The dataset was obtained through use of a free Ravelry API key which was obtained directly from Ravelry administrators via a public message board. As such, no new data has been released into the public domain as a result of this study. Usage of the data falls within the Ravelry API terms of use REFERENCE. Furthermore, the co-founders of Ravelry were contacted to obtain permission for the use of the data, which is publically available.

As the yarns which are rated on Ravelry are commercial products, any relationships found between yarn characteristics and ratings could potentially be used for commercial gain by fiber companies. As the individual companies which made up the yarn dataset could, if identified, potentially be affected by the results, any references to company names or identities have been removed from the dataset.