**Data Protection and Confidentiality**

**Will my participation in the study be confidential?**

In accordance with data protection law, The University of Manchester is the Data Controller for this project. This means that we are responsible for making sure your information is kept secure, confidential and used only in the way you have been told it will be used. All researchers are trained with this in mind, and your data will be looked after in the following way:

The study team will store your anonymised data for 5 years after the end of the study on encrypted and secure University storage systems.

In accordance with the University of Manchester’s Research Privacy notice and with your consent, we would like to be able to share your anonymised data with other University of Manchester researchers who are doing studies similar to ours.

At the end of the project we would like to deposit a fully anonymised dataset in an open data repository where it will be permanently stored. We will use Figshare at the University of Manchester Library. Researchers at other institutions and others can access the anonymised data directly from the repository and use it for further research or to check our analysis and results.

**Will the outcomes be published?**

The outcomes will be reported at scientific conferences and in peer-reviewed journals but you won’t be identifiable in any of these.

**Auditing and Monitoring**

Please also note that individuals from The University of Manchester or regulatory authorities may need to look at the data collected for this study to make sure the project is being carried out as planned. This may involve looking at identifiable data. All individuals involved in auditing and monitoring the study will have a strict duty of confidentiality to you as a research participant.

**What if I want to make a complaint?**

If you have a complaint that you wish to direct to members of the research team, please contact Dr Stuart Wright (stuart.j.wright@manchester.ac.uk).

If you wish to make a formal complaint to someone independent of the research team or if you are not satisfied with the response you have gained from the researcher in the first instance then please contact:

TheResearch Ethics Manager [research.complaints@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:research.complaints@manchester.ac.uk)  or by telephoning 0161 306 8089.

If you wish to contact us about your data protection rights, please email [dataprotection@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@manchester.ac.uk)

You also have a right to complain to the [Information Commissioner’s Office](https://ico.org.uk/concerns) about complaints relating to your personal identifiable information Tel 0303 123 1113