**Data Use Policy for External Users**

The T2C seeks rapid data dissemination and use by the entire scientific community. Accordingly, to encourage the widest possible use of the datasets, all data produced will be available for unrestricted use immediately upon release to public databases.

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* External data users may freely download, analyze, and publish results based on any T2C data without restrictions as soon as they are released. Researchers using unpublished T2C data are encouraged to contact the data producers to discuss possible coordinated publications. The Consortium will continue to publish the results of its own analysis efforts in independent publications.
* As the experimental designs and metadata associated with the T2C data are complex, users are strongly encouraged to consult Environmental Exposure Epigenome Atlas documentation for complete study details.
* Researchers who use T2C datasets (published or unpublished) in publications and talks are requested to cite the T2C in all of the following ways:
	1. Cite the Consortium's most recent integrative publication;
	2. Reference the GEO accession numbers of the datasets;
	3. Acknowledge the TaRGET II Consortium and the T2C production laboratory(s) generating the particular dataset(s).

Data Use and Intermediate Data Analysis Policy for Consortium Members

* To balance the interests of all stakeholders, Consortium members are asked to respect the ability of the individual T2C PIs to publish an initial analysis of their own data in a timely manner. In general, users of these data are expected to respect the legitimate interests of the producers to analyze and publish their results by treating data and results of intermediate analyses as unpublished information, until otherwise indicated.
* Any user of the data is responsible for being aware of the publication status of the data they use and treat them accordingly. NIEHS will monitor the use of this policy; evidence of significant misuse will result in modifications.

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