

BIRN Data Repository

Data Contributor's Agreement

To further enable a collaborative research environment, the BDR archives data generated by the biomedical research community and makes these data freely available, towards fulfillment of NIH guidelines (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/data_sharing/). Your participation will encourage scientific inquiry, enable new research exploration, and facilitate education by providing the scientific community with relevant, easily accessible data. Shared data are available to the public with provision of an active e-mail address and acceptance of the standard BDR Data Use Agreement.

By your acceptance of these terms, you agree to the following provisions for yourself *and any collaborators with whom you coordinate the submission of these data*:

1. As the Contributor, I am solely responsible for the integrity of these data put forward for submission.
2. I will maintain a BDR Portal Account, which requires that I provide standard contact information, including name, organization, phone number, e-mail address, and acceptance of a standard BDR Data Use Agreement.
3. I will submit the initial request for a data submission from my BDR Portal Account, although I may choose to designate someone else as the Primary Contact who will oversee the submission.
4. I will provide a high level description of the study through which the data were originally acquired.
5. I will provide a minimum set of associated metadata to sufficiently describe submitted data, to ensure that shared data are meaningful and useful to the scientific community.
6. I agree to work with the BDR staff to ensure that these data are provided in readable formats and that, when necessary, these data are sufficiently de-identified through the use of BIRN tools.
7. If I wish to share human data, I agree to provide evidence of Human Subjects/IRB approval, with the guidance of the BDR staff, to ensure that data archived in and shared through the BDR are compliant with all Federal, State and local regulations.
 - a) I will request permission from my local IRB institution to share previously collected data through the BDR, with guidance and suggested language from the BDR.
 - b) Once approval has been granted by my local IRB, I will upload an electronic copy of this approval to the BDR to initiate the submissions process.
 - c) Through standard BDR procedures, my shared data will be assigned unique subject ID numbers. Only my local study team will maintain the link table between our internal subject identifiers and the newly generated numbers.
8. I agree to make these data publicly available in accordance with an agreed upon timeline with no restrictions for use other than those stated in the standard BDR Data Use Agreement. Although sharing of data is generally associated with the acceptance for publication of the main findings, as within NIH guidelines (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/data_sharing/data_sharing_guidance.htm), the BDR will work with me on an appropriate timeline specific to the nature of my project.