# Protocol Builder: A Better Protocol-Writing Tool

Independent Study of Protocol Builder vs. Microsoft Word*

▶ **Protocol Builder Saves Time and Money**

Users required less assistance to complete the protocols using Protocol Builder, decreasing the   cost of providing administrative support to investigators by 85%.

Lower FTE Per User for Assistance

Lower Cost of Hours of Assistance
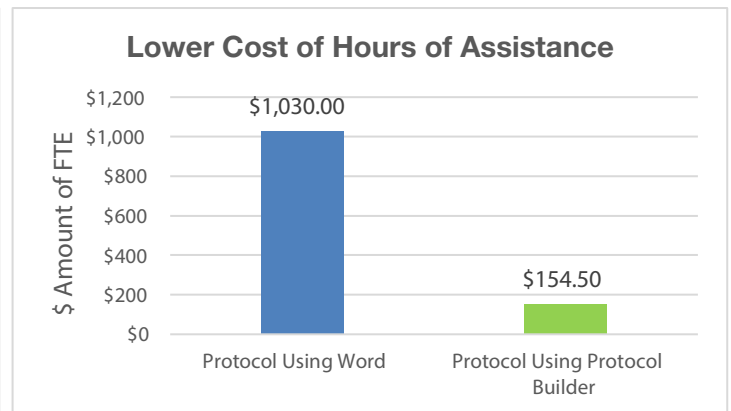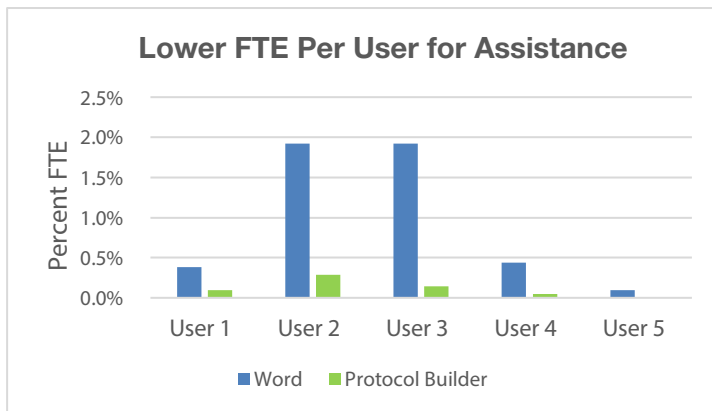
▶ **Protocol Builder Significantly Improved Protocol Completeness**

Protocol Builder   drove 100% completion of all sections   – a dramatic improvement over Word.

% Completeness - Word

% Completeness - Protocol Builder
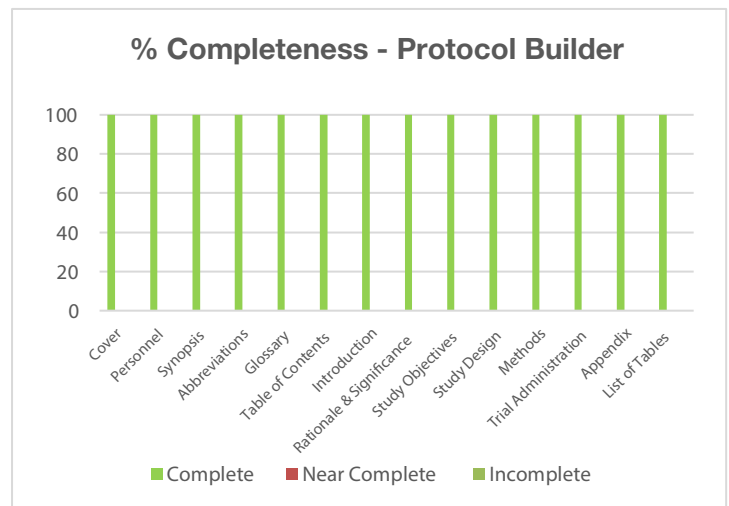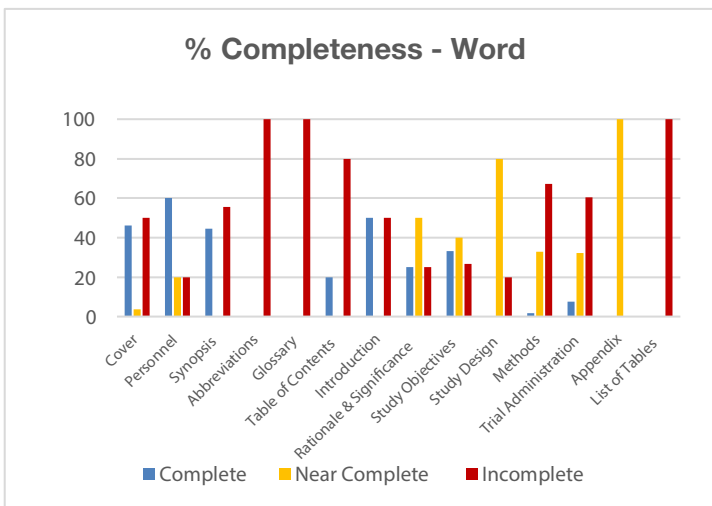
* Proof of concept   study by Sara Hollis, Education & Compliance Coordinator, GME, Ascension Health, February/March 2018. Study participants included 3 residents, 2 department directors and 1 administrator. Four different templates were tested side by   side, tracking user ti me, admin time, and completeness percentages. All users completed post protocol writing survey for ease of use and recommendations.

