To assist our authors,[*Scientific Data*](http://www.nature.com/sdata/data-policies/repositories) and [Springer Nature](https://www.springernature.com/gp/authors/research-data-policy/repositories/12327124) maintain a list of repositories that are compatible with our data deposition policies1. Please provide the following information to help us evaluate the suitability of your repository for inclusion in this list2.

**For the person completing this questionnaire please provide**Contact name:  
Role at the repository:  
Email address:

Please email the completed questionnaire to repositories@springernature.com.

**Basic details**

1. Repository Name:
2. Repository URL:
3. Repository Twitter handle, if available:
4. Repository indexing
   1. If indexed by FAIRsharing3 provide the ID or the URL for your database record:
   2. 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 subsection of our [repository list](https://www.nature.com/sdata/policies/repositories) you would expect the resource to be included in, if accepted. (Only to be answered by those repositories who accept data deposition from all researchers, regardless of institute, nation or funding source.)

**Data deposition conditions**

1. Does the repository accept submissions 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 cost to researchers wishing to host their research data?
4. What is the maximum file size that can be handled by the repository?
5. Are there any limitations to the amount of data that an individual is able to upload?

**Data access conditions**

1. Are there any terms of use or registration processes that data users must agree to, prior to gaining access to the data in the repository? If yes, please describe the conditions that apply.
2. Can data depositors choose which licence they wish to use for their own dataset? If yes, please list the licensing options that are available (or provide the link to where this information can be found online).
3. If hosted data cannot be delivered under free and open access conditions ([CC0](https://wiki.creativecommons.org/wiki/CC0_use_for_data) or equivalent), please state the reason for this.
4. Does the repository have the facility to provide controlled access to sensitive data? If yes, please briefly describe the data access options available (or provide the link to where this information can be found online)

**Peer review and article-data linking**

1. Is the repository able to facilitate confidential peer review of hosted datasets? If yes, please briefly describe the workflow for reviewing hosted datasets, including how reviewers may access data which are not public at the time of review.
2. Please describe the workflow by which hosted datasets are linked to relevant articles after publication?
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.)

**Repository Longevity**

1. Has the repository undergone WDS (World Data Systems), DSA (Data Seal of Approval) or CTS (Core Trust Seal) accreditation?

If yes:

* 1. State when the last review took place:
  2. Provide a link to the certification and review for the repository:
  3. There is no need to complete the rest of this section and you may also skip the next 3 sections of this questionnaire. Please turn to the section titled ‘Dataset landing pages’.

If no, please continue completing the rest of this questionnaire.

1. What are the current and long-term cost recovery (sustainability) plans?
2. 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?

**Data persistency**

1. Are researchers able to modify or remove datasets after publication?
2. Is there a versioning system in place?
3. For how long does the repository guarantee persistent and immediate access to data holdings?
4. We appreciate that data holdings may in the future need to be made less immediately accessible and possibly moved to an archival system. Please comment on the repository’s ability to preserve the dataset landing page, retain the persistent identifier link, and maintain key metadata, in cases where the data themselves are no longer accessible.

**Stability of access to hosted data**

1. What type of identifier is assigned to hosted datasets? N.B. We strongly encourage new repositories to mint [DataCite](https://www.datacite.org/) 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 (please also see our [Editorial on the importance of consistency for repository names](https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2018.92)).
   3. Please state the DOI string for the repository (usually in the form 10.*xxxx*).

**Curation and metadata**

1. Is there is any curation support for researchers uploading their datasets? If so, please describe this briefly.
2. Do you capture any metadata about hosted datasets in a standardised way? If so, please state which metadata formats are used.

**Dataset landing pages and facilitating Data Citation**

Clearly labelled, well-structured, and (ideally) machine-accessible dataset landing pages make it easier for would-be data (re)users to discover new datasets and evaluate whether these are suitable for their particular requirement. Making research data easy to discover and reuse is a guiding principle for *Scientific Data*. Providing clear guidance on citation on the landing page of each hosted dataset also makes it easier for data users to cite and reference data.

In general, ensure all dataset landing pages include the persistent identifier used to identify the dataset and include clear terms of use (and clear terms of access, if anything other than CC-BY or CC0). For further guidance on building good dataset landing pages, please see <https://www.force11.org/group/dcip/data-citation-faqs-repositories>.

***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 Springer Nature 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.*