

Guidelines for Access to MalariaGEN Data

The MalariaGEN Independent Data Access Committee (IDAC) will consider applications to access genotype data generated as a result of the Consortium activities. Access to data will be granted to qualified investigators for approved research purposes. A qualified investigator is a scientific researcher who is employed, or a student enrolled at, or legitimately affiliated with an academic, non-profit or government institution, or a commercial company. IDAC will take the decision as to who is or is not a qualified investigator for the purposes of accessing MalariaGEN data.

Access is conditional upon availability of data and agreement to abide by the terms and conditions set out in the *MalariaGEN Data Access Agreement*.

IDAC is concerned only with access to the core, anonymised, genotype data generated by MalariaGEN. The Committee will not consider requests for the more detailed phenotypic information held by the MalariaGEN Consortium and principal investigators. Access to this data would be by arrangement with the relevant principal investigators in accordance with relevant MalariaGEN policies.

The Committee will consider applications that include collaborators, but each Institution must sign a separate *MalariaGEN Data Access Agreement*. Should qualified investigators wish to share the data with additional collaborators not previously approved, the collaborators must make a separate application for access to the Data.

IDAC will keep confidential records of all applications, but may supply MalariaGEN with summary data of access requests to aid investigators in obtaining further funding. IDAC is charged with monitoring uses made of data by qualified investigators and will keep individual investigators' reports of data uses confidential. Summary reports of uses made of data will be made available to relevant MalariaGEN stakeholders, including ethics committees and funders.

Application Procedure

IDAC will accept applications for access to data at any time. Applicants are requested to complete the online *Application for Access to Genotype Data*. **Applicants must address all questions on the application form and include a reference list.** Application forms will be returned if submitted with incomplete or unclear information.

The application should be accompanied by a signed *MalariaGEN Data Access Agreement*. This must include a signature from the Head of Institute or person with the appropriate institutional or administrative authority. A signed hard copy of the agreement should be posted or faxed to:

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IDAC will consider straightforward applications on a rolling basis and aim to provide a decision within 2 months of receipt. Applications which require further consideration will be referred to the next available Committee meeting for discussion. You will be informed if your application has been referred and you should receive a decision within two weeks of the meeting at which your application is considered.

Any queries regarding access procedures or completion of the forms should be sent to: malariagen-idac@ethox.ox.ac.uk.