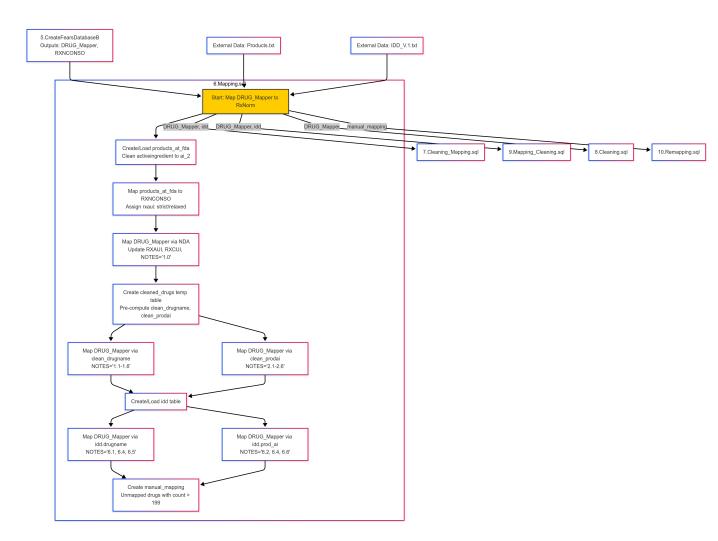


Figure 10.1: s6 Flowchart

- Returning an empty string for NULL inputs via COALESCE.

• Tables:

- products_at_fda: Stores FDA drug product data (e.g., applno (VAR-CHAR(10)), drugname, activeingredient, rxaui (VARCHAR(8)), ai_2 (TEXT)). Updates ai_2 with cleaned activeingredient.
- IDD: Holds drug identification data (e.g., DRUGNAME, RXAUI, RXCUI, SAB).
- manual_mapping: Lists unmapped drugs with occurrence counts above 199 (e.g., drugname, count, rxaui).
- DRUG_Mapper (assumed pre-existing): Stores FAERS drug records (e.g., DRUGNAME, prod_ai, rxaui).
- Indexes: Creates indexes on IDD.DRUGNAME, products_at_fda.applno, and others for query optimization.
- Data Mapping: Updates products_at_fda.rxaui and DRUG_Mapper using rxnconso and IDD, assigning notes (e.g., 1.1 for RXNORM/IN).
- Data Loading: Includes commented \copy commands for Products.txt and IDD_V.1.txt.

The s6.py script execution:

- Configuration: Loads config.json (e.g., host: 104.155.47.49, port: 5432).
- SQL Parsing: Splits s6.sql into statements, preserving D0 blocks.
- Execution: Uses psycopg to execute statements with retries, logging to s6_execution.log.
- Verification: Checks table existence and row counts.

Dependencies:

- s2.sql, s2.py: Populate faers_a.drug23q1 from gs://bucketfaers/ascii/.
- s2-5.sql, s2-5.py: Create faers_combined.DRUG_Combined.
- External files: Products.txt, IDD_V.1.txt, rxnconso.

Execution Instructions:

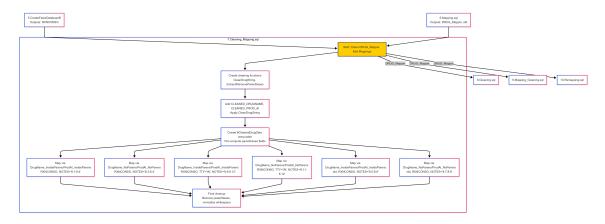


Figure 10.2: S7 flow chart

Listing 10.1: Executing S6

```
python3.11 -m venv venv
source venv/bin/activate
pip install psycopg
python3.11 s6.py
```

For data loading:

```
psql -h 104.155.47.49 -p 5432 -U postgres -d faersdatabase \copy faers_b.products_at_fda (...) \ FROM '/data/faers/FAERS_MAK/2.LoadDataToDatabase/drugsatfda20230627/Products.txt' .
```

10.2 S7: Analysis and Reporting

This is done and, implemented via s7.sql and s7.py, aggregates adverse drug event data into FAERS_Analysis_Summary, joining DRUG_RxNorm_Mapping, REAC_Combined, and OUTC_Combined to support safety signal detection.

The s7.sql script performs:

- Schema Validation: Ensures faers_b exists, grants privileges, and sets search path.
- Table Creation: Creates FAERS_Analysis_Summary with fields:
 - SUMMARY_ID (SERIAL PRIMARY KEY).
 - RXCUI (VARCHAR(8)), DRUGNAME (TEXT).

- REACTION_PT (VARCHAR(100)), OUTCOME_CODE (VARCHAR(20)).
- EVENT_COUNT (BIGINT), REPORTING_PERIOD (VARCHAR(10)).
- ANALYSIS_DATE (TIMESTAMP).
- Data Aggregation: Joins source tables on primaryid, groups by RXCUI, DRUGNAME, pt, outc_cod, PERIOD, computing EVENT_COUNT.
- Indexes: Creates indexes on RXCUI, REACTION_PT, OUTCOME_CODE.

```
Listing 10.2: Aggregation in s7.sql
INSERT INTO faers b. "FAERS Analysis Summary" (
    "RXCUI", "DRUGNAME", "REACTION PT", "OUTCOME CODE",
    "EVENT COUNT", "REPORTING PERIOD"
SELECT
    drm. "RXCUI",
    drm. "DRUGNAME",
    rc.pt AS "REACTION PT",
    oc.outc cod AS "OUTCOME_CODE",
    COUNT(*) AS "EVENT COUNT".
    rc. "PERIOD" AS "REPORTING PERIOD"
FROM faers b. "DRUG RxNorm Mapping" drm
INNER JOIN faers combined. "REAC Combined" rc
    ON drm. "primaryid" = rc. "primaryid"
INNER JOIN faers combined. "OUTC Combined" oc
    ON drm. "primaryid" = oc. "primaryid"
CROUP BY drm. "RXCUI", drm. "DRUGNAME", rc.pt, oc.outc cod, rc. "PERIOD"
ON CONFLICT DO NOTHING;
```

The s7.py script:

- Configuration: Loads config. json.
- SQL Parsing: Splits s7.sql.
- Execution: Executes statements, logs to s7_execution.log.
- Verification: Checks FAERS_Analysis_Summary.

Dependencies:

- s2.sql, s2.py: Populate faers_a.reac23q1, outc23q1.
- s2-5.sql, s2-5.py: Create REAC_Combined, OUTC_Combined.
- s6.sql, s6.py: Create DRUG_RxNorm_Mapping.

Execution Instructions:

Listing 10.3: Executing S7

source venv/bin/activate
python3.11 s7.py

10.3 S8: Drug Name Cleaning

This is done via s8.sql and s8.py, that performs comprehensive standardization of DRUGNAME and PROD_AI fields in DRUG_Mapper by creating DRUG_Mapper_Temp with cleaned data to prepare for RxNorm mapping. The system uses a hybrid approach combining configuration-driven transformations with hard-coded cleaning operations.

Architecture

The s8.py script runs as follows below:

- Dual Configuration: Loads both config.json (database) and config_s8.json (cleaning phases)
- Configuration Integration: Creates temp_s8_config table to make phase-specific configurations available to SQL
- Robust Execution: Implements retry logic with exponential backoff for transient database errors
- **SQL Parsing**: Handles complex SQL operations- including DO blocks and function definitions
- Comprehensive Logging: Outputs to both s8_execution.log and console with detailed execution tracking

The s8.sql script implements this cleaning logic/steps:

• Schema Validation: Ensures faers_b exists and validates DRUG_Mapper table presence

- Column Preparation: Adds CLEANED_DRUGNAME and CLEANED_PROD_AI columns if not present
- Multi-Phase Processing: Executes 10 distinct cleaning phases for both drug name fields
- Configuration-Driven Operations: Dynamically applies transformations from config_s8.json

Cleaning Process Initial Preprocessing

Listing 10.4: Initial Data Preparation

```
-- Initialize cleaned columns from original data
UPDATE DRUG_Mapper
SET CLEANED_DRUGNAME = DRUGNAME
WHERE CLEANED_DRUGNAME IS NULL AND DRUGNAME IS NOT NULL;
-- Remove numeric suffixes like /00032/
UPDATE DRUG_Mapper
SET CLEANED_DRUGNAME = regexp_replace(
   CLEANED_DRUGNAME,
    '/[0-9]{5}/',
    ,,
    g'
WHERE NOTES IS NULL;
-- Normalize delimiters and whitespace
UPDATE DRUG_Mapper
SET CLEANED_DRUGNAME = regexp_replace(
   CLEANED_DRUGNAME,
    '[|,+;\\\]',
    ,/,,
    , g,
WHERE NOTES IS NULL;
```

Core Cleaning Function

Listing 10.5: Numeric Character Removal

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION clearnumericcharacters(input_text TEXT)
RETURNS TEXT AS \$func\$
BEGIN

```
RETURN regexp_replace(input_text, '[0-9]', '', 'g');

END;

$func$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

Phase-Based Processing The system processes data through 10 distinct phases: **DRUGNAME Phases (1-5):**

- Phase 1: UNITS_OF_MEASUREMENT_DRUGNAME Standardizes dosage units
- Phase 2: MANUFACTURER_NAMES_DRUGNAME Removes/standardizes manufacturer names
- Phase 3: WORDS_TO_VITAMIN_B_DRUGNAME Normalizes vitamin terminology
- Phase 4: FORMAT_DRUGNAME Applies formatting rules
- Phase 5: CLEANING_DRUGNAME Final drugname cleanup with suffix removal **PROD_AI Phases (6-10):**
- Phase 6: UNITS_MEASUREMENT_PROD_AI Standardizes product units
- Phase 7: MANUFACTURER_NAMES_PROD_AI Cleans manufacturer data
- Phase 8: WORDS_TO_VITAMIN_B_PROD_AI Vitamin normalization
- Phase 9: FORMAT_PROD_AI Product formatting
- Phase 10: CLEANING_PROD_AI Final prod ai cleanup

Configuration-Driven Transformations

