

SCHEDULE 2:

Oz Mammals Genomics Initiative Communications Policy v1.0

The OMG Consortium has a strong interest in seeing that the data and capability produced by the initiative is actively communicated to and used by the wider community both scientific and general.

1. All communications (scientific or general publications and presentations) that arise from the consortium's work will appropriately acknowledge the input of all relevant contributions. The publications should specify the collaborative nature of the project, and authorship is expected to include all those contributing significantly to the work.
2. Copies of communications are to be sent to the project manager (anna.macdonald@anu.edu.au) for collection and circulated to the Consortium as appropriate.
3. The Consortium reserves the right to conduct first analysis and 'global analyses' across these genomics reference datasets and publish the results in the scientific literature, provided this is done in a timely fashion. The Consortium Data Policy outlines the data sharing expectations and responsibilities.
4. Users of Consortium data, whether members of the Consortium or not, should be aware of the publication status of the data they use and treat them accordingly. For example, all investigators, including other Consortium members, should obtain the consent of the Steering Committee before using unpublished data in their individual publications, and the data producers should not unreasonably withhold this consent.
5. Investigators outside of the Consortium are free to use data generated by the initiative after the mediated access period, but are asked to follow the guidelines developed at the Ft. Lauderdale meeting¹. Specifically, data users should cite the source of the data and should acknowledge the sample contributors and Bioplatforms Australia. In addition, the data users are asked to recognize the interests of the data producers to publish reports on the generation and analysis of their data, as described previously. Datasets from the OMG Initiative may be released to public databases as pre-publication data and remain unpublished until they appear in peer-reviewed publications. Outside investigators who perform an in-depth analysis of data and are interested in publishing a report before the data producers do so should discuss their results with the data producer(s) and are encouraged to establish collaborations.

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¹ <http://www.sanger.ac.uk/legal/assets/fortlauderdalereport.pdf>