



Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing regarding your Cypriot genome project. In order to ensure privacy of sensitive genetic information, we are seeking clarification on your data sharing policies.

We note that your website states that the project aims to attract interested parties to exploit the banked data and material. We thus seek clarification on whether data will be shared with commercial companies, insurance companies, law enforcement or immigration agencies. We also seek information on exactly what data may be shared with any third parties and further, what privacy protections are in place to prevent access to identifiable genetic information by law enforcement and immigration services. This includes what policies are in place to prevent data breaches by your organisation and any third parties. Further, we seek clarification on whether such data is sold to additional third party companies.

We were unable to find information on what may happen to data once a participant withdraws from a project, and whether it will be retained or deleted. We were also unable to find a consent form online, and request that you may send a copy to us.

The information that is provided, or not provided to us, will be shared with the public in order to promote transparency and to inform on the privacy implications of growing genetic databases. We thus thank you for any information that you can share with us to facilitate this process.

Yours sincerely,

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