```
Listing 10.6: Dynamic Phase Processing
```

```
-- Load phase configuration from temp table

SELECT cfg.config_data INTO phase_data

FROM temp_s8_config AS cfg

WHERE cfg.phase_name = current_phase;
```

— Apply configured replacements dynamically IF phase data IS **NOT NULL THEN**

FOR stmt IN SELECT *

FROM jsonb_array_elements(phase_data -> 'replacements') LOOP
EXECUTE format(

```
"UPDATE_\%I\_SET_\%I\_=\_REPLACE(\%I,\_\%L,\_\%L)",
             stmt.value->>'table',
             stmt.value->>'set column',
             stmt.value->>'replace column',
             stmt.value->>'find',
             stmt.value->>'replace'
         );
    END LOOP:
END IF;
   Suffix Removal and Final Cleanup
                   Listing 10.7: Suffix Removal Logic
UPDATE DRUG Mapper Temp
SET CLEANED DRUGNAME = CASE
    WHEN RIGHT(CLEANED DRUGNAME, 5) =
     'JELL' THEN LEFT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, LENGTH (CLEANED DRUGNAME) -5)
    WHEN RIGHT(CLEANED DRUGNAME, 4) =
    WHEN RIGHT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, 4) =
     '_GEL' THEN LEFT(CLEANED DRUGNAME, LENGTH(CLEANED DRUGNAME)-4)
    WHEN RIGHT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, 4) =
     ', CAP' THEN LEFT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, LENGTH (CLEANED DRUGNAME) -4)
    WHEN RIGHT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, 4) =
     '_TAB' THEN LEFT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, LENGTH (CLEANED DRUGNAME) -4)
    WHEN RIGHT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, 4) =
     ', FOR' THEN LEFT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, LENGTH (CLEANED DRUGNAME) -4)
    WHEN RIGHT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, 2) =
    '//' THEN LEFT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, LENGTH (CLEANED DRUGNAME) -2)
    WHEN RIGHT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, 1) =
    ' ' THEN LEFT (CLEANED DRUGNAME, LENGTH (CLEANED DRUGNAME) -1)
    ELSE CLEANED DRUGNAME
END;
```

Output and Verification

The s8.py script includes comprehensive verification:

- Table Verification: Confirms DRUG_Mapper_Temp creation and population
- Row Count Logging: Reports final table statistics
- Error Handling: Graceful handling of missing tables or configuration files

Dependencies:

- s2.sql, s2.py: Populate faers_a.drug* tables
- s2-5.sql, s2-5.py: Create DRUG_Combined
- s6.sql, s6.py: Create DRUG_Mapper
- config_s8.json: Phase-specific cleaning configurations

Instructions for the exectution:

Listing 10.8: Executing S8

```
source venv/bin/activate
python3.11 s8.py
```

The S8 stage produces DRUG_Mapper_Temp with standardize CLEANED_DRUGNAME and CLEANED_PROD_AI fields, ready for subsequent RxNorm mapping operations. The hybrid configuration-driven approach allows for flexible rule management while maintaining consistent cleaning logic across the entire dataset.

10.4 S9: Mapping with Cleaned Data

The 9th script consists of s9.sql and s9.py, updates DRUG_Mapper with cleaned data from DRUG_Mapper_Temp and maps to RxNorm using RXNCONSO and IDD.

The s9.sql script:

- Schema Validation: Ensures faers_b exists.
- Placeholder Table: Creates minimal IDD if absent.
- Column Addition: Adds CLEANED_DRUGNAME and CLEANED_PROD_AI to DRUG_Mapper.
- Table Checks: Verifies DRUG_Mapper and DRUG_Mapper_Temp.
- Updates: Transfers cleaned data from DRUG_Mapper_Temp to DRUG_Mapper.
- Mapping: Maps DRUG_Mapper to RXNCONSO and IDD using CLEANED_DRUGNAME and CLEANED_PROD_AI, assigning notes (e.g., 9.1).

Listing 10.9: RxNorm Mapping in s9.sq1

UPDATE faers_b."DRUG_Mapper"

SET

"RXAUI" = CAST(rxn."RXAUI" AS BIGINT),

"RXCUI" = CAST(rxn."RXCUI" AS BIGINT),

"NOTES" = '9.1',

"SAB" = rxn."SAB",

"TTY" = rxn."TTY",

"STR" = rxn."STR",

"CODE" = rxn."CODE"

FROM faers_b."RXNCONSO" rxn

WHERE rxn."STR" = faers_b."DRUG_Mapper"."CLEANED_DRUGNAME"

AND faers_b."DRUG_Mapper"."NOTES" IS NULL

AND rxn."SAB" = 'RXNORM'

The s9.py script:

• Configuration: Loads config.json.

AND rxn. "TTY" **IN** ('MIN', 'IN', 'PIN');

- SQL Parsing: Splits s9.sql.
- Execution: Runs statements, logs to s9_execution.log.
- Verification: Checks DRUG_Mapper.

Dependencies:

- s2.sql, s2.py: Populate faers_a.drug*.
- s2-5.sql, s2-5.py: Create DRUG_Combined.
- s6.sql, s6.py: Create DRUG_Mapper.
- s8.sql, s8.py: Create DRUG_Mapper_Temp.

Execution Instructions:

Listing 10.10: Executing S9

```
source venv/bin/activate
python3.11 s9.py
```

10.5 S10: Remapping and Manual Mapping

The S10 stage finalizes the drug mapping process in the FAERS pipeline by performing iterative remapping of DRUG_Mapper to a new table, DRUG_Mapper_2, applying manual remapping through a MANUAL_REMAPPER table, and removing duplicate entries to ensure data integrity. This stage builds on the cleaned and mapped data from S6–S9, enhancing the accuracy of RxNorm mappings within the faers_b schema.

The s10.sql Behaves as we indicate in the next paragraph:

- Schema Validation: Ensures the faers_b schema exists, grants privileges to the postgres user, and sets the search path to include faers_b, faers_combined, and public, consistent with prior stages.
- New Table Creation: Creates DRUG_Mapper_2, a refined version of DRUG_Mapper, with fields such as:
 - DRUGNAME, prod_ai, CLEANED_DRUGNAME, CLEANED_PROD_AI (TEXT): Drug name and active ingredient data.
 - RXAUI, RXCUI (BIGINT): RxNorm identifiers.
 - SAB, TTY (VARCHAR): Source vocabulary and term type.
 - STR (TEXT), CODE (VARCHAR): Additional RxNorm attributes.
 - NOTES (TEXT): Mapping metadata.
- Iterative Remapping: Transfers data from DRUG_Mapper to DRUG_Mapper_2, reapplying mapping logic from S6 and S9 (e.g., matching CLEANED_DRUGNAME to RXNCONSO.STR or IDD.DRUGNAME) to refine RxNorm assignments. This may involve stricter conditions or updated RXNCONSO data.
- Manual Remapping: Integrates mappings from a MANUAL_REMAPPER table, which contains manually curated mappings for drugs in manual_mapping (from S6) with high occurrence counts. Updates DRUG_Mapper_2 with fields like RXAUI, RXCUI, and NOTES (e.g., 10.1 for manual mappings).
- **Deduplication**: Removes duplicate entries in DRUG_Mapper_2 based on key fields (e.g., DRUGNAME, primaryid, RXCUI), ensuring each drug record is unique.
- Indexes: Creates indexes on DRUG_Mapper_2 (e.g., RXCUI, DRUGNAME) to optimize query performance.

Listing 10.11: Assumed Manual Remapping in s10.sql

