

COBRA-IPY Data Protocol

The aims of the COBRA-IPY Data Protocol are

- Encourage dissemination of scientific results
- Protect the rights of the individual scientists
- Treat all the involved researchers equitably
- Ensure the quality of the data in the COBRA-IPY data archive

To try to meet these aims, all named Investigators involved in COBRA, in accordance with and on behalf of their co-workers, have agreed to abide by the following conditions as part of the acceptance of the grant award.

1. Data should be lodged with BADC on acquisition, together with such metadata as are required.
2. Data will be embargoed for 1 year from acquisition. This allows the Investigators and co-workers to exploit them in the first instance. The metadata will not be embargoed, to allow the wider community to be aware of work being carried out under COBRA-IPY and facilitate community building.
3. Data will be made available by the BADC to the UK IPY community after 1 year, and to everyone after 2 years.
4. Anyone making further scientific use of COBRA-IPY data within 3 years of them being lodged at the Data Centre will be required to include the Investigators and/or co-workers (as appropriate) as co-author/s on any resulting papers, if the Investigators and/or co-workers so desire.
5. Any corrections, improvements or amendments to data must be lodged with the BADC as soon as possible.
6. Investigators making use of COBRA-IPY data are responsible for ensuring that the data used in publications are the best available at the time.
7. Data submitted to BADC must be in the data format agreed between the Data Centre and PI. In addition, all agreed metadata must be supplied to the Data Centre.
8. During the time when data are restricted from the public domain, no data will be transferred to parties outside the programme without the explicit agreement of the originator. This avoids compromising the interests of other programme participants.
9. Investigators and/or co-workers failing to comply with the COBRA-IPY data policy would be subject to appropriate sanctions.