**Use of Human Specimens and/or Data**

Provide an explanation for any use of human specimens and/or data **not** considered to be human subjects research.

[Decision Tool](https://grants.nih.gov/policy/humansubjects/hs-decision.htm): Am I doing human Subjects Research?

[Flowchart](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/hs/private-information-biospecimens-flowchart.pdf) for research involving private information or biospecimens.

**Content:**

This explanation should include:

* information on who is providing the data/biological specimens and their role in the proposed research;
* a description of the identifiers that will be associated with the human specimens and data;
* a list of who has access to subjects’ identities; and
* information about the manner in which the privacy of research participants and confidentiality of data will be protected.

**Note for studies involving only the secondary use of identifiable biospecimens or data**: For studies where the only involvement of human subjects is the use of identifiable biospecimens or data originally collected for another purpose, complete this form with information specific to the current study and not the original collection study unless the information associated with the original collection is pertinent to the proposed study. If information about the original collection is necessary, provide context and clearly distinguish between the current study and historical information.