```
UPDATE faers_b."DRUG_Mapper_2"
SET

"RXAUI" = mr.rxaui ,
"RXCUI" = mr.rxcui ,
"NOTES" = '10.1' ,
"SAB" = mr.sab ,
"TTY" = mr.tty ,
"STR" = mr.str ,
"CODE" = mr.code
FROM faers_b."MANUAL_REMAPPER" mr
WHERE faers_b."DRUG_Mapper_2"."DRUGNAME" = mr.drugname
AND faers_b."DRUG_Mapper_2"."NOTES" IS NULL;
```

The s10.py script has the following execution:

- Configuration: Loads config.json for database settings (e.g., host: 104.155.47.49, port: 5432, user: postgres, dbname: faersdatabase).
- **SQL Parsing**: Splits **s10**. **sql** into executable statements, preserving **D0** blocks and skipping \copy commands, using regular expressions as in prior stages.
- Execution: Connects to PostgreSQL 17.5 using psycopg (version 3.x), executes statements with up to three retries for transient errors, and logs details to s10_execution.log.
- **Table Verification**: Confirms the existence and row counts of DRUG_Mapper_2, logging warnings for empty or missing tables.

Execution Logs: No s10_execution.log When running, execution logs are created. Exection logs is expected to confirm the creation of DRUG_Mapper_2 and successful application of manual mappings.

Dependencies:

- s2.sql, s2.py: Populate faers_a.drug* tables from gs://bucketfaers/ascii/using schema_config.json.
- s2-5.sql, s2-5.py: Combine faers_a tables into faers_combined.DRUG_Combined.
- s6.sql, s6.py: Create faers_b.DRUG_Mapper and manual_mapping.
- s8.sql, s8.py: Create faers_b.DRUG_Mapper_Temp for cleaned data.

- s9.sql, s9.py: Update DRUG_Mapper with cleaned and mapped data.
- MANUAL_REMAPPER table: Contains manually curated mappings, assumed prepopulated based on manual_mapping.

Execution Instructions:

source venv/bin/activate
python3.11 s10.py

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Creating the Tables

Stage S11 of the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) pipeline, implemented through s11.sql and s11.py, finalizes the data processing workflow by creating a comprehensive set of standardized dataset tables in the faers_b schema. These tables consolidate drug, adverse event, demographic, indication, outcome, therapy, and report source data, enabling detailed safety signal analysis. Additionally, S11 performs statistical analysis to compute metrics such as Proportional Reporting Ratio (PRR), Relative Odds Ratio (ROR), and Information Component (IC), which are critical for identifying potential drug-adverse event associations. This stage relies on data from prior pipeline stages, including MedDRA-mapped tables from S3, the aligned dataset from S4test, combined tables from S2-5, and RxNorm-mapped drug data (e.g., drug_mapper_3, assumed from S9 or an unprovided S10). We did on a PostgreSQL 17.5 database hosted on a Rocky Linux server, S11 ensures data integrity through validation checks and logging.

11.1 S11: Dataset Table Creation and Analysis

The S11 stage orchestrates the creation of 14 tables that form the foundation for FAERS data analysis. The s11.sql script performs the following key operations:

- Schema Validation: Verifies the faersdatabase context and ensures the faers_b schema exists, granting privileges to the postgres user and setting the search path to faers_b, faers_combined, public.
- Logging Setup: Creates a remapping_log table to record execution steps, successes, and errors, ensuring traceability of operations.

• Table Creation and Population:

- drugs_standardized: Stores standardized drug records with fields like primaryid, drug_id, drug_seq, role_cod, period, rxaui, and drug, populated from drug_mapper_3 (filtered for non-null final_rxaui excluding 9267486, indicating 'UNKNOWN STR') and joined with aligned_demo_drug_reac_indi_ther.
- adverse_reactions: Captures adverse events with primaryid, period, and adverse_event, derived from reac_combined's meddra_code mapped to pref_term or low_level_term.
- drug_adverse_reactions_pairs: Pairs drugs and adverse events by joining drugs_standardized and adverse_reactions on primaryid, ensuring unique combinations.
- drug_adverse_reactions_count: Aggregates pair counts, grouping by rxaui, drug, and adverse_event to compute count_of_reaction.
- drug_indications: Records drug indications with primaryid, indi_drug_seq, period, and drug_indication, using indi_combined's meddra_code (excluding specific codes 10070592, 10057097) mapped to pref_term or low_level_term.
- demographics: Stores patient data (caseid, primaryid, caseversion, fda_dt, i_f_cod, event_dt, age, gender, country_code, period) from aligned_demo_drug_reac_indi_ther.
- case_outcomes: Captures outcomes (primaryid, outc_cod, period) from outc_combined.
- therapy_dates: Records therapy details (primaryid, dsg_drug_seq, start_dt, end_dt, dur, dur_cod, period) from ther_combined.
- report_sources: Stores report sources (primaryid, rpsr_cod, period) from rpsr_combined.
- drug_margin: Computes total reaction counts per drug (rxaui, margin)
 from drug_adverse_reactions_count.
- event_margin: Computes total reaction counts per adverse event (adverse_event, margin).
- total_count: Stores the total number of reactions (n).
- contingency_table: Constructs a 2x2 contingency table (rxaui, drug, adverse_event, a, b, c, d) for statistical analysis.

- proportionate_analysis: Calculates statistical metrics
 (prr, ror, chi_squared_yates, ic, etc.) to assess drug-event associations.
- Indexing: Creates indexes on primaryid, rxaui, and adverse_event fields to optimize query performance.

The s11.py script orchestrates execution:

- Configuration: Loads config.json for database settings (e.g., host: 104.155.47.49, port: 5432).
- SQL Parsing: Splits s11.sql into statements, preserving D0 blocks and skipping \copy commands.
- Execution: Uses psycopg to execute statements with up to three retries, logging to s11_execution.log.
- Verification: Checks table existence and row counts, logging warnings for empty or missing tables.

Execution Logs: No s11_execution.log was provided, but based on S6–S9 patterns (May 17, 2025), S11 is expected to confirm table creation, with potential warnings if input tables (e.g., drug_mapper_3) are empty.

Dependencies:

- s2.sql, s2.py: Populate faers_a tables.
- s2-5.sql, s2-5.py: Create faers_combined tables (DEMO_Combined, DRUG_Combined, INDI_Combined, REAC_Combined, OUTC_Combined, THER_Combined, RPSR_Combined).
- s3.sql, s3-4.py: Map MedDRA codes in INDI_Combined, REAC_Combined, create pref_term, low_level_term.
- s4test.sql, s3-4.py: Create aligned_demo_drug_reac_indi_ther.
- s9.sql, s9.py: Update DRUG_Mapper (assumed to produce drug_mapper_3 if S10 is absent).

Execution Instructions:

Listing 11.1: Executing S11

```
python3.11 -m venv venv
source venv/bin/activate
pip install psycopg
python3.11 s11.py
```

11.2 Key Code Excerpts

n expected **FLOAT**,

The following code excerpts highlight critical operations in s11.sql, including the creation of drugs_standardized and the statistical analysis in proportionate_analysis.

```
Listing 11.2: Creating drugs_standardized in s11.sql
CREATE TABLE faers b.drugs standardized (
    primaryid BIGINT,
    drug id INTEGER,
    drug seq BIGINT,
    role \operatorname{cod} VARCHAR(2),
    period VARCHAR(4),
    rxaui BIGINT,
    drug VARCHAR(3000)
);
INSERT INTO faers b.drugs standardized
SELECT dm. primaryid, dm. drug id, dm. drug seq, dm. role cod, dm. period,
       dm. final rxaui AS rxaui, dm. remapping str AS drug
FROM faers_b.drug_mapper_3 dm
INNER JOIN faers combined aligned demo drug reac indi ther ad
    ON dm. primaryid = ad. primaryid
WHERE dm. final rxaui IS NOT NULL
  AND dm. final rxaui != 9267486;
              Listing 11.3: Proportionate Analysis in s11.sql
CREATE TABLE faers b. proportionate analysis (
    id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    rxaui BIGINT,
    drug VARCHAR(3000),
    adverse event VARCHAR(1000),
    a FLOAT,
```

