

Resource Sharing Plan(s)

My institution Massachusetts General Hospital and I will adhere to the NIH Sharing Policies and Related Guidance on NIH-Funded Research Resources, including “NIH Research Tools Policy” and “NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy.” Following the characterization and peer-reviewed publications of the proposed project, related materials and data will be available to other investigators. The recipient investigators would provide written assurance that the data would only be used for research and not for commercial purposes.

For identifiable data, which includes audio and video data, a data usage agreement (DUA) will be required. This DUA will be negotiated between the data applicant’s institution and MGH. This step is necessary as video and audio data are considered identifiable and, when linked to clinical data, are classified as Protected Health Information (PHI). However, we are able to share the extracted feature variables from audio and video data, which do not contain any identifiable data, through platforms like Excel sheets as well as GitHub and other open sources. No proprietary materials are expected in this project. If any unique, non-proprietary resources are developed, they will be distributed to qualified investigators with standard data use and safety conditions in accordance with the NIH Principles and Guidelines document. “Other Research Resources”, as available, will also be freely distributed upon request to qualified academic investigators for non-commercial research.