

FWO DMP Template - Flemish Standard Data Management Plan

Version KU Leuven

Project supervisors (from application round 2018 onwards) and fellows (from application round 2020 onwards) will, upon being awarded their project or fellowship, be invited to develop their answers to the data management related questions into a DMP. The FWO expects a **completed DMP no later than 6 months after the official start date** of the project or fellowship. The DMP should not be submitted to FWO but to the research co-ordination office of the host institute; FWO may request the DMP in a random check.

At the end of the project, the **final version of the DMP** has to be added to the final report of the project; this should be submitted to FWO by the supervisor-spokesperson through FWO's e-portal. This DMP may of course have been updated since its first version. The DMP is an element in the final evaluation of the project by the relevant expert panel. Both the DMP submitted within the first 6 months after the start date and the final DMP may use this template.

The DMP template used by the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) corresponds with the Flemish Standard Data Management Plan. This Flemish Standard DMP was developed by the Flemish Research Data Network (FRDN) Task Force DMP which comprises representatives of all Flemish funders and research institutions. This is a standardized DMP template based on the previous FWO template that contains the core requirements for data management planning. To increase understanding and facilitate completion of the DMP, a standardized **glossary** of definitions and abbreviations is available via the following [link](#).

1. General Project Information	
Name Grant Holder & ORCID	Virginie Oberto (0000-0001-9897-6631)
Contributor name(s) (+ ORCID) & roles	Vincent Bonin Principal Investigator (0000-0002-9437-8092) Virginie Oberto Postdoctoral fellow
Project number ¹ & title	12AZW24N-Higher-order thalamic and cortical networks of flexible visual behavior
Funder(s) GrantID ²	Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)
Affiliation(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KU Leuven <input type="checkbox"/> Universiteit Antwerpen <input type="checkbox"/> Universiteit Gent <input type="checkbox"/> Universiteit Hasselt <input type="checkbox"/> Vrije Universiteit Brussel <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ROR identifier KU Leuven: 05f950310
Please provide a short project description	<p>Vision is a vital sense and an essential source of sensory information for understanding and interacting with the world. The visual system, a dense network of cortical and sub-cortical areas, plays a critical role in transforming visual information into behaviors. However, little is known about how this entire network selects or prioritizes behaviorally-relevant sensory signals.</p> <p>In this project we will investigate how a higher-order thalamic nuclei (LP, equivalent of monkey pulvinar) modulate and direct visual input to distinct higher visual areas (HVAs) to drive the selection of relevant information, a combination of cellular calcium imaging, electrophysiology, and pathways specific optogenetic manipulations, while mice extract and compute specific visual scene information.</p>

¹ "Project number" refers to the institutional project number. This question is optional. Applicants can only provide one project number.

² Funder(s) GrantID refers to the number of the DMP at the funder(s), here one can specify multiple GrantIDs if multiple funding sources were used.

2. Research Data Summary

List and describe all datasets or research materials that you plan to generate/collect or reuse during your research project. For each dataset or data type (observational, experimental etc.), provide a short name & description (sufficient for yourself to know what data it is about), indicate whether the data are newly generated/collected or reused, digital or physical, also indicate the type of the data (the kind of content), its technical format (file extension), and an estimate of the upper limit of the volume of the data ³.