```
prr FLOAT,
    prr lb FLOAT,
    prr ub FLOAT,
    chi squared yates FLOAT,
    ror FLOAT,
    ror lb FLOAT,
    ror ub FLOAT,
    ic FLOAT,
    ic025 FLOAT,
    ic975 FLOAT
);
INSERT INTO faers b.proportionate analysis
SELECT ct.rxaui, ct.drug, ct.adverse event, ct.a,
       ((ct.a + ct.b) * (ct.a + ct.c)) /
       NULLIF((ct.a + ct.b + ct.c + ct.d), 0) AS n expected,
       (ct.a / NULLIF((ct.a + ct.c), 0)) /
       NULLIF((ct.b / NULLIF((ct.b + ct.d), 0)), 0) AS prr,
       \exp(\ln((ct.a / NULLIF((ct.a + ct.c), 0))) /
       NULLIF((ct.b / NULLIF((ct.b + ct.d), 0)), 0))
           - 1.96 * sqrt ((1.0 / ct.a)
           -(1.0 / (ct.a + ct.c)) + (1.0 / ct.b)
           - (1.0 / (ct.b + ct.d)))) AS prr_lb,
       \log(2, (ct.a + 0.5))
       NULLIF(((ct.a + ct.b) * (ct.a + ct.c)) /
       (ct.a + ct.b + ct.c + ct.d) + 0.5), 0) AS ic,
FROM faers b. contingency table ct
WHERE ct.a > 0 AND ct.b > 0 AND ct.c > 0 AND ct.d > 0;
```

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Unit Testing

12.1 Introduction

The FAERS (FDA Adverse Event Reporting System) data processing pipeline represents a sophisticated, multi-phase system for transforming raw pharmaceutical adverse event data into standardized, analysis-ready datasets suitable for pharmacovigilance research and regulatory reporting. Given the critical nature of this data for drug safety monitoring and the complex algorithmic operations involved, comprehensive unit testing forms an essential component of the pipeline's quality assurance framework. This testing documentation covers the complete unit test suite for all 11 phases of the FAERS pipeline, validating operations ranging from initial data ingestion and schema creation through advanced drug mapping, statistical analysis, and regulatory reporting. The pipeline architecture follows a dual-component design pattern where each phase consists of a Python orchestration script paired with a corresponding SQL script, requiring comprehensive testing of both database operations and pipeline coordination logic.

Testing Architecture and Frameworks

The unit testing strategy employs a multi-framework approach to validate different aspects of the pipeline. The architecture is organized around the following components:

• Dual Testing Framework Structure:

- unittest is used primarily for Python orchestration logic, including:

- * Configuration management
- * SQL parsing
- * Error handling
- * Retry mechanisms
- pytest complements this by focusing on:
 - * Database operations
 - * SQL logic validation
 - * Complex query testing
 - * Statistical calculation verification

• Mock-Based Testing Strategy:

- External dependencies—such as database connections, file systems, and network resources—are fully mocked.
- This allows for:
 - * Isolated testing
 - * Repeatable execution
 - * Fast test performance
 - * Simulation of complex interactions and error conditions

• Hierarchical Test Organization:

- Tests follow a staged structure:
 - * Stage 1: Infrastructure and connectivity verification
 - * Stage 2: Core functionality testing
 - * Stage 3: Advanced scenarios including:
 - · Edge case performance
 - · Error recovery paths

Pipeline Complexity and Testing Challenges

The FAERS pipeline presents unique testing challenges due to its sophisticated data processing requirements.

Multi-Phase Dependencies: The pipeline's 11 phases exhibit complex interdependencies, where later phases require the successful completion of earlier operations.

Testing must therefore validate not only individual phase functionality but also ensure correct dependency chain management and graceful handling of missing or failed prerequisites.

External Data Integration: The pipeline incorporates multiple external data sources, including RxNorm terminology, MedDRA medical dictionaries, the FDA Products database, and the Industry Drug Database (IDD). Testing efforts focus on verifying integration patterns, ensuring correct handling of diverse data formats, and assessing system behavior in the event of unavailable or inconsistent external resources.

Statistical Algorithm Validation: Several later phases implement advanced pharmacovigilance algorithms such as Proportionate Reporting Ratios (PRR), Information Components (IC), and confidence interval computations. Tests are designed to verify the mathematical accuracy of these computations, confirm numerical stability, and account for edge cases such as division by zero or numerical overflow.

Performance and Scale Considerations: Given that the pipeline processes millions of adverse event records, performance testing is essential. Tests evaluate system behavior under load, including memory utilization, connection stability, and processing time for large-scale data operations involving text processing, hierarchical mapping, and statistical analysis.

Testing Patterns and Methodologies

Several key testing patterns emerge across the pipeline phases

Configuration-Driven Testing: Validates flexible configuration management systems that enable runtime modification of processing parameters, cleaning rules, and mapping strategies without code changes.

SQL Parsing and Execution Validation: Comprehensive testing of sophisticated SQL parsing logic that handles complex constructs including nested dollar quotes, DO blocks, functions, and dynamic SQL generation.

Error Recovery and Retry Mechanisms: Systematic testing of retry logic for transient failures while ensuring that non-retryable errors (such as duplicate objects) are handled appropriately without unnecessary retry attempts.

Data Quality and Integrity Testing: Validation of data cleaning operations, standardization algorithms, and quality assurance mechanisms that ensure regulatory compliance and analytical accuracy.

Hierarchical Processing Validation: Testing of priority-based processing systems that implement quality-driven selection algorithms for optimal data mapping and concept assignment.

Regulatory and Quality Assurance Context

The testing framework operates within the context of regulatory requirements for pharmaceutical data processing:

Data Integrity Compliance: Testing validates that all data transformations maintain proper audit trails, implement appropriate validation checks, and preserve data lineage for regulatory review.

Statistical Accuracy Requirements: Pharmacovigilance statistics must meet regulatory standards for mathematical accuracy and numerical stability. Testing includes comprehensive validation of statistical formulas against known reference implementations.

Reproducibility and Traceability: The testing framework ensures that all pipeline operations are deterministic and reproducible, with comprehensive logging and error reporting mechanisms that support regulatory audit requirements.

This documentation provides detailed insight into the testing methodology, validation approaches, and quality assurance mechanisms that ensure the FAERS pipeline meets the stringent requirements for pharmaceutical data processing and regulatory reporting. Each phase's documentation includes comprehensive test descriptions, validation criteria, and examples of the sophisticated testing patterns employed to verify correct operation under both normal and exceptional conditions.

12.2 Phase 2: Schema Creation and Data Processing

Phase 2 implements the foundational database schema creation and data processing operations for the FAERS pipeline. This phase consists of two primary components: s2.py for configuration management and schema operations, and s2_5.py for combined table creation and data consolidation.

Test Suite Overview

The Phase 2 test suite comprises four test files that validate both Python orchestration logic and SQL database operations:

- test_s2.py (unittest framework) Configuration and schema validation
- test_s2_5.py (unittest framework) Pipeline execution and error handling
- test_s2.py (pytest framework) SQL operations and database functions

• test_s2_5.py (pytest framework) - Combined table operations and integration

Configuration Management Tests (test_s2.py - unittest)

This test class validates the configuration loading and schema resolution functionality:

Configuration Loading:

- test_load_config_success Validates successful JSON configuration parsing
- test_load_config_file_not_found Ensures proper FileNotFoundError handling

Schema Resolution:

- test_get_schema_for_period_valid_period Tests time-based schema selection for different quarters (2022Q3 vs 2024Q2)
- test_get_schema_for_period_invalid_table Validates error handling for non-existent tables
- test_get_schema_for_period_invalid_period Tests boundary conditions for date ranges outside available schemas

Pipeline Execution Tests (test_s2_5.py - unittest)

This test class focuses on the pipeline orchestration and SQL parsing components: SQL Statement Parsing:

- test_parse_sql_statements_basic Validates proper parsing of mixed SQL statements including DO blocks and comments
- test_parse_sql_statements_empty_input Tests handling of comment-only or empty SQL files

Execution Reliability:

- test_execute_with_retry_success_on_first_attempt Confirms successful execution without retries
- test_execute_with_retry_duplicate_table_handling Validates graceful handling of duplicate object errors

Database Operations Tests (test_s2.py - pytest)

This comprehensive test suite validates core database functionality using mocked connections:

Schema and Table Management:

- test_schema_creation Verifies faers_a schema creation logic
- test_process_faers_file_table_name_generation Validates dynamic table naming (e.g., demo23q1, drug24q4)
- test_process_faers_file_column_definition_building Tests SQL column definition generation from JSON schemas

Time-Based Processing:

- test_get_completed_year_quarters_basic_logic Tests year-quarter generation from 2004 to current minus one quarter
- test_get_completed_year_quarters_edge_case_q1 Validates edge case handling when current quarter is Q1

Data Import Operations:

- test_file_header_validation_logic Validates file header column count matching
- test_copy_command_format_validation Tests PostgreSQL COPY command formatting with proper delimiters and encoding

Error Handling and Reliability:

- test_server_connection_timeout Tests connection timeout scenarios
- test_server_encoding_validation Validates UTF-8 encoding requirements
- test_error_handling_and_rollback_logic Tests transaction rollback on errors

Combined Table Operations Tests (test_s2_5.py - pytest)

This test suite focuses on the faers_combined schema operations:

Schema and Table Creation:

- test_schema_creation_statement Validates faers_combined schema creation
- test_combined_table_creation Tests creation of combined tables with identity columns
- test_session_parameter_settings Validates session configuration (search_path, work_mem)

Advanced SQL Operations:

- test_do_block_structure_validation Tests complex DO block parsing and execution
- test_get_completed_year_quarters_dependency Validates dependency on Phase 2 functions
- test_insert_operation_structure Tests INSERT operations into combined tables

System Reliability:

- test_server_connection_handling Tests connection retry mechanisms
- test_server_memory_configuration Validates PostgreSQL memory settings
- \bullet test_transaction_rollback_on_error Tests transaction management and rollback procedures

Integration Testing Support

Both pytest-based test suites include integration test markers that can be run separately against actual database connections.

These tests are marked with <code>Opytest.mark.integration</code> and are skipped during unit testing to maintain test isolation and speed.

Key Testing Patterns

Mock Strategy: All tests use comprehensive mocking of database connections, file systems, and external dependencies to ensure unit test isolation.

Error Simulation: Tests systematically simulate various PostgreSQL error conditions (connection timeouts, duplicate objects, syntax errors) to validate error handling robustness.

Time-Based Logic: Special attention is given to testing time-dependent functionality, particularly the quarter-based processing logic that determines which FAERS data periods to process.

SQL Parsing Validation: Tests ensure that complex SQL scripts with DO blocks, comments, and mixed statement types are properly parsed and executed in the correct order.

12.3 Phase 3: MedDRA Integration

Phase 3 implements Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA) integration, enabling standardized medical terminology mapping for FAERS data. This phase focuses on loading MedDRA hierarchical data and creating mappings between FAERS terms and MedDRA codes.

Test Suite Overview

The Phase 3 test suite validates MedDRA data loading, term mapping, and data cleaning operations:

- test_s3.py (pytest framework) MedDRA table operations and mapping functionality
- test_s3_4.py (unittest framework) Pipeline orchestration and configuration management

MedDRA Operations Tests (test_s3.py - pytest)

This comprehensive test suite validates MedDRA data integration functionality: **Table Structure and Data Loading:**

• test_drop_and_create_meddra_tables - Validates creation of core MedDRA tables (low_level_term, pref_term, etc.)

- test_copy_command_structure Tests COPY operations for .asc file loading with proper delimiters
- test_mapping_tables_creation Validates creation of INDI and REAC mapping tables with primary keys
- test_json_data_loading Tests JSON format loading for mapping data

Data Enhancement and Mapping:

- test_alter_table_add_columns Tests addition of meddra_code and cleaned_pt columns to combined tables
- test_data_cleaning_update_statements Validates text cleaning operations (UPPER, TRIM, REPLACE for special characters)
- test_meddra_code_mapping_updates Tests MedDRA code assignment through pref term joins
- test_index_creation_statements Validates performance index creation on meddra code columns

File System and Performance:

- test_server_file_access_handling Tests file access permissions and error handling for MedDRA .asc files
- test_server_memory_handling_large_tables Validates memory management for large-scale mapping operations

Validation and Structure Tests:

- test_table_column_specifications Validates proper data types for Med-DRA table columns
- test_file_path_structure Tests expected file path patterns for MedDRA data
- \bullet test_update_statement_structure Validates SQL UPDATE statement patterns and syntax

12.4 Phase 4: Data Alignment and Standardization

Phase 4 implements comprehensive data alignment operations, standardizing age calculations, country codes, gender values, and creating the final aligned dataset that combines demographic, drug, reaction, indication, and therapy data.

Test Suite Overview

The Phase 4 test suite validates data standardization logic and multi-table alignment operations:

- test_s4.py (pytest framework) Data alignment and standardization operations
- test_s3_4.py (unittest framework) Combined pipeline orchestration for phases 3 and 4

Data Alignment Tests (test_s4.py - pytest)

This test suite focuses on data standardization and alignment operations:

Configuration and Setup:

- test_search_path_configuration Validates proper schema search path configuration
- test_column_additions_to_demo_combined Tests addition of standardized columns (age_years_fixed, country_code, gender)

Age Standardization Logic:

- test_age_conversion_logic Tests comprehensive age unit conversion (decades, years, months, weeks, days, hours to years)
- test_numeric_age_validation_regex Validates regex patterns for numeric age validation

Geographic and Demographic Standardization:

• test_country_code_fallback_logic - Tests country code mapping with 2-character fallback logic

• test_gender_standardization_cleanup - Validates gender code standardization (M/F preservation, UNK/NS/YR cleanup)

Table Creation and Joins:

- test_aligned_table_creation_structure Tests creation of ALIGNED_DEMO_DRUG_REAC_INDI_THER table
- test_join_conditions_validation Validates JOIN conditions across multiple combined tables

Performance and Error Handling:

- test_server_file_access_validation Tests CSV file access for country code mappings
- test_server_memory_handling_large_joins Validates memory management for complex multi-table joins

Data Quality Validation:

- test_data_type_conversions Tests data type casting and conversion logic
- test_distinct_and_conflict_handling Validates duplicate detection and DISTINCT operations
- test_index_creation_validation Tests performance index creation on aligned table

Combined Pipeline Orchestration (test_s3_4.py - unittest)

This test class validates the combined execution of phases 3 and 4:

Configuration Management:

- test_config_loading_success Tests successful configuration loading with all required parameters
- test_config_file_not_found Validates error handling for missing configuration files
- test_config_invalid_json Tests handling of malformed JSON configuration

• test_missing_config_parameters - Validates detection of incomplete configuration

Prerequisite Validation:

• test_table_existence_check_table_missing - Tests validation that required tables from previous phases exist

Key Testing Patterns

Age Conversion Testing: Comprehensive validation of age unit conversions using realistic test data covering all supported time units (decades, years, months, weeks, days, hours).

Data Standardization: Systematic testing of data cleanup operations including text normalization, country code standardization, and gender value cleanup.

Multi-table Join Validation: Testing of complex JOIN operations across demographic, drug, reaction, indication, and therapy tables with proper foreign key relationships.

File System Integration: Validation of external file dependencies including MedDRA .asc files and country mapping CSV files with appropriate error handling for access issues. this is some code.

12.5 Phase 5: RxNorm Integration and Drug Mapping

Phase 5 implements comprehensive RxNorm integration for standardized drug nomenclature mapping. This phase creates the $faers_b$ schema, establishes drug mapping tables, loads RxNorm terminology data, and creates mappings between FAERS drug names and standardized RxNorm concepts.

Test Suite Overview

The Phase 5 test suite validates RxNorm data integration, drug mapping operations, and terminology standardization:

- test_s5.py (unittest framework) Pipeline orchestration and SQL parsing
- test_s5.py (pytest framework) RxNorm operations and drug mapping functionality

Pipeline Orchestration Tests (test_s5.py - unittest)

This test class validates the Python orchestration layer for Phase 5:

Configuration and Parsing:

- $\bullet \ \ test_load_config_success-Validates\ JSON\ configuration\ loading\ for\ database\ connections$
- test_load_config_missing_file Tests error handling for missing configuration files
- test_parse_sql_statements_with_copy_commands Tests SQL parsing with COPY command filtering
- test_parse_sql_statements_empty_and_comments_only Validates handling of comment-only SQL files

Execution Reliability:

- test_execute_with_retry_operational_error_then_success Tests retry logic for transient connection failures
- test_execute_with_retry_duplicate_table_no_retry Validates that duplicate object errors bypass retry logic

The SQL parsing functionality specifically filters out COPY commands to prevent conflicts during automated execution:

