Guide

Question 5: Will there be restrictions on accessing & sharing your final research data?

- Is the data you propose to collect (or existing data you propose to use) in the study suitable for sharing?
- If you are unable to make your final research data available to others, you must state the reasons.
- The default requirement is for you to share your final research data.

Additional Information:

- A licence is a document that clearly sets out how the data can be used and attributed to the original data owner.
- Without a licence, it is unclear how your data can be reused and this may discourage the potential re-user.
- The final research data is the final version of data that exists during the last stage in the data lifecycle in which all re-workings and manipulations of the data by the researcher have ceased.
- The final research data also refers to the recorded factual materials commonly accepted by the scientific community as necessary to document, support, and validate research findings. Final research data does not include laboratory notebooks, partial datasets, preliminary analyses, drafts of scientific papers, plans for future research, peer review reports, communications with colleagues, or physical objects, such as gels or laboratory.
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