

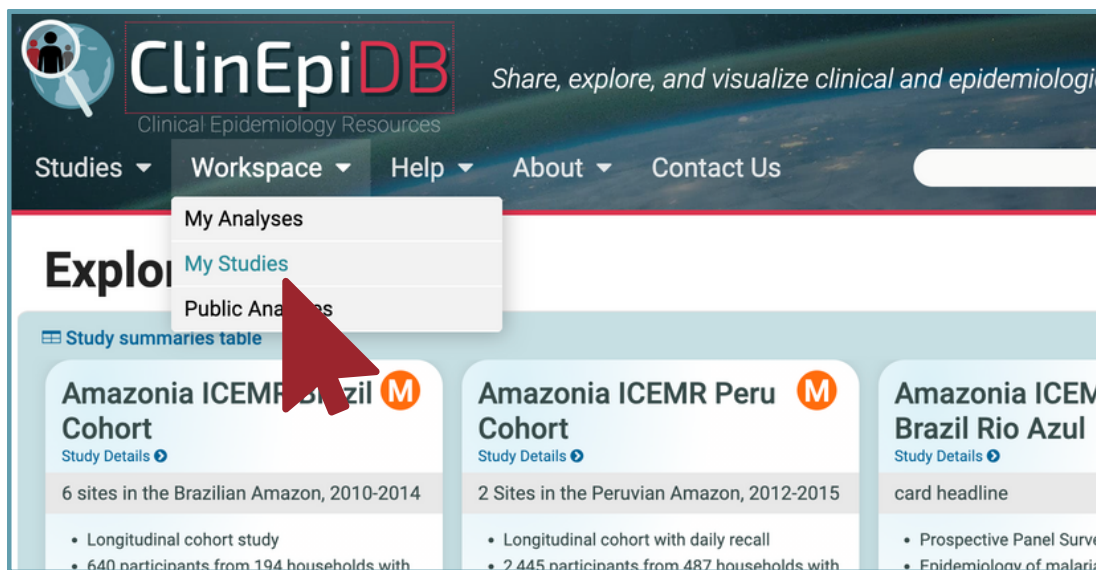
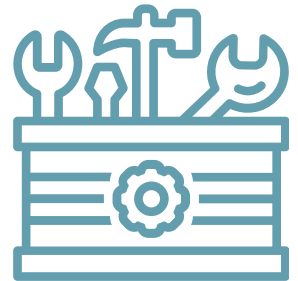


Uploading and exploring *YOUR* data on the ClinEpiDB platform



ClinEpiDB.org -- a free and open-access data platform hosting clinical and epidemiological data -- offers a suite of tools for exploratory data analysis.

We recently released the “**My Studies**” feature, which allows researchers to explore their own data utilizing the ClinEpiDB platform and tools.



“**My Studies**” portal on ClinEpiDB

Overview of the ClinEpiDB “**My Studies**” feature:

- You must be logged into your ClinEpiDB account to upload your own data. Making an account is free and takes only a minute: <https://clinepidb.org/ce/app/user/registration>
- Your account can accommodate up to 10.0 GB of data, either as a single study or as multiple separate studies
- **My Studies** remain private unless you choose to share them with colleagues
- **My Studies** persist between sessions, so your datasets are always accessible when you are signed into your account
- You must format your file correctly in order to upload, as described below

Checklist to format your data for successful upload

Files and file names

- Data must be in a single flat file
- Data must have variable names as column headers and observations as rows
- The file must be a .csv, .tsv, or tab-delimited .txt file
- The file name cannot include spaces or special characters such as periods (.)
- The file name should not be longer than 50 characters

My_surveillance_dataset.csv

Person_ID	Age	Sex	Sample_collected
MP023	25	Male	Yes
MP024	47	Female	No
MP025	33	Female	No

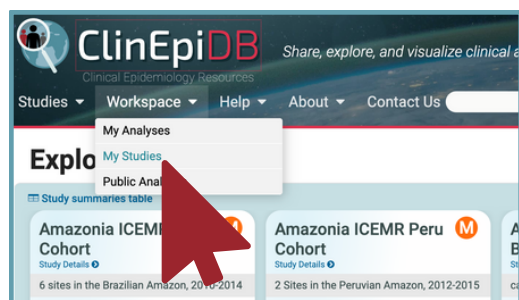
Variable names (column headers)

- The file can have a maximum of 999 columns
- Variable names should only contain:
 - Alpha-numeric characters (a-z, A-Z, 0-9)
 - Periods (.)
 - Underscores (_)
- During upload:
 - Any special characters or spaces will be converted to underscores
 - An underscore will be added to the start of any variable name beginning with a number

Data values / observations (rows)

- Format values as you would like them to appear on the website (e.g. "Yes", "No" rather than "1", "0")
 - If categorical data is uploaded in a coded, numeric format (e.g. "0", "1", "-9"), it will be displayed as a histogram rather than in a data frequency table
- Values must have fewer than 1000 characters per cell
- Dates must be formatted as YYYY-MM-DD to be handled appropriately
 - All other date formats will be stored as strings and displayed as categorical data
- Special characters will appear nonsensical on the website (e.g. "é" appears as "\x8E")
- To use the **Interactive Map** tool for **geospatial visualization** of data:
 - The file must contain separate columns labeled "Latitude" and "Longitude"
 - Use floating point notation (e.g. "-6.5431", not "6.5431E") for Latitude and Longitude values

Uploading YOUR data



Access “**My Studies**” from the Workspace menu in the header of the ClinEpiDB home page

Tabs

- **All:** Table of all datasets that you have uploaded. Clicking on any dataset title opens a page with links to explore the data on ClinEpiDB and, if GIS data is present, in the interactive map
- **New upload:** Upload your dataset here (formatted as per the checklist above)
- **Recent uploads:** Check the status of your uploaded datasets
- **Help:** Instructions for formatting the dataset

A screenshot of the 'My Studies' page on ClinEpiDB. The header shows 'Studies', 'Workspace', 'Help', 'About', and 'Contact Us'. The main heading is 'My Studies'. Below it are tabs: 'All', 'New upload' (active), 'Recent uploads', and 'Help'. The 'Upload My Study' section contains three text input fields: 'Name*' (placeholder: 'name of the data set'), 'Summary*' (placeholder: 'brief summary of the data set in 1-2 sentences'), and 'Description' (placeholder: 'optional longer description of the data set including background, study objectives, methodology, etc.'). At the bottom, there is an 'Upload File*' section with a 'Choose File' button, the text 'No file chosen', and a note: 'File must be a .csv, .tsv, or tab-delimited .txt file'.

Contact help@ClinEpiDB.org for assistance, or with questions or comments about the “User Studies” feature!