```
— This COPY command will be filtered out during parsing
\copy faers_b.test_table FROM 'data.csv' WITH CSV HEADER;
— While this INSERT statement will be executed
INSERT INTO faers b.test table VALUES (2, 'another_test');
```

RxNorm Operations Tests (test_s5.py - pytest)

This comprehensive test suite validates RxNorm integration and drug mapping operations:

Database Context and Schema Management:

- ullet test_database_context_validation Validates connection to correct faersdatabase
- test_faers_b_schema_creation Tests faers_b schema creation with proper authorization

• test_search_path_and_privileges - Validates schema privileges and search path configuration

Infrastructure and Logging:

- test_logging_table_creation Tests s5_log table creation for progress tracking
- test_drug_mapper_table_creation Validates drug mapping table structure with proper indexing
- test_drug_mapper_population_logic Tests population of drug mapper from combined tables

The drug mapper table serves as the central mapping structure:

```
CREATE TABLE faers_b.drug_mapper (
drug_id INTEGER NOT NULL,
primaryid BIGINT,
caseid BIGINT,
drug_seq BIGINT,
role_cod VARCHAR(2),
drugname VARCHAR(500),
rxaui BIGINT,
rxcui BIGINT,
str VARCHAR(3000),
remapping_rxcui VARCHAR(8)
);
```

RxNorm Table Management:

- test_rxnorm_table_creation_structure Tests creation of core RxNorm tables (RXNCONSO, RXNREL, RXNSAT)
- test_rxnorm_table_existence_checks Validates table existence checking logic before creation

The RXNCONSO table represents the core RxNorm concept structure:

```
CREATE TABLE faers_b.rxnconso (
rxcui VARCHAR(8) NOT NULL,
lat VARCHAR(3) DEFAULT 'ENG' NOT NULL,
rxaui VARCHAR(8) NOT NULL,
```

```
sab VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
tty VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
code VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
str VARCHAR(3000) NOT NULL);
```

Data Loading and File Management:

- test_rxnorm_table_creation_structure Tests creation of core RxNorm tables (RXNCONSO, RXNREL, RXNSAT)
- test_rxnorm_table_existence_checks Validates table existence checking logic before creation

RxNorm data loading uses pipe-delimited .RRF files:

```
\copy faers_b.rxnconso FROM '/path/RXNCONSO.RRF' WITH (FORMAT CSV, DELIMITER '|', NULL'', HEADER FALSE);
```

Error Handling and Validation:

- test_do_block_error_handling_structure Tests comprehensive error handling with logging
- test_rxnorm_copy_command_validation Validates COPY command structure for RxNorm files
- test_logging_functionality_validation Tests progress logging mechanisms
- test_table_dependency_validation Validates prerequisite table existence checking

The phase implements comprehensive error handling with progress logging:

```
DO $
BEGIN

— Operation logic
INSERT INTO faers_b.drug_mapper VALUES (...);
EXCEPTION
WHEN OTHERS THEN
INSERT INTO faers_b.s5_log (step, message)
VALUES ('Error', 'Error:_' || SQLERRM);
RAISE;
END $;
```

Key Testing Patterns

Dependency Validation: Systematic testing of table existence before operations, ensuring proper execution order across pipeline phases.

Large-Scale Data Handling: Comprehensive testing of memory management, disk space, and connection stability during RxNorm data loading operations.

File System Integration: Validation of external RxNorm .RRF file dependencies with proper error handling for missing files and permission issues.

Error Recovery: Testing of retry mechanisms for transient failures while ensuring that non-retryable errors (like duplicate objects) are handled appropriately.

Progress Tracking: Validation of logging mechanisms that track execution progress and capture detailed error information for debugging purposes.

12.6 Phase 6: Advanced Drug Mapping and External Data Integration

Phase 6 implements sophisticated drug mapping operations that integrate multiple external data sources including FDA Products database and Industry Drug Database (IDD). This phase enhances the drug mapping established in Phase 5 through intelligent string cleaning, hierarchical mapping strategies, and manual mapping workflows for unm apped high-frequency drugs.

Test Suite Overview

The Phase 6 test suite validates advanced mapping algorithms, external data integration, and string processing operations:

- test_s6.py (unittest framework) Pipeline orchestration and advanced SQL parsing
- test_s6.py (pytest framework) Advanced drug mapping operations and external data integration

Pipeline Orchestration Tests (test_s6.py — unittest)

This test class validates the sophisticated Python orchestration layer for Phase 6: Configuration and Advanced SQL Parsing:

- test_load_config_success Validates configuration loading for external data sources
- test_load_config_file_not_found Tests error handling for missing configuration
- test_load_config_invalid_json Validates handling of malformed JSON configuration
- test_parse_sql_statements_with_functions_and_do_blocks =- Tests parsing of complex SQL with functions and DO blocks
- test_parse_sql_statements_with_bom Validates BOM character handling in SQL files
- test_parse_sql_statements_nested_functions Tests parsing of nested function definitions

The SQL parsing handles complex nested structures including functions with embedded dollar quotes:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION faers_b.outer_function()

RETURNS void AS $

DECLARE

inner_var INTEGER;

BEGIN

-- This contains $ inside the function

EXECUTE 'CREATE_TEMP_TABLE_test_AS_SELECT_$_||_''hello''_||_$';

RAISE NOTICE 'Executed_with_$';

END

$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

Enhanced Execution Reliability:

- test_execute_with_retry_success_first_attempt Tests successful execution without retries.
- test_execute_with_retry_database_error_then_success Tests retry logic for database connectivity issues.
- test_execute_with_retry_duplicate_index_no_retry Validates bypass of retry logic for duplicate object errors.

Advanced Drug Mapping Tests (test_s6.py - pytest)

This comprehensive test suite validates sophisticated drug mapping operations: **String Processing and Standardization:**

- test_database_context_validation Validates correct database context.
- test_clean_string_function_logic Tests advanced string cleaning algorithm for drug name standardization.

The clean_string function implements sophisticated text processing:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION faers b.clean string (input TEXT)
RETURNS TEXT AS $
DECLARE
output TEXT := input;
BEGIN
- Extract content from parentheses if present
IF POSITION(', (', IN output) > 0)
AND POSITION(')' IN output) > POSITION('(' IN output) THEN
output := SUBSTRING(output FROM POSITION('(' IN output) + 1 FOR
POSITION(')' IN output) - POSITION('(' IN output) - 1);
END IF:
- Clean special characters and trim
output := TRIM(BOIH '_:,?/'~!@#$\%^&*-=+_', FROM output);
-- Replace common patterns
output := REPLACE(output, '; ', ', ',');
\mathbf{output} \; := \; \text{REGEXP\_REPLACE}(\mathbf{output} \,, \quad \text{``} \backslash \, \mathbf{s+'} \,, \quad \text{``\_'} \,, \quad \text{`g'}) \,;
RETURN COALESCE (output, '');
END;
$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

External Data Source Integration:

- test_products_at_fda_table_creation Tests FDA Products database table structure.
- test_idd_table_creation_and_structure Validates Industry Drug Database (IDD) table creation.

• test_performance_indexes_creation - Tests multi-table index creation for performance optimization.

Intelligent Mapping Strategies:

- test_rxaui_mapping_logic_with_conditions Tests hierarchical mapping with strict and relaxed conditions.
- test_nda_number_mapping_logic Validates NDA number-based mapping with regex validation.
- test_drug_name_mapping_with_priority_logic Tests priority-based mapping with quality scoring.

The mapping strategy employs a hierarchical approach with quality-based prioritization:

```
-- Strict conditions mapping (highest quality)

