Version Release Change Log

Release 2.8.0: 18 June 2024

CHANGED   **Updated Versioning System**

The versioning system for both the Study and Dataset levels has been updated to a 2-digit system, reflecting best practices for **indicating major and minor changes**. Data depositors and data curators can specify whether an update to a Study or a Dataset is "Major" or "Minor".

- **Major changes** increment the first digit of the version number (e.g., 1.0 → 2.0), indicating significant modifications.
- **Minor changes** increment the second digit (e.g., 1.0 → 1.1), reflecting smaller updates.

For datasets, minor updates retain the existing DOI to maintain continuity and ease of access. Major updates require a new DOI to ensure clear and accurate tracking of data alterations. Studies do not use DOIs and are unaffected by this change.

CHANGED   **Enhanced Version Control for Data Curators**

With the updated Versioning system, data curators are able to **switch between "Major" and "Minor" changes** for a Study or Dataset before publication, if they believe the depositor's initial choice might be incorrect. This change ensures adherence to the SWISSUbase Versioning policy.

CHANGED   **Search Engine Optimisation Enhancements**

Improvements have been made to the **search engine optimisation.** These changes increase findability and machine-actionability of the dataset metadata.