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**BIOINFORMATICS ETHICS NOTIFICATION FORM FOR PROJECTS USING PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DATA FROM ONLINE SOURCES AND/OR SAMPLES FROM PREEXISTING COLLECTIONS FOR RESEARCH**

The post-genomic era has seen the development of massive online molecular data repositories which are free for public use. Furthermore, many sample repositories exist, such as museum collections, biobanks, and samples collected from previous studies, which can be utilised for genetics studies rather than collection from the field. Although an ethics application is not necessary for the download and use of such data or for the use of preexisting samples that do not involve live animals for research purposes, the Animal Environmental and Biosafety Research Ethics Committee (AEBREC) needs to be notified of any studies involving online data sets or preexisting sample collections. Therefore, this is not an application for ethics approval but a notification and recognition of your project using previously published data or preexisting samples.

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| It must be signed by the Principal Investigator (the applicant) and other persons vouching for specialised aspects of the experiment.  **INSTRUCTIONS**   * The application must be typed. * This form must be submitted with a R7a. |

1. **PROJECT**

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| **Start date and anticipated completion date.** | |
| **Start:** | **Completion:** |
| 1. **Identity or general classification of the data/samples to be used.** | |
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| 1. **Conservation status of the targeted species.** | |
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| 1. **Have the proposed data/samples already been published? List the publication(s).** | |
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| 1. **Does accessing the proposed data/samples require special permission(s) from the data owners? If so, specify and provide evidence that permissions have been obtained.** | |
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| 1. **Were the original data/samples collected ethically? Provide evidence.** | |
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| 1. **Human genetic data: Have the data been anonymised? How?** | |
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| 1. **Rationale and objectives:** Briefly explain why the study will be conducted and which scientific question(s) will be addressed. Argue why the proposed data/samples are relevant to these questions. Who will benefit from the results of this project? *Suggested length: 200 words* | |
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| 1. **Explain briefly which methods will be used for your study.** | |
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1. **SIGNATURES**

I have considered the design of this project, and in my opinion, this is the most effective and feasible protocol that has no impact on the animals and the environment. This work is being conducted according to the ethical standards accepted in this field of research.

**Project Leader**

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Name and Surname Signature Date

**Other researchers involved in this project:**

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**Project supervisor** *(Applicable for Student Projects)*

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**Research Ethics Committee resolution:**

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| **Approved** |  |
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Chairperson, REC