# FWO DMP Template - Flemish Standard Data Management Plan

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](https://www.fwo.be/media/1024841/glossary-flemish-standard-data-management-plan.pdf).

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| 1. **General Project Information** | |
| Name Grant Holder & ORCID | **Sibylle Vonesch, https://orcid.org/0000-0003-2485-1048** |
| Contributor name(s) (+ ORCID) & roles |  |
| Project number[[1]](#footnote-1) & title | Mapping genetic interaction networks underlying complex traits via massively parallel precision genome editing |
| Funder(s) GrantID[[2]](#footnote-2) | G012524N |
| Affiliation(s) | x KU Leuven  ☐ Universiteit Antwerpen  ☐ Universiteit Gent  ☐ Universiteit Hasselt  ☐ Vrije Universiteit Brussel  ☐ Other:  Provide ROR[[3]](#footnote-3) identifier when possible: |
| Please provide a short project description | Finding all sequence variants that give rise to diversity among individuals and understanding how they affect specific traits is a key challenge in genetics. Through advances in genome sequencing we now know what the variants are that differ among individuals. However, with current methods it is difficult to pinpoint which of these variants contribute to a trait. Variants can also interact to mask or enhance each other’s effect, further complicating their functional interpretation. Little is known about how such genetic interactions contribute to traits as on top of not knowing which variants cause a trait no methods exist to systematically study their interactions. We believe knowledge of principles how variants interact is key as it may explain why people with the same disease variant show varying disease severity or why beneficial variants are less beneficial in a new context in bioengineering. We have recently developed a CRISPR-based tool that can engineer and measure the impact of 1000s of variants in parallel in the model S.cerevisiae. We will first use it here to systematically find sequence variants that contribute to diverse traits. We will then extend our tool to allow efficient engineering of pairs of these variants and study for the first time how their genetic interactions shape traits. The implications of our results are broad, from advancing fundamental biological insights to improving prediction of traits in key agricultural species or disease risk in humans |

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| 1. **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[[4]](#footnote-4).   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | *Only for digital data* | *Only for digital data* | *Only for digital data* | *Only for physical data* | | Dataset Name | Description | New or Reused | Digital or Physical | Digital Data Type | Digital Data Format | Digital Data Volume (MB, GB, TB) | Physical Volume | | BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL | Yeast libraries (*S. cerevisiae*) constructed through genome engineering, bacterial plasmids and plasmid libraries | Generate new data  Reuse existing data | Digital  Physical |  |  |  | Stored in Eppendorf tubes and cryotubes at -80°C as yeast and plasmid library pool (lab freezer) in at least duplicates | | EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS | Digital images, FACS data, sequencing data raw and processed, analysis scripts, software | Generate new data  Reuse existing data | Digital  Physical | Audiovisual  Images  Sound  Numerical  Textual  Model  Software  Other | .por  .xml  .tab  .csv  .pdf  .txt  .rtf  .dwg  .tab  .gml  other: - gel scans, colony plate pictures, plots  - sorting/ analysis plots  - FASTQ, BAM, VCF, textfile  NA | < 100 MB  < 1 GB  < 100 GB  < 1 TB  < 5 TB  < 10 TB  < 50 TB  > 50 TB  NA |  | | DATA REUSE | For analysis purposes we will use data from published datasets and databases | Generate new data  Reuse existing data | Digital  Physical | Audiovisual  Images  Sound  Numerical  Textual  Model  Software  Other: | .por  .xml  .tab  .csv  .pdf  .txt  .rtf  .dwg  .tab  .gml  other: xlsx, software  NA | < 100 MB  < 1 GB  < 100 GB  < 1 TB  < 5 TB  < 10 TB  < 50 TB  > 50 TB  NA |  | | |
| *Guidance:*  *Data can be digital or physical (for example biobank, biological samples, …). Data type: Data are often grouped by type (observational, experimental etc.), format and/or collection/generation method.*  *Examples of data types: observational (e.g. survey results, sensor readings, sensory observations); experimental (e.g. microscopy, spectroscopy, chromatograms, gene sequences); compiled/aggregated data[[5]](#footnote-5) (e.g. text & data mining, derived variables, 3D modelling); simulation data (e.g. climate models); software, etc.*  *Examples of data formats: tabular data (.por,. spss, structured text or mark-up file XML, .tab, .csv), textual data (.rtf, .xml, .txt), geospatial data (.dwg,. GML, ..), image data, audio data, video data, documentation & computational script.*  *digital data volume: Please estimate the upper limit of the volume of the data per dataset or data type.*  *physical volume: Please estimate the physical volume of the research materials (for example the number of relevant biological samples that need to be stored and preserved during the project and/or after).* | |
| 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. | Not yet applicable. |
| 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, please describe these issues further and refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate. | Yes, human subject data  Yes, animal data  Yes, dual use  No  If yes, please describe: |
| Will you process personaldata*[[6]](#footnote-6)*? If so, briefly describe the kind of personal data you will use. Please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate. If available, add the reference to your file in your host institution's privacy register. | Yes  No  If yes:   * Short description of the kind of personal data that will be used: * Privacy Registry Reference: |
| 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. | Yes  No  If yes, please comment:  Results obtained during this project are of interest for potential industrial biotechnological applications and for the development of therapies in the context of human disease, and may therefore result in intellectual properties. This will be decided in cooperation with IP experts from KU Leuven and VIB. |
| 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. | Yes  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. | Yes  No  If yes, please explain:  Results obtained during this project are of interest for potential industrial biotechnological applications and for the development of therapies in the context of human disease, and may therefore result in intellectual properties. This will be decided in cooperation with IP experts from KU Leuven and VIB. |