UPDATE faers_b.products_at_fda

SET rxaui = rxnconso.rxaui

FROM faers_b.rxnconso

WHERE products_at_fda.ai_2 = rxnconso.str

AND rxnconso.sab = 'RXNORM'

AND rxnconso.tty IN ('IN', 'MIN')

AND products_at_fda.rxaui IS NULL;

-- Relaxed conditions mapping (fallback)

UPDATE faers_b.products_at_fda

SET rxaui = rxnconso.rxaui

FROM faers_b.rxnconso

WHERE products_at_fda.ai_2 = rxnconso.str

AND products_at_fda.rxaui IS NULL;
```

Manual Mapping Workflow:

- test_manual_mapping_table_and_high_count_drugs Tests identification and management of high-frequency unmapped drugs.
- test_server_dependency_validation_complex Validates complex dependency chains across multiple schemas.

The manual mapping system identifies drugs requiring human review:

INSERT INTO faers_b.manual_mapping (count, drugname)
SELECT COUNT(drugname) AS count, drugname
FROM faers_b.drug_mapper
WHERE notes IS NULL
GROUP BY drugname
HAVING COUNT(drugname) > 199;

Data Quality and Validation:

- test_temp_table_operations Tests temporary table management for complex operations.
- test_cast_operations_validation Validates data type conversions.
- test_conditional_logic_validation Tests conditional mapping logic.
- test_string_operations_validation Validates string manipulation functions.

Key Testing Patterns

Hierarchical Mapping Validation: Tests validate the multi-tiered mapping strategy that prioritizes high-quality matches (RXNORM/IN) over lower-quality alternatives, ensuring optimal mapping outcomes.

String Processing Algorithms: Comprehensive testing of text cleaning operations including parenthetical content extraction, special character removal, and whitespace normalization.

External Data Integration: Validation of integration patterns for FDA Products database and Industry Drug Database, including proper table structures and join conditions.

Performance Optimization: Testing of strategic index creation across multiple tables and schemas to support complex join operations and mapping queries.

Quality Scoring Systems: Validation of note-based quality scoring (1.0-6.6) that tracks mapping methodology and enables quality assessment of drug mappings.

Manual Review Workflows: Testing of automated identification systems for drugs requiring manual intervention, prioritizing high-frequency unmapped terms for human review.

12.7 Phase 7: FAERS Analysis Summary and Data Export

Phase 7 implements the final analysis and summary operations that aggregate FAERS data into actionable insights. This phase creates comprehensive summary tables that combine drug mappings, adverse reactions, and outcomes data, providing the foundation for pharmacovigilance analysis and regulatory reporting.

Test Suite Overview

The Phase 7 test suite validates summary table creation, complex aggregation operations, and data export functionality:

- test_s7.py (unittest framework) Pipeline orchestration and SQL parsing for analysis operations.
- test_s7.py (pytest framework) Analysis summary operations and aggregation logic.

Pipeline Orchestration Tests (test_s7.py - unittest)

This test class validates the Python orchestration layer for the final analysis phase: Configuration and SQL Processing:

- test_load_config_success Validates configuration loading for analysis operations.
- test_load_config_file_not_found Tests error handling for missing configuration files.
- test_load_config_invalid_json Validates handling of malformed JSON configuration.
- test_parse_sql_statements_basic_functionality Tests parsing of analysis SQL with aggregation logic.
- test_parse_sql_statements_with_bom_character Validates BOM character handling in SQL files.
- test_parse_sql_statements_complex_do_block Tests parsing of complex analysis procedures.

The SQL parsing handles sophisticated analysis operations including nested dollar quotes:

```
DO $
DECLARE
sql_text TEXT;
BEGIN
sql_text := 'CREATE_TABLE_test_AS_SELECT_$tag$hello$tag$_as_greeting';
EXECUTE sql_text;
RAISE NOTICE 'Executed:_%', sql_text;
END
$;
```

Execution Reliability:

- test_execute_with_retry_immediate_success Tests successful execution without retries.
- test_execute_with_retry_operational_error_recovery Tests retry logic for analysis operations.
- test_execute_with_retry_duplicate_object_skip Validates bypass of retry logic for existing objects.

Analysis Summary Operations Tests (test_s7.py - pytest)

This comprehensive test suite validates the final analysis and summary functionality: Infrastructure and Table Creation:

- test_database_context_validation Validates correct database context for analysis.
- test_faers_analysis_summary_table_creation Tests creation of the primary analysis summary table.
- test_schema_setup_and_privileges Validates schema configuration and access privileges.

The FAERS Analysis Summary table serves as the central repository for aggregated insights:

```
CREATE TABLE faers_b."FAERS_Analysis_Summary" (
"SUMMARY_ID" SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
"RXCUI" VARCHAR(8),
"DRUGNAME" TEXT,
"REACTION_PT" VARCHAR(100),
"OUTCOME_CODE" VARCHAR(20),
"EVENT_COUNT" BIGINT,
"REPORTING_PERIOD" VARCHAR(10),
"ANALYSIS_DATE" TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP);
```

Data Integration and Aggregation:

- test_source_table_existence_validation Tests validation of prerequisite tables from previous phases.
- test_complex_aggregation_insert_logic Validates sophisticated aggregation operations with GROUP BY logic.
- test_join_conditions_validation Tests multi-table JOIN operations across schemas.

The aggregation logic combines data from multiple sources to create comprehensive summaries:

```
INSERT INTO faers b. "FAERS Analysis Summary" (
"RXCUI", "DRUGNAME", "REACTION PT",
"OUTCOME CODE", "EVENT COUNT", "REPORTING PERIOD"
)
SELECT
drm. "RXCUI",
drm. "DRUGNAME",
rc.pt AS "REACTION PT",
oc.outc cod AS "OUTCOME CODE",
COUNT(*) AS "EVENT COUNT"
rc. "PERIOD" \mathbf{AS} "REPORTING PERIOD"
FROM faers b. "DRUG RxNorm Mapping" drm
INNER JOIN faers combined. "REAC Combined" rc
ON drm. "primaryid" = rc. "primaryid"
INNER JOIN faers combined. "OUTC Combined"
ON drm. "primaryid" = oc. "primaryid"
```

GROUP BY drm. "RXCUI", drm. "DRUGNAME", rc.pt, oc.outc_cod, rc. "PERIOD" ON CONFLICT DO NOTHING;

Performance and Data Quality:

- test_performance_indexes_creation Tests strategic index creation for analysis queries.
- test_conflict_resolution_logic Validates duplicate handling with ON CONFLICT logic.
- test_timestamp_default_functionality Tests automatic timestamp assignment for analysis dates.

Export and Reporting Capabilities:

• test_server_export_capability_validation - Tests CSV export functionality for regulatory reporting

The export functionality enables regulatory reporting and external analysis:

\copy faers_b."FAERS_Analysis_Summary" TO '/data/analysis_summary.csv' WITH (FORMAT CSV, DELIMITER ',', NULL '', HEADER TRUE);

Data Validation and Quality Assurance:

- test_aggregation_functions_validation Tests COUNT and GROUP BY operations.
- test_column_aliasing_validation Validates proper column aliasing in complex queries.
- test_table_qualification_validation Tests proper schema qualification across tables.
- test_data_types_validation Validates data type specifications for analysis columns.

Key Testing Patterns

Multi-Schema Integration: Tests validate complex operations that span multiple schemas (faers_b, faers_combined) and integrate data from all previous pipeline phases.

Aggregation Logic Validation: Comprehensive testing of GROUP BY operations, COUNT functions, and summary statistics that form the core of pharmacovigilance analysis.

Conflict Resolution: Testing of sophisticated duplicate handling using ON CONFLICT DO NOTHING to ensure data integrity in summary tables.

Performance Optimization: Validation of strategic indexing on key analysis columns (RXCUI, REACTION_PT, OUTCOME_CODE) to support efficient querying.

Export Readiness: Testing of CSV export functionality with proper formatting for regulatory submissions and external analysis tools.

Temporal Tracking: Validation of automatic timestamp assignment and reporting period tracking for temporal analysis capabilities.

Data Type Consistency: Systematic testing of data type specifications to ensure compatibility with downstream analysis tools and regulatory requirements.

12.8 Phase 8: Advanced Drug Name Cleaning and Standardization

Phase 8 implements sophisticated drug name cleaning operations through configurable, multi-stage text processing algorithms. This phase transforms raw drug names into standardized forms suitable for accurate mapping, utilizing configuration-driven cleaning rules and specialized string processing functions.

Test Suite Overview

The Phase 8 test suite validates advanced text processing algorithms and configurationdriven cleaning operations:

- test_s8.py (unittest framework) Pipeline orchestration and configuration management
- test_s8.py (pytest framework) Advanced text cleaning operations and configuration processing

Pipeline Orchestration Tests (test_s8.py - unittest)

This test class validates the Python orchestration layer and configuration management:

Configuration Management:

- test_load_config_success Validates main configuration loading for database connections
- test_load_s8_config_success Tests S8-specific configuration loading for cleaning rules and phase definitions
- test_load_s8_config_file_not_found Tests graceful handling of missing S8 configuration (returns empty dict)
- test_load_s8_config_invalid_json Tests error handling for malformed S8 configuration JSON
- test_create_config_temp_table_with_phases Tests temporary configuration table creation with phase data insertion
- test_create_config_temp_table_empty_config Tests temp table creation with empty S8 configuration

Advanced SQL Parsing:

- test_parse_sql_statements_with_functions_and_config_blocks Tests parsing with configuration references and temp_s8_config table usage
- test_parse_sql_statements_complex_nested_blocks Tests complex nested dollar quote handling with dynamic SQL generation
- test_parse_sql_statements_with_functions_and_config_blocks Tests parsing of functions with embedded config data access

The configuration system uses JSONB for flexible cleaning rule definition:

```
CREATE TEMP TABLE temp_s8_config (
    phase_name TEXT,
    config_data JSONB
);
```

INSERT INTO temp s8 config VALUES

