



Your situation

You asked participants for their explicit consent to share the research materials, including their personal data, via a third-party repository (such as [SWISSUbase](#)), but they refused.



You cannot share your data

It is imperative to respect the will of the participants.
The only viable option for sharing your data would be their full anonymization.



Best practices / recommendations

In the social sciences it is extremely difficult to have completely anonymous data. When proceeding with anonymization, we recommend that you carefully examine your dataset to confirm that it is indeed anonymous as defined by the law. Pay particular attention to combinations of variables. You can consult the resources listed below.



Resources

FORS Guides: consult our guides on key data management topics, including data management planning, data protection, informed consent, data anonymisation, data sharing: <https://forscenter.ch/publications/fors-guides>

Data management webinar series: discover our webinars on the above topics, as well as on data documentation and security:
<https://forscenter.ch/data-management-webinar-series/>

FORS archiving resources: check out our wider archiving resources:
<https://forscenter.ch/data-services/help-resources/>

SWISSUbase resources: get access to SWISSUbase and its resources:
<https://resources.swissubase.ch/>

Open Science at UNIL: <https://www.unil.ch/openscience/en/home.html>

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