



Your situation

You have informed participants of the sharing of the research materials, including their personal data, via a third-party data repository (such as SWISSUbase), but have not asked for their explicit consent.

You promised participants that specific identifying information would be removed from the dataset, but did not remove this information.

You do not hold participants' contact details (e.g. addresses, telephone numbers).



You cannot share your data

It is absolutely imperative to respect the promises made to participants at the time of information and consent. They are as binding as a contract.

Since you do not hold participants' contact details and therefore cannot renegotiate the data-sharing conditions, we suggest that you definitively remove the identifying information you have specified and carry out another shareability evaluation.



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