

Sample DMS Plan – Human Genomic Data Project

DATA MANAGEMENT AND SHARING PLAN

If any of the proposed research in the application involves the generation of scientific data, this application is subject to the NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing and requires submission of a Data Management and Sharing Plan. If the proposed research in the application will generate large-scale genomic data, the Genomic Data Sharing Policy also applies and should be addressed in this Plan. Refer to the detailed instructions in the application guide for developing this plan as well as to additional guidance on [sharing.nih.gov](https://www.genome.gov/about-nih/5-topical-areas/genomic-data-sharing-policy). The Plan is recommended not to exceed two pages. Text in italics should be deleted. There is no "form page" for the Data Management and Sharing Plan. The DMS Plan may be provided in the *format* shown below.

Element 1: Data Type

A. Types and amount of scientific data expected to be generated in the project:

Type	Species	Platform/Source	Amount
Array-derived genotype data	Human	Illumina	1,000 research participants (500 cases/controls), prospective enrollment
30x whole-genome sequence data	"	"	"
RNA-seq data	"	"	"
Hi-C WGS	"	"	"
Phenotypic and clinical data	"	Institutional EHR	"
Demographic data	"	"	"

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If you have questions about a data type and whether/how it might be shared, please refer to [sharing.nih.gov](https://www.genome.gov/about-nih/5-topical-areas/genomic-data-sharing-policy) and [genome.gov/about-nih/5-topical-areas/genomic-data-sharing-policy](https://www.genome.gov/about-nih/5-topical-areas/genomic-data-sharing-policy). For more help, contact an NHGRI Program Officer.

B. Scientific data that will be preserved and shared, and the rationale for doing so:

Genomic (e.g., sequencing reads and variant call files) and phenotypic/clinical data from this project will be useful to researchers beyond those involved in this project and will therefore be preserved and shared. We will share de-identified patient demographics, genomic and clinical/phenotypic data extracted from medical records that are used to substantiate the findings that we publish. In alignment with NHGRI's expectation to share comprehensive phenotypic data, we will also select several (5+) other key phenotypic variables extracted from the medical record to provide additional context about the research participants' health to secondary users to maximize the utility of the shared data.

Data that do not meet quality metrics (e.g., RIN>7, replicate concordance >0.8, FastQC check) will not be preserved and shared. HIPAA identifiers will be preserved at our institution but will not be shared.

C. Metadata, other relevant data, and associated documentation:

Metadata – QC metrics, sample id, batch run, assembly, data standards (i.e., data dictionary and ontology), and metadata required for AnVIL submission (e.g., specimen source, instrument platforms)

Associated Documentation – Non-proprietary data collection instruments, methods, and study protocol(s)

Element 2: Related Tools, Software and/or Code:

All newly developed software and code for processing and analyzing data will be distributed as version controlled, open-source code written in R or Python via GitHub, with detailed user documentation.

Element 3: Standards:

Data Type	Standard
Human array-derived genotype data	VCF
30x whole-genome sequence data	Sequencing data and variant calls will be shared in CRAM and VCF formats, respectively.
RNA-seq data	Data will be QCd and analyzed according to ENCODE Bulk RNA-seq Data Standards. FASTQs, BAM alignment files, and TSV transcript quantifications will be shared.
Hi-C WGS	FASTQ

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Demographic, Phenotypic and Clinical Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhenX for surveys • RxNorm for meds • PCORnet CDM which is derived from OMOP for EHR data collection for secondary outcomes • Current Procedural Terminology (CPTs), Logical Observation Identifier Names and Codes (LOINC)s and diagnoses ICD10 codes
Study protocols	Customized (non-standard) & to be developed

Element 4: Data Preservation, Access, and Associated Timelines

A. Repository where scientific data and metadata will be archived:

The primary data repository for this study will be the NHGRI Analysis, Visualization, and Informatics Lab-Space (AnVIL).

Protocols related to donor recruitment, tissue collection/preservation/biobanking, pathology/tissue dissection, whole-genome sequencing, and data processing and analysis will also be openly available on the website protocols.io and/or on the project website at the time of data release.

B. How scientific data will be findable and identifiable:

Our dataset will be registered in dbGaP and assigned a phsID. Data will be findable and identifiable via the standard data indexing tools in AnVIL (currently the AnVIL catalog). We will reference the accession number(s) for our dataset(s) in all relevant future publications.

C. When and how long the scientific data will be made available:

We will meet the data submission and release timeframes specified by the NIH Genomic Data Sharing and Data Management and Sharing Policies, as described on NIH's data sharing website and NHGRI's data sharing policies and expectations webpage. We will generate genomic data in batches of 100 participants. In accordance with NIH and NHGRI's Expectations for Data Submissions and Release, we will begin submitting genomic data no later than 3 months after data from the first batch is generated and quality measures has been assessed. We will add subsequent batches as they are generated. Genomic data will be released 6 months after they are submitted to AnVIL. Phenotypic and clinical data, metadata, and associated documentation will be submitted along with the genomic data files, and the dataset will be released in full by the time any results supported in whole or in part by this award are posted to a preprint or submitted to a journal. In the event that we do not publish on these data or a portion of the data, they will be released before the end of this award.

Currently, AnVIL has no process for deleting or retiring data sets; data will be available for as long as AnVIL/NHGRI preserves the dataset.

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Element 5: Access, Distribution, or Reuse Considerations

A. Factors affecting subsequent access, distribution, or reuse of scientific data:

Research participants will be consented for data sharing of their individual genomic and clinical data via controlled access. Our institution will provide an Institutional Certification upon registering the study in dbGAP. Participants will be consented in a manner that allows for any research question to be explored (i.e., the General Research Uses (GRU) data use limitation). Genomic Summary Results from this study can be shared through unrestricted access.

B. Whether access to scientific data will be controlled:

Individual-level genomic and clinical data will be shared via controlled-access. Given the funding source for this project by NHGRI, the NHGRI Data Access Committee (DAC) will manage access to the dataset once it is released. Metadata, and associated documentation (such as study protocols) will be openly available via the AnVIL.

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C. Protections for privacy, rights, and confidentiality of human research participants:

Data will be de-identified according to HIPAA and the Common Rule. Participants will have the opportunity [to opt-out of such sharing] or to withdraw their data from the database by contacting the study team or the university's research administration office. We will track these preferences closely and respect individual participant wishes.

Upon receipt of an NIH Award, the data for this study will be protected by a Certificate of Confidentiality.

Element 6: Oversight of Data Management and Sharing:

The Office of Sponsored Programs at University X that will be administering this award has created a data management and sharing plan compliance system as part of their process for submitting the annual NIH progress report. That Office is collecting information related to the number of research participants whose data are deposited each reporting year. The Office will check that the recruiting totals reported in the progress report are consistent with the data that has been deposited into AnVIL or consistent with most up to date recruitment numbers. The Office of Sponsored Programs will look for the AnVIL data DOIs when publications occur and will include that information in the annual progress report.

Commented [HG(3)]: Please Note: NHGRI encourages early consultation with the IRB on sharing of data from human research participants. The NIH GDS Policy does not prevent or disqualify participants from study enrollment if they decline to consent to sharing of their data. However, some genomics projects inherently require genomic data sharing (e.g., a project aimed at creating a foundational data resource for the broader scientific community). Language provided here is only meant to serve as an example and should be adjusted based on the features of your particular project proposal.