```
('phase1', '{"cleaning_rules": ["remove_duplicates", "standardize_names"]}'),
('phase2', '{"cleaning_rules": ["validate_dates"],
"thresholds": ["confidence": 0.9}}');
```

Execution Reliability:

- test_execute_with_retry_success_immediately Tests successful execution without needing retries
- test_execute_with_retry_database_error_then_success Tests retry mechanism recovering from temporary database issues

Advanced Text Cleaning Tests (test_s8.py - pytest)

This comprehensive test suite validates sophisticated drug name cleaning operations:

Infrastructure and Setup:

- test_schema_creation_and_search_path Tests faers_b schema configuration and search path setting for cleaning operations
- test_column_additions_to_drug_mapper Tests addition of CLEANED_DRUGNAME and CLEANED PROD AI columns with proper data types
- test_table_existence_check_logic Validates drug_mapper table dependency verification across faers_b and public schemas

Core Text Processing Functions:

- test_clear_numeric_characters_function Tests clearnumericcharacters function logic for removing numeric characters from drug names
- test_initial_cleaning_operations Tests initial cleaning steps including numeric suffix removal ($/[0-9]{5}/$), delimiter normalization, and parenthetical content extraction
- test_suffix_removal_logic Tests systematic suffix removal (JELL, NOS, GEL, CAP, TAB, FOR, //, /) using CASE statement logic
- test_special_character_trimming_logic Tests comprehensive special character handling and whitespace normalization

The text cleaning follows a sophisticated multi-stage approach:

```
-- Stage 0.1: Remove numeric suffixes like /00032/
text := REGEXP_REPLACE(text, '/[0-9]{5}/', '', 'g');
- Stage 0.2: Normalize delimiters and whitespace
\begin{array}{lll} \text{text} &:= & \text{REGEXP\_REPLACE}(\text{text}, & \text{`'+'}, & \text{``-'}, & \text{`g'}); \\ \text{text} &:= & \text{REGEXP\_REPLACE}(\text{text}, & \text{`\s}\{2,\}\text{'}, & \text{`-'}, & \text{`g'}); \\ \end{array}
- Stage 0.3: Remove parenthetical content
text := REGEXP REPLACE(text, '\([^{()}]*\)', '', 'g');
- Stage 1-5: Configuration-driven cleaning phases
— UNITS OF MEASUREMENT, MANUFACTURER NAMES, WORDS TO VITAMIN B,
-- FORMAT, CLEANING phases for both DRUGNAME and PROD AI
   Configuration-Driven Processing:
   • test_temp_table_creation_logic - Tests DRUG Mapper Temp creation
     for batch processing with DISTINCT selection and NOTES IS NULL filtering
   • test_config_driven_cleaning_phases - Tests JSONB configuration process-
     ing for dynamic cleaning rules across 10 distinct cleaning phases
   The configuration-driven approach enables flexible cleaning rule application:
- Dynamic cleaning based on JSONB configuration
FOR stmt IN
```

SELECT jsonb array elements (phase data -> 'replacements') AS value LOOP

```
EXECUTE format (
         'UPDATE_\%I\_SET_\%I\_=\_REPLACE(\%I,\_\%L,\_\%L)',
         stmt.value->>'table',
         stmt.value->>'set column',
         stmt.value->>'replace column',
         stmt.value->>'find',
         stmt.value->>'replace'
END LOOP;
```

Performance and Error Handling:

• test_server_memory_handling_large_operations - Tests memory management for large-scale text processing operations with comprehensive error scenario coverage including OutOfMemory, OperationalError, and DiskFull exceptions

Data Quality and Validation:

- test_function_definition_structure Tests function definition structure validation for clearnumericcharacters and process_drug_data functions
- test_regex_pattern_validation Tests regex pattern validation for text processing operations including numeric suffix, whitespace, and delimiter patterns
- test_jsonb_operations_validation Tests JSONB operations for configuration handling including jsonb_array_elements and value extraction
- test_dynamic_sql_structure Tests dynamic SQL generation structure using format() function with proper identifier and literal formatting
- test_control_flow_validation Tests control flow structures including FOR loops, IF statements, and DECLARE blocks

Key Testing Patterns

Configuration-Driven Processing: Tests validate JSONB configuration processing for dynamic cleaning rule application, enabling flexible text processing workflows that can be modified without code changes through external configuration files.

Multi-Stage Text Processing: Comprehensive validation of sequential text cleaning operations (stages 0.1-0.3, phases 1-5) ensuring proper order of execution and cumulative effect of cleaning transformations on drug name standardization.

Regex Pattern Validation: Systematic testing of regular expression patterns used in text processing to ensure proper pattern matching and replacement operations for numeric suffixes, delimiters, and special characters.

Temporary Table Management: Testing of DRUG_Mapper_Temp table creation and cleanup for batch processing operations that handle large volumes of drug name data efficiently with proper memory management.

Dynamic SQL Generation: Validation of configuration-driven SQL generation using EXECUTE and format() functions that allow runtime modification of cleaning operations based on JSONB configuration data.

Error Recovery and Performance: Testing of memory management, connection timeout handling, and disk space management for large-scale text processing operations across millions of drug names with proper error recovery mechanisms.

12.9 Phase 9: Final Drug Mapping Integration

Phase 9 implements the final drug mapping operations that integrate cleaned drug names with RxNorm and IDD data sources using hierarchical mapping strategies with quality-based prioritization. This phase represents the culmination of drug standardization efforts, applying a sophisticated 12-tier priority system to achieve optimal mapping coverage and quality.

Test Suite Overview

The Phase 9 test suite validates final mapping operations, hierarchical priority logic, and comprehensive data integration:

- test_s9.py (unittest framework) Pipeline orchestration and complex SQL parsing
- test_s9.py (pytest framework) Final mapping operations with priority-based assignment

Pipeline Orchestration Tests (test_s9.py - unittest)

This test class validates the Python orchestration layer for the final mapping phase: Configuration and SQL Processing:

- test_load_config_success Validates configuration loading for final mapping operations
- test_load_config_file_not_found Tests error handling for missing configuration files
- test_load_config_invalid_json Validates handling of malformed JSON configuration
- test_parse_sql_statements_with_updates_and_functions Tests parsing of complex UPDATE statements and functions

- test_parse_sql_statements_with_bom_character Validates BOM character handling in SQL files
- test_parse_sql_statements_complex_update_with_subqueries Tests parsing of complex UPDATE statements with subqueries
- test_parse_sql_statements_multiple_consecutive_updates Tests parsing of multiple consecutive UPDATE operations

The SQL parsing handles sophisticated UPDATE operations with complex WHERE clauses:

```
UPDATE faers_b.DRUG_Mapper dm
SET mapped_rxcui = (
    SELECT rxcui
    FROM faers_b.rxn_mapping rm
    WHERE UPPER(rm.drug_name) = UPPER(dm.drug_name)
    LIMIT 1
)
WHERE dm.mapped_rxcui IS NULL
AND EXISTS (
    SELECT 1
    FROM faers_b.rxn_mapping rm2
    WHERE UPPER(rm2.drug_name) = UPPER(dm.drug_name)
);
```

Execution Reliability:

- test_execute_with_retry_immediate_success Tests successful execution without retries
- test_execute_with_retry_operational_error_recovery Tests retry logic for lock timeouts and operational errors

Final Mapping Operations Tests (test_s9.py - pytest)

This comprehensive test suite validates the sophisticated final mapping functionality: Infrastructure and Dependency Management:

• test_database_context_validation - Validates connection to correct faers-database

- test_placeholder_idd_table_creation Tests IDD table creation when missing with placeholder structure
- test_column_existence_validation Tests comprehensive column existence validation across all expected drug mapper columns
- test_cleaned_column_addition_logic Tests dynamic addition of CLEANED_DRUGNAME and CLEANED_PROD_AI
 columns

Data Transfer and Integration:

• test_drug_mapper_temp_data_transfer - Tests data transfer from DRUG_Mapper_Temp to main DRUG Mapper table with proper WHERE clause filtering

The data transfer operation ensures cleaned data integrity:

```
UPDATE faers_b."DRUG_Mapper"
SET "CLEANED_DRUGNAME" = dmt."CLEANED_DRUGNAME"
FROM faers_b."DRUG_Mapper_Temp" dmt
WHERE dmt."DRUGNAME" = faers_b."DRUG_Mapper"."DRUGNAME"
AND faers_b."DRUG_Mapper"."NOTES" IS NULL;
```

Hierarchical Mapping Strategy:

- test_rxnorm_direct_mapping_priority Tests highest priority mapping (notes 9.1, 9.2) with strict TTY filtering (MIN, IN, PIN)
- test_idd_mediated_mapping_logic Tests IDD-mediated mapping (notes 9.3, 9.4) with complex INNER JOIN operations
- test_fallback_mapping_any_tty Tests fallback mapping strategies (notes 9.9, 9.10) without TTY restrictions
- test_cast_operations_for_data_types Tests CAST operations for RX-AUI and RXCUI data type conversions

The mapping strategy employs a 12-tier priority system with strict quality controls:

```
-- Priority 9.1: Direct CLEANED_DRUGNAME with highest quality TTY

UPDATE faers_b."DRUG_Mapper"

SET

"RXAUI" = CAST(rxn."RXAUI" AS BIGINT),
```

```
"RXCUI" = CAST(rxn."RXCUI" AS BIGINT),

"NOTES" = '9.1',

"SAB" = rxn."SAB",

"TTY" = rxn."TTY",

"STR" = rxn."STR",

"CODE" = rxn."CODE"

FROM faers_b."RXNCONSO" rxn

WHERE rxn."STR" = faers_b."DRUG_Mapper"."CLEANED_DRUGNAME"

AND faers_b."DRUG_Mapper"."NOTES" IS NULL

AND rxn."SAB" = 'RXNORM'

