



Dear Sir/Madam,

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

We thus seek clarification on data sharing policies with regard to law enforcement or immigration services, and other commercial third parties, including but not limited to, insurance and commercial pharmaceutical companies. We seek details of any such requests that may have already been made to the company, specifically by immigration and law enforcement.

We further seek clarification on what protections are in place to prevent access to identifiable genetic (including re-identifiable) information by law enforcement and immigration services, including what policies are in place to prevent data breaches by your organisation or third party collaborators. Further, we seek clarification on what data is shared with, or sold to, third party organisations including companies. This should include, though not be limited to, insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, other commercial companies, research institutes, and government institutions. Please provide information on any such transfers/ transactions that have taken place.

We note from your website that you adhere to Privacy Shield policy for data transfer to the United States. However considering this is not in compliance with the latest EU (EU) 2016/1250) and Swiss data protection regulations. We thus seek clarification on the data privacy policy for international data transfer.

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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