

### E1.2.1 ICGC ARGO Assessment Tool for Participation

This tool aims to provide guidance on determining whether datasets which include genomic data, are suitable for inclusion in ICGC ARGO. It does not apply to samples and data that have not been consented for genomic research.

We recognize that consent materials may have used different language reflecting requirements from another time and may be ambiguous, or be silent, as to data sharing and potential uses of the data. To help you determine whether your data can be used for ICGC ARGO, the ICGC Ethics and Governance Committee has drawn up the following tool based on the principles found in the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health's Consent Policy<sup>1</sup> and other best practice documents<sup>2</sup>.

**Step 1:** Please answer the following questions<sup>3</sup>:

Is your data consented for:	Yes	No
1. Any approved future biomedical research?		
2. Deposit of open access fields datasets in open access databases?		
3. Deposit of controlled fields in controlled access databases?		
4. Linkage with other research datasets?		
5. International data sharing?		
6. Use by bonafide researchers including not-for-profit and commercial?		

**Step 2:** If the answers to all the above are **Yes**, your data can be used for ICGC ARGO. If any were **No**, please answer the following questions:

	Yes	No
1. Does your consent allow for re-contact of participants?		
2. Is it feasible for you to re-contact and re-consent your participants for inclusion in ICGC ARGO?		

**Step 3:** If both answers to the above are **Yes**, please re-contact and re-consent. If either or both are **No**, please answer the following:

	Yes	No
1. Is it possible for you to apply to an authorized local committee to obtain an ethics waiver of the re-consent requirement for participation in ICGC ARGO?		

**Step 4:** If the answer to the above is **Yes**, please request a waiver per your local procedures. If the answer is **No**, your data cannot be used for ICGC ARGO.

#### References:

<sup>1</sup> [www.genomicsandhealth.org](http://www.genomicsandhealth.org)

<sup>2</sup> In the case of uncertainty regarding the interpretation of steps or questions listed, please contact: [secretariat@icgc-argo.org](mailto:secretariat@icgc-argo.org)

<sup>3</sup> For an explanation of terms, please refer to the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health's Data Sharing Lexicon, available online at: <https://www.ga4gh.org/ga4gh toolkit/regulatoryandethics/>