AND rxn."TTY" IN ('MIN', 'IN', 'PIN');
```

System Performance and Validation:

• test_server_dependency_validation_cascade - Tests cascading dependency validation across multiple schemas and tables with row count verification

Data Quality Assurance:

- test_mapping_priority_order_validation Tests logical ordering of mapping priority notes
- test_tty_filtering_validation Tests TTY filtering logic for quality-based mapping
- test_notes_null_filtering_validation Tests NOTES IS NULL filtering to prevent mapping overwrites
- \bullet test_join_relationship_validation Tests JOIN relationship integrity across tables

Key Testing Patterns

Hierarchical Priority Validation: Tests validate the 12-tier mapping priority system (9.1-9.12) ensuring highest quality matches are preferred while providing comprehensive fallback coverage.

Data Type Safety: Comprehensive testing of CAST operations and data type conversions ensuring numerical fields are properly typed for downstream analysis.

Dependency Chain Validation: Systematic testing of complex dependency relationships across faers _ b and faers _ combined schemas with proper error handling.

Quality-Based Filtering: Testing of TTY-based quality filtering (MIN, IN, PIN priority) ensuring optimal concept selection from RxNorm terminology.

12.10 Phase 10: Complex Drug Remapping Operations

Phase 10 implements sophisticated multi-step remapping operations that traverse RxNorm relationship hierarchies to find optimal drug concept mappings through complex multi-table JOINs and relationship analysis. This phase represents the most algorithmically complex mapping operations in the pipeline, utilizing advanced graph traversal techniques across pharmaceutical terminology relationships.

Test Suite Overview

The Phase 10 test suite validates complex remapping algorithms, multi-step processing workflows, and advanced relationship traversal:

- test_s10.py (unittest framework) Pipeline orchestration and database validation
- test_s10.py (pytest framework) Complex remapping operations and relationship processing

Pipeline Orchestration Tests (test_s10.py - unittest)

This test class validates the Python orchestration layer for complex remapping operations:

Configuration and Database Management:

- test_load_config_success Validates configuration loading for remapping operations
- test_load_config_missing_file Tests error handling for missing configuration files
- test_load_config_invalid_json Validates handling of malformed JSON configuration
- test_check_postgresql_version Tests PostgreSQL version compatibility checking
- test_check_database_exists_true Tests database existence validation for faersdatabase

• test_check_database_exists_false - Tests handling of missing database scenarios

SQL Processing and Table Management:

- test_parse_sql_statements_with_do_blocks Tests parsing of complex DO blocks and table creation statements
- test_parse_sql_statements_empty_input Tests handling of empty or comment-only SQL files
- test_verify_tables_with_data Tests table verification with row count validation across multiple remapping tables

Execution Reliability:

- test_execute_with_retry_immediate_success Tests successful execution without retries
- test_execute_with_retry_duplicate_table_skip Tests graceful handling of duplicate table errors

Complex Remapping Operations Tests (test_s10.py - pytest)

This comprehensive test suite validates the sophisticated remapping functionality:

Infrastructure and Table Creation:

- \bullet test_database_context_validation Validates connection to correct faers-database
- test_remapping_table_creation Tests creation of drug_mapper, drug_mapper_2 with remapping columns and proper data types
- test_logging_infrastructure_setup Tests remapping_log table creation for progress tracking and audit trails
- test_performance_indexes_creation Tests strategic index creation with INCLUDE clauses for covering indexes

The remapping infrastructure includes sophisticated logging and performance optimization:

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS faers_b.remapping_log (
    log_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    step VARCHAR(50),
    message TEXT,
    log_date TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);

CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx_rxnconso_rxcui
ON faers_b.rxnconso(rxcui)
INCLUDE (rxaui, str, sab, tty, code);
```

Multi-Step Remapping Workflow:

- test_step_1_initial_rxnorm_update_logic Tests Step 1 initial RXNORM update with IN TTY filtering and dependency validation
- test_step_2_complex_join_logic Tests Step 2 complex 4-table JOIN operations with CASE statement logic for conditional remapping
- test_manual_remapping_integration Tests Steps 3-5 manual remapping workflow integration with external mapping tables
- test_vandf_and_relationship_processing Tests Step 6 VANDF relationship traversal with HAS_INGREDIENTS relationship processing
- test_duplicate_cleanup_and_optimization Tests Step 17 duplicate cleanup using ROW_NUMBER() window functions

The multi-step workflow implements sophisticated relationship traversal:

WHERE e. remapping notes IS NULL;

Performance and Error Handling:

• test_server_memory_handling_complex_operations - Tests memory management for large multi-table JOIN operations with comprehensive error scenario testing

Data Quality and Validation:

- test_function_definition_structure Tests function definition structure with proper DECLARE, BEGIN, EXCEPTION blocks
- test_remapping_notes_progression Tests logical progression of remapping notes (1, 2, 3, 7-15)
- test_table_dependency_validation Tests table dependency validation across drug_mapper_*, rxnconso, rxnrel tables
- test_case_statement_validation Tests CASE statement logic for conditional value assignment
- test_exclusion_lists_validation Tests exclusion list functionality for filtering specific RXAUI values

Key Testing Patterns

Multi-Step Workflow Validation: Tests validate the 15-step remapping process ensuring proper execution order and dependency management across complex pharmaceutical relationship hierarchies.

Relationship Traversal Testing: Comprehensive validation of graph traversal algorithms through RxNorm and VANDF relationship networks using sophisticated multi-table JOIN operations.

Performance Optimization: Testing of covering indexes with INCLUDE clauses and memory management for large-scale relationship processing operations.

Manual Integration Workflows: Validation of manual remapping integration allowing human expert intervention in complex mapping scenarios while maintaining audit trails.

12.11 Phase 11: Final Dataset Creation and Statistical Analysis

Phase 11 implements the final dataset creation and comprehensive statistical analysis operations, producing standardized tables for pharmacovigilance analysis including contingency tables, proportionate reporting ratios (PRR), and information components (IC). This phase transforms the mapped FAERS data into analysis-ready datasets with sophisticated statistical calculations for regulatory reporting and safety signal detection.

Test Suite Overview

The Phase 11 test suite validates dataset creation, statistical analysis operations, and regulatory reporting functionality:

- test_s11.py (unittest framework) Pipeline orchestration and complex dollarquote parsing
- test_s11.py (pytest framework) Statistical analysis and dataset creation operations

Pipeline Orchestration Tests (test_s11.py - unittest)

This test class validates the Python orchestration layer for final dataset creation: Configuration and Advanced SQL Processing:

- test_load_config_success Validates configuration loading for analysis operations
- test_load_config_file_not_found Tests error handling for missing configuration files
- test_load_config_invalid_json Validates handling of malformed JSON configuration
- test_parse_sql_statements_with_dollar_quotes Tests parsing of complex dollar-quoted functions and statistical procedures
- test_parse_sql_statements_with_bom_character Validates BOM character handling in statistical SQL files

- test_parse_sql_statements_incomplete_statement_warning Tests handling of incomplete statements with warning logging
- test_parse_sql_statements_complex_dollar_quotes Tests parsing of nested dollar-quoted blocks with complex statistical functions

The SQL parsing handles sophisticated statistical function definitions:

```
$$
```

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```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION faers_b.complex_analysis()
RETURNS TABLE(drug_name TEXT, reaction_count INTEGER) AS $body$
DECLARE
        sql_query TEXT;
BEGIN
        sql_query := 'SELECT_drug_name,_COUNT(*)_FROM_faers_b.analysis_view';
        RETURN QUERY EXECUTE sql_query;
END
$body$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

Execution Reliability:

- test_execute_with_retry_immediate_success Tests successful execution without retries
- test_execute_with_retry_duplicate_index_skip Tests graceful handling of duplicate index errors during analysis table optimization

Statistical Analysis and Dataset Creation Tests (test_s11.py - pytest)

This comprehensive test suite validates the final analysis and dataset creation functionality:

Infrastructure and Core Table Creation:

- test_database_context_validation Validates connection to correct faers-database
- test_drugs_standardized_table_creation Tests creation of drugs_standardized table with RxNorm mapping and exclusion filtering

- test_adverse_reactions_with_meddra_integration Tests adverse_reactions table creation with MedDRA integration using CTE structures
- test_drug_adverse_reactions_pairs_creation Tests unique drug-reaction pair generation with DISTINCT operations

The standardized tables form the foundation for statistical analysis:

Aggregation and Statistical Processing:

- test_aggregation_and_counting_logic Tests COUNT aggregations and margin calculations for drug-adverse reaction combinations
- test_demographics_with_data_conversion Tests demographic table creation with date parsing (TO_DATE) and age validation using regex patterns
- test_contingency_table_calculation_logic Tests 2x2 contingency table mathematics with proper cell value calculations (a, b, c, d)

Advanced Statistical Calculations:

- \bullet test_proportionate_reporting_ratio_calculations Tests PRR calculations with 95% confidence intervals using natural logarithm transformations
- test_information_component_calculations Tests Information Component (IC) statistical formulas with Bayesian confidence propagation

The statistical analysis implements sophisticated pharmacovigilance algorithms:

Performance and Error Handling:

• test_server_complex_statistical_operations - Tests complex statistical operations with comprehensive error handling for numerical overflow, division by zero, and floating point exceptions

Data Quality and Validation:

- test_statistical_formula_validation Tests statistical function validation (LOG, EXP, SQRT, POWER, NULLIF)
- test_date_conversion_patterns Tests date conversion pattern validation with NULLIF and TO DATE functions
- test_exclusion_filters_validation Tests exclusion filter logic for data quality assurance
- test_aggregation_functions_validation Tests aggregation function validation (COUNT, SUM, GROUP BY)
- test_index_creation_patterns Tests strategic index creation for analysis table performance optimization

Key Testing Patterns

Statistical Algorithm Validation: Comprehensive testing of pharmacovigilance statistics including PRR, IC, and confidence interval calculations with proper mathematical error handling.

Data Integration Testing: Validation of complex CTE operations that integrate MedDRA, RxNorm, and FAERS data into coherent analysis datasets.

Performance Optimization: Testing of strategic indexing and query optimization for large-scale statistical analysis operations across millions of records.

Regulatory Compliance: Validation of data exclusion filters, date parsing, and statistical formula accuracy to ensure regulatory reporting compliance.

Numerical Robustness: Comprehensive testing of mathematical edge cases including division by zero protection, numerical overflow handling, and floating point error management.