

# 1 Data Descriptor for Nature Scientific Data

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## 7 **ABSTRACT**

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9 Please note: Abbreviations should be introduced at the first mention in the main text – no abbreviations lists or  
10 tables should be included. Structure of the main text is provided below.

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12 (700 words maximum) An overview of the study design, the assay(s) performed, and the created data, including any  
13 background information needed to put this study in the context of previous work and the literature. The section  
14 should also briefly outline the broader goals that motivated the creation of this dataset and the potential reuse value.  
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22 Barari and Simko 2023) or just get the year (2022).

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24 The Methods should include detailed text describing any steps or procedures used in producing the data, including full  
25 descriptions of the experimental design, data acquisition assays, and any computational processing (e.g. normalization,  
26 image feature extraction). See the detailed section in our submission guidelines for advice on writing a transparent  
27 and reproducible methods section. Related methods should be grouped under corresponding subheadings where  
28 possible, and methods should be described in enough detail to allow other researchers to interpret and repeat, if  
29 required, the full study. Specific data outputs should be explicitly referenced via data citation (see Data Records  
30 and Citing Data, below).

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32 be complete enough for others to understand and reproduce the methods and processing steps without referring  
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37 repository where this information is stored, and to provide an overview of the data files and their formats. Each

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44 should also specify the data output resulting from each data-collection or analytical step, should these form part of  
45 the archived record.

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47 This section presents any experiments or analyses that are needed to support the technical quality of the dataset.  
48 This section may be supported by figures and tables, as needed. This is a required section; authors must present  
49 information justifying the reliability of their data.

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86 study (e.g. samples, participants, or information sources) and the main data outputs of the study. Tables in the  
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