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▶ **Protocol Builder is Easier to Use and Received Strong User Endorsement**

Users agreed that Protocol Builder is fairly to significantly easier to use that Word in all areas of protocol writing. Overall , Protocol Builder received a strong endorsement from users.

Ease of Use of Protocol Builder over Word Template

■ Not easier at all   ■ Fairly to Significantly Easier   ■ Significantly easier

Recommend Protocol Builder Over Word Template
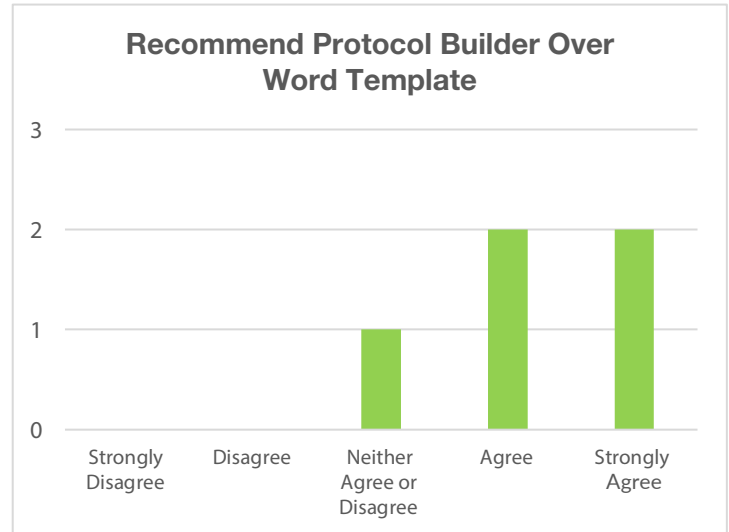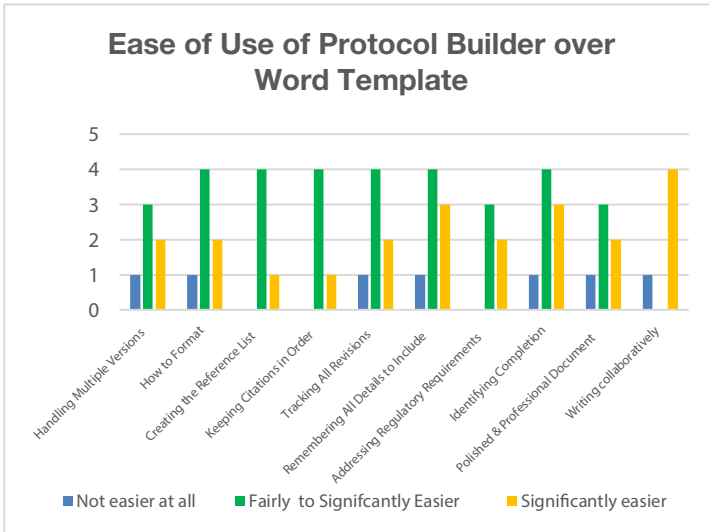
▶ **User Feedback**

"Overall, I learned much more about the different types of protocols and the distinctions between them. Protocol Builder provides the correct categories for each template to ensure all that's needed is included. I did not have an opportunity to use the collaboration feature, but it could be very helpful in tracking changes. Previously this has been a source of frustration wit h different versions of software that alter comments or changes. I also really liked the formatting feature to produce a professionally formatted document for submission. This reduces the administrative burdens and time needed to format, reformat, and re format again each time there are changes! "

"It is a step by step process, you are aware of your progress at all times. I liked the quick explanations provided, instructional for each portion, and liked the collaborative ability. "

"Definitely user -friendly for the unexposed uninitiated! "

"It was easie r to track changes than in the W ord document "

"The program made sure you completed all sections so you wer e not concerned you missed any."

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