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## The WWARN Project Terms of Submission

### 1. TERMS

- 1.1 The WWARN project is dependent on the submission of data about individual patients' responses to anti-malarial drug treatment. WWARN respects the rights of researchers and institutions who may wish to share their data with WWARN.
- 1.2 These terms of submission (which form part of the WWARN website's [terms of use](#)) provide a framework for sharing data with WWARN, explaining the terms on which you may use the site to submit data to WWARN and how WWARN will use that data. Please read these terms carefully before submitting data to WWARN: by submitting data to WWARN, you indicate that you accept these terms and you agree to abide by them.

### 2. WWARN

- 2.1 WWARN is a project developed by an international collaboration of research institutions and which is currently hosted by the University of Oxford. The collaborative group consists of five WWARN project teams, each of which will have responsibility for the analysis of submitted data in relation to a defined topic (each a WWARN module).
- 2.2 By submitting data to WWARN you agree that the WWARN project teams will have access to your data on substantially the same terms as granted in these terms of submission. Current details of the WWARN project teams can be viewed [here](#).

### 3. DATA

- 3.1 In order to ensure compliance with its legal and ethical obligations, WWARN requires that all submitted data:
  - (a) has been obtained in accordance with any laws and ethical approvals applicable in its country of origin;
  - (b) has been obtained with the knowledge and consent of the individual to which it relates; and

(c) has been anonymised, so that any individual to which it relates cannot be identified from it.

3.2 You must have the authority to submit the data to be used in accordance with these terms of submission.

3.3 WWARN reserves the discretionary right to delete any submitted data, in whole or in part, if it contains any information that would identify an individual.

3.4 In order to protect your data and safeguard the rights of the individuals to which it relates, WWARN will take appropriate technical and organisational measures against unauthorised or unlawful processing of any submitted data and against the accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, submitted data.

#### **4. RIGHTS**

4.1 You will continue to own your data. WWARN will not claim any rights of ownership in any data you may submit but, in order to allow WWARN to operate, it requires your permission to use the data for the purposes set out in these terms of submission.

4.2 By submitting data, you grant to WWARN a right to use, copy, reformat and to make further analyses of your data in accordance with these terms of submission.

4.3 You may, at any time and for any reason, withdraw WWARN's right to use your data, but you accept that your data may have been used to prepare and/or create reports and analyses and that these reports and analyses cannot be withdrawn once they have been made available.

4.4 In the event that WWARN transfers from the University of Oxford to another entity, the rights you grant to WWARN will be transferred to that entity.

#### **5. USE OF DATA**

5.1 Your data will be stored on a secure server and will be accessible only to you, anyone you may nominate and WWARN.

5.2 Your data may be further processed by WWARN and used in combination with other data to create aggregated data.

5.3 WWARN may use aggregated data to create reports and analyses, including:

(a) summary reports to define geospatial and temporal trends in anti-malarial drug resistance and drug quality; and

(b) specialised analyses of pooled studies (for example, analyses in relation to a particular drug, patient group or time span).

- 5.4 In the event that WWARN receives a request to contribute data to an external project or collaborative analysis, it will not contribute or grant access to your data without your express permission.

## **6. PUBLICATION OF DATA**

- 6.1 Your submission of data to WWARN does not affect your right to publish those data, which you may do entirely at your own discretion and without consent from or reference to WWARN.
- 6.2 Data relating to anti-malarial drug resistance is only useful to those involved in the treatment of malaria if it is up-to-date and, for that reason, WWARN encourages you to submit your data before publication. WWARN will only use your data in an aggregated form, except that where you provide your express permission WWARN may include a high-level summary of your research on the WWARN Explorer.
- 6.3 Reports and analyses created by WWARN may be published or otherwise made publicly accessible, including through the WWARN website.
- 6.4 Your contribution to any WWARN publication will be acknowledged in accordance with the guidelines of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors ([www.icmje.org/ethical\\_1author.html](http://www.icmje.org/ethical_1author.html)).

## **7. LANGUAGE**

- 7.1 These Terms of Submission were drafted in English. It has been translated into other languages for convenience only, and the English language text shall prevail.

## **8. YOUR CONCERNS**

If you have any concerns about these terms of submission, please contact [info@wwarn.org](mailto:info@wwarn.org).