Dataset Name	Description	New or Reused	Digital or Physical	ONLY FOR DIGITAL DATA	ONLY FOR DIGITAL DATA	ONLY FOR DIGITAL DATA	ONLY FOR PHYSICAL DATA
				Digital Data Type	Digital Data Format	Digital Data Volume (MB, GB, TB)	Physical Volume
		<input type="checkbox"/> Generate new data <input type="checkbox"/> Reuse existing data	<input type="checkbox"/> Digital <input type="checkbox"/> Physical	<input type="checkbox"/> Audiovisual <input type="checkbox"/> Images <input type="checkbox"/> Sound <input type="checkbox"/> Numerical <input type="checkbox"/> Textual <input type="checkbox"/> Model <input type="checkbox"/> Software <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		<input type="checkbox"/> < 1 GB <input type="checkbox"/> < 100 GB <input type="checkbox"/> < 1 TB <input type="checkbox"/> < 5 TB <input type="checkbox"/> > 5 TB <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
Neuropixels recordings	Electrophysiological recordings of mouse brain	Generate new data	Digital	Experimental-Numerical	.bin	<30TB	
Calcium maging recordings	Calcium Imaging of mouse brain	Generate new data	Digital	Experimental-Images	.tif; .bin	<30TB	
Video recordings	Mouse behavior video	Generate new data	Digital	Experimental-Audiovisual	.tif	<60TB	
Mouse behavior	behavior parameters, stimulus presentation, wheel movement, animal choice	Generate new data	Digital	Numerical--Experimental	8-bit floats timestamped data.	<100GB	

³ Add rows for each dataset you want to describe.

Histology	Images of brain slices with labeled electrode tracks.	Generate new data	Physical	Experimental			<1000cm2 (preserved at -20°C in a dedicate room)
Processed data	Processed data	Generate new data	Digital	Compiled/aggregated data	.mat, .py	<100GB	
Analyzed data	Analyzed data	Generate new data	Digital	Compiled/aggregated data	.cvs,.pdf, .txt, .doc, .xlsx, .ppt	<100GB	
Open-source software	Open-source software		Digital	Software	.exe	<100GB	
<p><i>GUIDANCE:</i> The data description forms the basis of your entire DMP, so make sure it is detailed and complete. It includes digital and physical data and encompasses the whole spectrum ranging from raw data to processed and analysed data including analysis scripts and code. Physical data are all materials that need proper management because they are valuable, difficult to replace and/or ethical issues are associated. Materials that are not considered data in an RDM context include your own manuscripts, theses and presentations; documentation is an integral part of your datasets and should described under documentation/metadata.</p> <p><u>RDM Guidance on data</u></p>							
If you reuse existing data, please specify the source, preferably by using a persistent identifier (e.g. DOI, Handle, URL etc.) per dataset or data type.			NA				

Are there any ethical issues concerning the creation and/or use of the data (e.g. experiments on humans or animals, dual use)? If so, refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate and provide the relevant ethical approval number.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, human subject data; provide SMEC or EC approval number: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, animal data; provide ECD reference number: P144/2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, dual use; provide approval number: <input type="checkbox"/> No Additional information:
Will you process personal data ⁴ ? If so, please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate and provide the KU Leuven or UZ Leuven privacy register number (G or S number).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (provide PRET G-number or EC S-number below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Additional information:
Does your work have potential for commercial valorization (e.g. tech transfer, for example spin-offs, commercial exploitation, ...)? If so, please comment per dataset or data type where appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please comment:
Do existing 3rd party agreements restrict exploitation or dissemination of the data you (re)use (e.g. Material/Data transfer agreements, research collaboration agreements)? If so, please explain to what data they relate and what restrictions are in place.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:
Are there any other legal issues, such as intellectual property rights and ownership, to be managed related to the data you (re)use? If so, please explain to what data they relate and which restrictions will be asserted.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:

⁴ See Glossary Flemish Standard Data Management Plan

3. Documentation and Metadata

Clearly describe what approach will be followed to capture the accompanying information necessary to keep **data understandable and usable**, for yourself and others, now and in the future (e.g. in terms of documentation levels and types required, procedures used, Electronic Lab Notebooks, README.txt files, Codebook.tsv etc. where this information is recorded).

[*RDM guidance on documentation and metadata.*](#)

For digital data I will maintain record for data to be understandable and usable using the following support:

- Experimental design and protocol (.doc file)
- Structure of the data (.doc file)
- data analysis scripts (R, MATLAB, Python with README.txt available for general use of the code database)
- Raw data and metadata (specific file format according to data type)
- Analysed data (specific file format according to data type)
- Index file (.txt file) linking the name, location (folder and subfolder on /server) and description of above-mentioned files.