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| 1. **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). | BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: Yeast strains are stored in a -80°C freezer and as yeast and plasmid library pool in the lab, for at least 10 years after the project ends. Costs are budgeted in the grant. Unauthorized people do not have access to strains.  EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS: (Meta)data will be documented in lab notebooks and digital files will be stored in a Dropbox Business account, 256-bit AES and SSL/TLS encryption. Raw and processed sequencing data and any end values derived from these data will be stored on a server in an ordered structure, and a separate hard drive as third backup. Scripts and software are additionally hosted on Github. All data will be stored for at least 10 years, conform to KU Leuven RDM policy. Costs are covered by grant. |
| 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:  If no, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata will be created:  Text documents and Excel files stored within each experiment folder will respectively contain guidelines describing data collection/analysis methods and all relevant metadata (including experimental conditions, quality control metrics, computational analysis pipelines and their parameters) to ensure the reusability of the data and the reproducibility of any further data generation. Scripts are documented and version control is ensured via Github. |

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| 1. **Data Storage & Back-up during the Research Project** | |
| Where will the data be stored? | Shared network drive (J-drive)  Personal network drive (I-drive)  OneDrive (KU Leuven)  Sharepoint online  Sharepoint on-premis  Large Volume Storage  Digital Vault  Other:  Dropbox Business account, 256-bit AES and SSL/TLS encryption. Raw and processed sequencing data and any end values derived from these data will be stored on a server in an ordered structure, and a separate hard drive as third backup. Scripts and software are additionally hosted on Github.  Yeast strains are stored in a -80°C freezer and as yeast and plasmid library pool in the lab, for at least 10 years after the project ends. |
| How will the data be backed up?  *What storage and backup procedures will be in place to prevent data loss? Describe the locations, storage media and procedures that will be used for storing and backing up digital and non-digital data during research.**[[7]](#footnote-7)*  *Refer to institution-specific policies regarding backup procedures when appropriate.* | Automated backup to Dropbox Business account, 256-bit AES and SSL/TLS encryption. Raw and processed sequencing data and any end values derived from these data will be stored on a server in an ordered structure, and a separate hard drive as third backup. Scripts and software are additionally hosted on Github. |
| 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. | Yes  No  If yes, please specify concisely:  Automated backup to Dropbox Business account, 256-bit AES and SSL/TLS encryption. Raw and processed sequencing data and any end values derived from these data will be stored on a server in an ordered structure, and a separate hard drive as third backup. Scripts and software are additionally hosted on Github.  If no, please specify: |
| How will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?  *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. 7* | Dropbox Business account, 256-bit AES and SSL/TLS encryption. Scripts and software hosted on Github are maintained as private folders. Unauthorized persons do not have access to lab freezers as badge access is needed to the building, and after 18:00 also to the lab spaces. |
| What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered? | Costs are budgeted for in grant. |

