

## **Data Usage Agreement (DUA) ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge**

This Data Usage Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the Participant (“Participant”) and the organizers of the ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge (“Enhancing Ultra-Low-Field MRI with Paired High-Field MRI Comparisons for Brain Imaging 2025”) (“Challenge Organizers”). This Agreement governs the terms and conditions under which the Participant is granted access to, and permitted to use, the data provided in connection with participation in the Challenge. By accessing or using the data, the Participant agrees to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

### **1. Acceptance of Terms**

By accessing the ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge site or any related materials, the Participant expressly agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and acknowledges responsibility for compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies. If the Participant does not agree to the terms of this Agreement, the Participant must not access, download, use, or otherwise engage with any part of the Challenge, including but not limited to the Challenge data.

### **2. Use License**

The Participant agrees to use the data solely for the purpose of participating in the ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge. The Participant shall not reproduce, duplicate, sell, distribute, or otherwise make the data available for any purpose outside the scope of the Challenge without the prior written consent of the Challenge Organizers.

To access the Challenge, the Participant may be required to provide certain information as part of the registration process. The Participant represents and warrants that all information provided during registration shall be accurate, complete, and current.

The Participant acknowledges and agrees that any personal information collected by the Challenge Organizers (including, where applicable, through the ULF-EnC platform) will be handled in accordance with the Australian Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). Personal information will be used solely for the purpose of administering the Challenge and related activities, and will not be disclosed to any third party without the Participant’s prior consent, unless required or authorised by law.

The Participant further acknowledges that they have been informed of the purposes for which their personal information is collected and that they may request access to, or correction of, their personal information held by the Challenge Organizers at any time, in accordance with applicable privacy laws.

### **3. Data**

The Participant agrees to use the data provided by the ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge strictly in accordance with the rules and guidelines established by the Challenge Organizers.

This includes, but is not limited to, the following conditions:

The data shall be used exclusively for the purpose of participating in the ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge;

The data is fully anonymized, and the Participant must not attempt to re-identify any individual or reverse the anonymization process;

The data may not be used for any other purpose, including but not limited to independent research, commercial development, or dissemination, without the prior written consent of the Challenge Organizers.

The Participant further represents and warrants that any data they submit in the course of participating in the Challenge:

Has been lawfully obtained and is submitted with all necessary ethical and institutional approvals;

Has been fully anonymized, ensuring that no personally identifiable information (PII) is present in file names, metadata, or content;

Complies with all applicable data protection and privacy laws.

The Challenge Organizers reserve the right to reject or disqualify any submission that fails to meet these requirements.

#### 4. Data Breach Notification

In the event of an unauthorized disclosure or suspected breach of data confidentiality, the Participant must notify the Challenge Organizers immediately and cooperate in any required mitigation efforts.

#### 5. Limitation of Liability

The Participant acknowledges and agrees that all data, software, documentation, and related materials provided through the ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge are made available strictly on an “as is” and “as available” basis, without any warranties of any kind, express or implied.

The Challenge Organizers expressly disclaim all warranties, including but not limited to warranties of accuracy, completeness, reliability, non-infringement, merchantability, or fitness for a particular purpose.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Challenge Organizers shall not be held liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, or special damages, including but not limited to damages for loss of data, loss of profits, or business interruption, arising out of or in connection with the Participant’s access to or use of the Challenge data, services, or associated materials.

#### 6. Publications

The Participant agrees to acknowledge and cite the ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge in any publication, presentation, or derivative work that utilizes the data provided through the Challenge. Citations must include proper attribution to the Challenge and reference the official Challenge website.

The Challenge Organizers reserve the right to prepare and publish an overview manuscript summarizing the outcomes of the Challenge, including the methods, results, and contributions of participating teams. By participating in the Challenge, the Participant grants the Challenge Organizers a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide right to include their submitted results, methodology summaries, and any associated outputs in such publications or related reports.

To be eligible for inclusion in the final Challenge rankings, each Participant must submit a MICCAI standard short methods paper describing their approach. This paper will be reviewed by the Challenge Organizers prior to the public release of rankings. As part of this submission, participants are required to include a dedicated discussion on hallucination artifacts and any observed image artifacts produced by their method. Failure to submit the required paper or to address artifact-related concerns may result in exclusion from the final leaderboard and associated publications.

#### 7. Modifications to Terms

The Challenge Organizers reserve the right to amend, update, or modify the terms of this Agreement at any time, at their sole discretion and without prior notice. Any such modifications shall become effective immediately upon posting on the official Challenge website or relevant communication channels.

By continuing to access or use the Challenge data, platform, or services after such modifications are made, the Participant agrees to be bound by the then-current version of this Agreement.

#### 8. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia, without regard to its conflict of law provisions. The parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Victoria for the resolution of any disputes arising under or in connection with this Agreement.

9. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Participant and the Challenge Organizers with respect to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous understandings, agreements, communications, and proposals—whether oral or written—relating to the same subject matter.

No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and approved by the Challenge Organizers.

10. Acknowledgment of Supplementary Terms

The Participant acknowledges that additional terms and conditions, guidelines, and documents related to the ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge are provided on the official Challenge registration site, hosted at: <https://zenodo.org/records/15259777>.

By signing this Agreement, the Participant confirms that they have read, understood, and agreed to be bound by the most current versions of all materials referenced on the Challenge registration page, including any updates or clarifications posted by the Challenge Organizers.

In the event of any discrepancy or ambiguity between this Data Usage Agreement and any supplemental materials referenced on the Challenge website, such materials shall be considered complementary and not contradictory. This Agreement shall not be interpreted as creating any conflict of interest with the content published on the Challenge registration platform.

11. Incorporation of Citation Requirements

The Participant acknowledges and agrees to comply with the “Citation Requirements” as outlined in the Data Usage Agreement section of the official ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge document. These citation requirements form an integral part of this Agreement, and the Participant is bound by them as a condition of accessing and using the Challenge data.

12. Contact for Enquiries

For questions regarding this Agreement, please contact the Challenge Organizers at [ulfenc2025challenge@gmail.com](mailto:ulfenc2025challenge@gmail.com).

By signing below, the Participant acknowledges and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions contained herein.

Team Leader (Full Name): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Institutional Preferred): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution / Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Names of All Team Members (separated by commas): \_\_\_\_\_

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Registered Synapse Username (Team or Individual)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Important: For approval and data access, the name of the Participant or team must correspond exactly to the name registered on the Synapse platform.

Upon execution of this Agreement, the signed copy should be submitted to [ulfenc2025challenge@gmail.com](mailto:ulfenc2025challenge@gmail.com). Subject to review, the Challenge Organizers will authorize access to the ULF-EnC MICCAI 2025 Challenge materials, including the dataset. Please allow up to 24 hours for access approval.