Will a metadata standard be used to make it easier to **find and reuse the data**?

If so, please specify which metadata standard will be used. If not, please specify which metadata will be created to make the data easier to find and reuse.

REPOSITORIES COULD ASK TO DELIVER METADATA IN A CERTAIN FORMAT, WITH SPECIFIED ONTOLOGIES AND VOCABULARIES, I.E. STANDARD LISTS WITH UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS.

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata standard will be used:

The experiments are unique, but the data will be standardized according to data-type across experiments to make it easier to interpret. Every experiments have a standardized and similar txt file to describe the parameters of the session (e.g date/ name/experiment variable); Every experiments are registered in a share document (.xls). Finally, even if our experiments are unique, the brain recording data will be preprocessed using widely used software (e.g Suite2P for Calcium Imaging data , Kilosort for electrophysiological data), which will make it easy and standard to interpret by other users.

4. Data Storage & Back-up during the Research Project

<p>Where will the data be stored?</p> <p><i>Consult the interactive KU Leuven storage guide to find the most suitable storage solution for your data.</i></p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Shared network drive (J-drive) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal network drive (I-drive) <input type="checkbox"/> OneDrive (KU Leuven) <input type="checkbox"/> Sharepoint online <input type="checkbox"/> Sharepoint on-premis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Volume Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Vault <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Data will be stored on servers centrally managed by NERF Computing core, with full on-line access and then archived at the end of each year to (The Core has >700 TB of storage redundant, reliable storage, with a 600 TB extension). Our Main and backup storage system are based on an open-source system: Ceph with lower data-storage costs, fast write/read speed, long working duration </p>
<p>How will the data be backed up?</p> <p><i>WHAT STORAGE AND BACKUP PROCEDURES WILL BE IN PLACE TO PREVENT DATA LOSS?</i></p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Standard back-up provided by KU Leuven ICTS for my storage solution <input type="checkbox"/> Personal back-ups I make (specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) Daily transfers of the data to the Main servers are planned to be made via Globus (data management tool). Moreover, automatic transfers and replication of the data to the backup servers are executed weekly. </p>
<p>Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project? If yes, specify concisely. If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available, then explain how this will be taken care of.</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, please specify: </p>

<p>How will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?</p> <p><i>CLEARLY DESCRIBE THE MEASURES (IN TERMS OF PHYSICAL SECURITY, NETWORK SECURITY, AND SECURITY OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND FILES) THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT STORED AND TRANSFERRED DATA ARE SAFE.</i></p> <p>Guidance on security for research data</p>	<p>NERF servers are in imec campus at Leuven (under a network protection as provided by imec firewalls) imec provides a dedicated VLAN for NERF, meaning that only registered devices can access to the NERF network from the imec campus. Users from outside of the imec campus can use a VPN with a login authorization setup by two factors authentication for each user. This VPN is provided and maintained by imec.</p> <p>In addition to that network security, the access to our storage servers from user computers is via SMB protocol. Each research group has their own “SMB accounts” as setup in the storage server by the system admin.</p>
<p>What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered?</p>	<p>Storage and Back-up cost per Tb = 28€/year/TB. These costs will be budgeted at the lab level.</p>

5. Data Preservation after the end of the Research Project	
<p>Which data will be retained for at least five years (or longer, in agreement with other retention policies that are applicable) after the end of the project? In case some data cannot be preserved, clearly state the reasons for this (e.g. legal or contractual restrictions, storage/budget issues, institutional policies...).</p> <p>Guidance on data preservation</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All data will be preserved for 10 years according to KU Leuven RDM policy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All data will be preserved for 25 years according to CTC recommendations for clinical trials with medicinal products for human use and for clinical experiments on humans</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Certain data cannot be kept for 10 years (explain)</p>