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| **5. Data Preservation after the end of the Research Project** | |
| 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...). | ☒ All data will be preserved for 10 years according to KU Leuven RDM policy  ☐ 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  ☐ Certain data cannot be kept for 10 years (explain) |
| Where will these data be archived (stored and curated for the long-term)? | ☐ KU Leuven RDR  ☐ Large Volume Storage (longterm for large volumes)  ☐ Shared network drive (J-drive)  ☒ Other (specifiy):  - Dropbox Business account, 256-bit AES and SSL/TLS encryption. Raw and processed sequencing data and any end values derived from these data will be stored on a server in an ordered structure, and a separate hard drive as third backup. All data will be stored for at least 10 years, conform KU Leuven RDM policy.  - Yeast strains are stored in a -80°C freezer and as yeast and plasmid library pool in the lab, for at least 10 years after the project ends. |
| What are the expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period? How will these costs be covered? | Costs are budgeted for in grant. |

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| **6. Data Sharing and Reuse** | |
| 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.  *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/#infoeurepo-AccessRights*](https://wiki.surfnet.nl/display/standards/info-eu-repo/#infoeurepo-AccessRights) | ☒ Yes, as open data  ☒ Yes, as embargoed data (temporary restriction)  ☐ Yes, as restricted data (upon approval, or institutional access only)  ☒ No (closed access)  ☒ Other, please specify:  We aim for several manuscripts with the data generated in this project. Conform to the Open Access publication requirement for FWO, data used in published manuscripts will be openly available (eg via SRA, Github, dedicated websites, as supplemental material) either immediately upon publication or after potential embargo periods. |
| If access is restricted, please specify who will be able to access the data and under what conditions. | Only lab members can access the data. |
| 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. | Yes, privacy aspects  Yes, intellectual property rights  Yes, ethical aspects  Yes, aspects of dual use  Yes, other  No  If yes, please specify:  Results obtained during this project are of interest for potential industrial biotechnological applications and for the development of therapies in the context of human disease, and may therefore result in intellectual properties. This will be decided in cooperation with IP experts from KU Leuven and VIB. |
| Where will the data be made available?  If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type. | Not yet applicable |
| When will the data be made available?  *This could be a specific date (dd/mm/yyyy) or an indication such as ‘upon publication of research results’.* | ☒ Upon publication of research results  ☐ Specific date (specify)  ☐ Other (specify) |
| Which data usage licenses are you going to provide? If none, please explain why.  *A data usage license indicates whether the data can be reused or not and under what conditions. If no licence is granted, the data are in a grey zone and cannot be legally reused. Do note that you may only release data under a licence chosen by yourself if it does not already fall under another licence that might prohibit that.*  *Example Answer: E.g. “Data from the project that can be shared will be made available under a Creative Commons Attribution license (CC-BY 4.0), so that users have to give credit to the original data creators.” [[8]](#footnote-8)* | To be decided at a later point, variable depending on data type. |
| Do you intend to add a PID/DOI/accession number to your dataset(s)? If already available, please provide it here.  *Indicate whether you intend to add a persistent and unique identifier in order to identify and retrieve the data.* | Yes, a PID will be added upon deposit in a data repository  No  If yes: |
| What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered? | No extra costs |

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| **7. Responsibilities** | |
| Who will manage data documentation and metadata during the research project? | Sibylle Vonesch, Antoine Delhaye, Vlad Batagui, assisted by Célie Cokelaere (lab manager) |
| Who will manage data storage and backup during the research project? | Sibylle Vonesch, Antoine Delhaye, Vlad Batagui |
| Who will manage data preservation and sharing? | Sibylle Vonesch |
| Who will update and implement this DMP? | Sibylle Vonesch |

1. “Project number” refers to the institutional project number. This question is optional since not every institution has an internal project number different from the GrantID. Applicants can only provide one project number. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Research Organization Registry Community. https://ror.org/ [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Add rows for each dataset you want to describe. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. These data are generated by combining multiple existing datasets. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. See Glossary Flemish Standard Data Management Plan [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Source: Ghent University Generic DMP Evaluation Rubric: <https://osf.io/2z5g3/> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Source: Ghent University Generic DMP Evaluation Rubric: <https://osf.io/2z5g3/> [↑](#footnote-ref-8)