

RESEARCH POTENTIAL OF ACCESS TO CLINICAL TRIAL DATA

Dear Colleague,

Clinical trial data are recognised as a valuable resource, and there is widespread agreement on the benefits of increasing responsible access to such data for the purposes of novel research. The Wellcome Trust has commissioned [Technopolis](#) to carry out a study looking at the potential uses of existing clinical trial data to address new research questions. This will help inform discussions around the future establishment of an international consortium to facilitate access to data from commercial and academic trials.

As part of this, Technopolis will be consulting key stakeholder groups through a programme of online surveys in the first instance, to access information on current uses of clinical trial data, and the practicalities and challenges of current and future access models. We believe that it will be important to reach out to the global community, including clinical statisticians and data scientists in both academic and industrial settings, as well as data managers of clinical trials and relevant patient groups.

I hope you will support this important initiative and assist the project team by sharing the survey with your contacts in the relevant stakeholder groups, so that we can achieve the widest possible distribution.

For any questions about the survey, please contact Dr Peter Varnai at [wellcome-study@technopolis-group.com](mailto:wellcome-study@technopolis-group.com).

Best wishes,



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