<p>Where will these data be archived (stored and curated for the long-term)?</p> <p><i><u>Dedicated data repositories</u> are often the best place to preserve your data. Data not suitable for preservation in a repository can be stored using a KU Leuven storage solution, consult the <u>interactive KU Leuven storage guide</u>.</i></p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> KU Leuven RDR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Volume Storage (longterm for large volumes) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared network drive (J-drive) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): </p>
<p>What are the expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period? How will these costs be covered?</p>	<p>Data preservation cost per Tb = 28€/year. These costs will be budgeted at the laboratory level.</p>

6. Data Sharing and Reuse	
<p>Will the data (or part of the data) be made available for reuse after/during the project? Please explain per dataset or data type which data will be made available.</p> <p><i>NOTE THAT 'AVAILABLE' DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT THE DATA SET BECOMES OPENLY AVAILABLE, CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS AND USE MAY APPLY. AVAILABILITY IN THIS QUESTION THUS ENTAILS BOTH OPEN & RESTRICTED ACCESS. FOR MORE INFORMATION: HTTPS://WIKI.SURFNET.NL/DISPLAY/STANDARDS/INFO-EU-REPO/#INFOEU-REPO-ACCESSRIGHTS</i></p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, as open data <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, as embargoed data (temporary restriction) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, as restricted data (upon approval, or institutional access only) <input type="checkbox"/> No (closed access) <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: </p>
<p>If access is restricted, please specify who will be able to access the data and under what conditions.</p>	

<p>Are there any factors that restrict or prevent the sharing of (some of) the data (e.g. as defined in an agreement with a 3rd party, legal restrictions)? Please explain per dataset or data type where appropriate.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, privacy aspects <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, intellectual property rights <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, ethical aspects <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, aspects of dual use <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>If yes, please specify:</p>
<p>Where will the data be made available? If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> KU Leuven RDR <input type="checkbox"/> Other data repository (specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) Published data will be available on open-access repository (GitHub, Figshare). Heavy data stored locally on our server, will be openly available upon request. </p>
<p>When will the data be made available?</p>	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon publication of research results <input type="checkbox"/> Specific date (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) </p>

<p>Which data usage licenses are you going to provide? If none, please explain why.</p> <p><i>A DATA USAGE LICENSE INDICATES WHETHER THE DATA CAN BE REUSED OR NOT AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS. IF NO LICENSE IS GRANTED, THE DATA ARE IN A GREY ZONE AND CANNOT BE LEGALLY REUSED. DO NOTE THAT YOU MAY ONLY RELEASE DATA UNDER A LICENSE CHOSEN BY YOURSELF IF IT DOES NOT ALREADY FALL UNDER ANOTHER LICENSE THAT MIGHT PROHIBIT THAT.</i></p> <p>Check the RDR guidance on licences for data and software sources code or consult the License selector tool to help you choose.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CC-BY 4.0 (data)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Data Transfer Agreement (restricted data)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MIT licence (code)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GNU GPL-3.0 (code)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)</p> <p>Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Public License</p>
<p>Do you intend to add a PID/DOI/accession number to your dataset(s)? If already available, please provide it here.</p> <p><i>INDICATE WHETHER YOU INTEND TO ADD A PERSISTENT AND UNIQUE IDENTIFIER IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY AND RETRIEVE THE DATA.</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, a PID will be added upon deposit in a data repository</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My dataset already has a PID</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered?</p>	<p>Dependent on the data repository selected. These costs will be budgeted at the laboratory level.</p>

7. Responsibilities	
Who will manage data documentation and metadata during the research project?	Virginie Oberto
Who will manage data storage and backup during the research project?	Guiliano Maggi Olmedo (responsable for data storage at NERF/imec)
Who will manage data preservation and sharing?	Virginie Oberto and Vincent Bonin
Who will update and implement this DMP?	Virginie Oberto

