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Dear Dr. Wagenaar,

In response to our discussion regarding the required sustainability and continuity of data availability on your NIH funded platform “Pennsieve”, we are happy to provide this letter to indicate our commitment at the University of Pennsylvania to support this effort by ensuring data submitted to your platform by the research community for publication will continue to be available for the foreseeable future.

Pennsieve (<https://app.pennsieve.io>) is a cloud-based data platform to foster collaborative science, data management and publication. The Pennsieve platform has been developed through several federal grants and currently supports the data sharing requirements for multiple large scale inter-institutional programs such as the NIH SPARC and REJOIN programs. It is listed as one of the NIH Open Repositories (<https://sharing.nih.gov/data-management-and-sharing-policy/sharing-scientific-data/repositories-for-sharing-scientific-data>) as part of the SPARC program. Pennsieve is closely integrated with the NIH STRIDES initiative of the Office of Data Science Strategy for hosting data submitted to the platform.

To ensure continuity of data availability beyond a potential funding horizon for the Pennsieve platform as required by the NIH, the University of Pennsylvania commits to ensuring data will continue to be publicly available for a minimum of 10 years post data submission. Thereto, the University will guarantee continued data available in the following scenarios:

- The University of Pennsylvania will guarantee that data submitted for publication to your platform will be available for a minimum of 10 years post publication in accordance with the FAIR standards of data sharing and the NIH requirements for repositories.
- As long as Dr. Wagenaar has sufficient funding to support the Pennsieve platform and accompanying data storage, datasets submitted to the platform will be publicly available through the Pennsieve platform in the cloud.
- In a scenario where Dr. Wagenaar is no longer able to maintain the Pennsieve platform, and the platform (and data) cannot be transferred to a new maintainer, the University of Pennsylvania will transfer data from the Pennsieve platform to the Dryad Data Sharing platform where the data will continue to be available for the required period. The University will work with Dr. Wagenaar to implement this transition if necessary.



We are looking forward to continuing to work with Dr. Wagenaar to expand the impact of the Pennsieve platform and the development of a larger ecosystem for FAIR sharing of scientific data at our University.

Sincerely,

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