To assist our authors, *Scientific Data* maintains a list of repositories that are compatible with our [data deposition policies](http://www.nature.com/sdata/data-policies/repositories)1. Please provide the following information to help us evaluate the suitability of your repository for inclusion in this list2:

**Basic details**

1. Repository Name:
2. Repository URL:
3. If indexed by FAIRsharing3 provide the ID or the URL for your database record:
4. If indexed by re3data3 provide the ID or the URL for your database record:
5. How large is your current user base?
6. How many datasets are currently hosted by the repository?
7. How long has your resource been available to the community?
8. Please indicate which section of the repository list you would expect the resource to be included in, if accepted.
9. Has the repository undergone WDS ([World Data Systems](https://www.icsu-wds.org/services/certification)) or DSA ([Data Seal of Approval](http://www.datasealofapproval.org/en/)) accreditation? If so, please state when the last review took place.

**Data deposition conditions**

1. Does the repository accept submissions of from the entire scientific community, or is this restricted to particular groups (e.g. recipients of particular funding streams)? If data submission is restricted, please describe the conditions that must be met before data can be deposited.
2. What type of experimental data can be hosted by the repository? (If the repository only accepts specific file formats please state what these are.)
3. What is the maximum file size that can be handled by the repository?
4. Are there any limitations to the amount of data that an individual is able to upload?

**Data access licensing**

1. Are there any terms of use or registration processes that data users must agree to, prior to gaining access to the data? Under what licence is data access provided? If hosted data cannot be delivered under free and open access ([CC0](https://wiki.creativecommons.org/wiki/CC0_use_for_data) or equivalent) conditions, please state the reason for this.
2. Can data depositors choose which licence they wish to apply to their particular dataset? If yes, please list the licensing options that are available.

**Data persistency and stability of access**

1. What type of identifier is assigned to hosted datasets? N.B. We strongly encourage new repositories to mint DataCite DOIs.
2. If the repository does mint DOIs:
   1. Please provide the name of the DataCite agency you are working with.
   2. Please state the name that is used in the Publisher namespace of the DataCite metadata for DOIs that the repository mints.
   3. Please state the DOI string for the repository (usually in the form 10.*xxxx*).
3. Are researchers able to modify or remove datasets after publication?
4. Is there a versioning system in place?
5. Do you guarantee persistent access to datasets, and for how long?

**Costs and funding**

1. What is the cost to researchers wishing to host their research data?
2. What are the current and long-term cost recovery (sustainability) plans?
3. If any proportion of the running costs are currently met by an academic grant, what is the plan for maintaining access to hosted data should funding be withdrawn in the future?

**Curation and metadata**

1. Is there any curation support for researchers uploading their datasets?
2. Do you capture any metadata about hosted datasets in a standardised form?

**Peer review and article-data linking**

1. Are you able to facilitate confidential peer review of hosted datasets by the scientific peer reviewers invited to review the data by *Scientific Data*?
2. Is there a workflow in place to allow cross-linking from the dataset back to the article?
3. Please provide up to 3 examples of currently hosted research datasets, with associated peer-reviewed publications. (We would like to see examples of how the repository is cited in the literature, how the dataset links back to the peer-reviewed publication and an example repository identifier.)

***Notes****1This list is not intended to be a comprehensive list of research data resources, and should not be considered as a substitute for other data repository accreditation efforts.*

*2The aim of this evaluation process is to identify those repositories which are able to serve the wider community, and so are appropriate for Scientific Data to recommend to authors. We are glad to consider descriptions of data stored in project-specific or community-specific repositories on a case-by-case basis, even if the host repository is not selected for listing on our recommended repository list. Therefore please be aware that a decision not to list a repository as recommended should not be interpreted as a comment on the quality and utility of a repository for the immediate community it serves.*

*3FAIRsharing (*[*http://www.fairsharing.org*](http://www.fairsharing.org)*)* and *re3data (*[*http://www.re3data.org*](http://www.re3data.org)*) are repository indexing services.*