

# Caltech Workshop Reproducibility Handout (from CodeOcean, Addgene, protocols.io)

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## Abstract

This is a handout that was created by Code Ocean, Addgene, and protocols.io for the Caltech workshop on reproducibility. For more information and slides from the workshop, please see: <https://codeocean.com/workshop/caltech>.

Please feel free to clone and modify it. If you do, would be wonderful to see you share the new resource in this group. Also, please suggest other useful resources.

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## Guidelines

Practical tips for reproducibility

### 1. Plan for reproducibility before you start

- **Write a study plan or protocol** and track new versions.
- **Set-up a reproducible project** using an electronic lab notebook to organize and track your work. Avoid saving proprietary file formats.

### 2. Keep track of things

- **Preregister** important study design and analysis information. Free tools to help you make your first registration include [AsPredicted](#), [Open Science Framework](#), and [Registered Reports](#). Clinical trials use [Clinicaltrials.gov](#).
- **Track changes** to your files using version control.
- **Document** everything done by hand in a README file and data dictionary. **Karl Broman's**

### 3. Report your research transparently

- **Share your protocols and interventions** explicitly and transparently.
- **Write a transparent report.** Guidelines from the [Equator Network](#) or processes like [Registered Reports](#) can help.

### 4. Archive + share your materials

#### i. Data

- Avoid supplementary files, licence, and share your data using a repository. **How to License Research Data:** <http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/license-research-data>.

#### ii. Materials & reagents

- Licence your published materials so they can be reused. **Creative Commons License Picker:** <https://creativecommons.org/choose/>
- Deposit reagents with repositories like [Addgene](#), [The Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center](#), and [ATCC](#) to make them easily accessible to other researchers.

#### iii. Software

- Licence your code using [Code Ocean](#) or [Github](#). **Open Source Initiative: About Open Source Licences:** <https://opensource.org/licenses>.

### 5. Further reading:

- **Ten Simple Rules for Reproducible Computational Research:** <http://journals.plos.org/ploscompbiol/article?>
- **Reproducibility in Science:** <http://ropensci.github.io/reproducibility-guide/>
- **Open Science MOOC:** <https://opensciencemooc.eu/>
- **Tools and Resources for Reproducibility Series at protocols.io:** <https://www.protocols.io/groups/tools-and-resources-for-reproducibility>

## Protocol

### Reagents

#### Step 1.

**Addgene** <https://www.addgene.org/> (nonprofit plasmid repository)

**CiteAb** <https://www.citeab.com/> (antibody search engine with results sorted by citations)

**ICLAC** <http://iclac.org/> (registry of false or misidentified cell lines)

**Quartzy** <https://www.quartzy.com/> (manage lab inventory)

### Electronic Lab Notebooks

#### Step 2.

**Benchling** <https://benchling.com/> (free)

**Evernote** <https://evernote.com/> (most popular with biologists but not designed as an ELN)

**Labguru** <https://www.labguru.com/> (\$)

**sciNote** <https://scinote.net/> (open source, free)

**Open Science Framework** <https://osf.io/> (free)

### Methods

#### Step 3.

**Bio-Protocol** <https://bio-protocol.org/> (A peer-reviewed protocol journal; free to read & publish)

**protocols.io** <http://protocols.io/> (an open access repository of science methods; free to read & publish)

### Code

#### Step 4.

**Github** <https://github.com/> (code repository; free for public repos)

**Jupyter Notebooks** <http://jupyter.org/> (open source web-app for creating & sharing live code, equations, and more)

**Code Ocean** <https://codeocean.com/> (computational reproducibility platform; free to upload, share & publish executable code with DOI; pay for more computing time over freemium limit)

### Data

#### Step 5.

**DataDryad** <http://datadryad.org/> (curated digital repository; free to access, \$120 to publish dataset up to 20GB)

**Figshare** <http://datadryad.org/> (free digital repository, 5GB per file limit)

**Zenodo** <https://zenodo.org/> (free digital repository; 50GB per dataset limit)

## ■ ANNOTATIONS

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CaltechDATA <https://data.caltech.edu> is another option for anyone at Caltech (free digital repository, no fixed storage limits)