

Pathoplexus Executive Board Meeting

Agenda & Notes Summary

24 July 2025 ☀️

Attending:

Executive Board:

- Emma Hodcroft
- Alli Black
- Anderson Brito
- George Githinji

Agenda:

- The meeting opened by considering some proposed changes to the Data Use Terms (DUT), specifically sections 4.1 and 4.1.1, considering the recommendations for Open Use data, and particularly the redistribution of Open Data. The DUT currently requires that particular metadata columns be shared when data is redistributed, even for Open Use data. The question was raised whether this was appropriate, and whether the DUT should be modified to better reflect the Open nature of Open Use data. The DUT on Restricted-Use data remains unchanged.
 - The Executive Board (EB) discussed the importance of encouraging ethical sharing and attribution even with Open Use data, and thus resolved to modify the first sentence in DUT section 4.1.1 to the following, with 4/4 votes:
 - “Data from Pathoplexus that is Open can be shared onward. Pathoplexus encourages the ethical crediting and onward sharing of data (see 4.1), and strongly suggests linking to section 4.1 of the Data Use Terms when making the data available.”
 - The EB then discussed modifying the wording of the second sentence in DUT section 4.1.1 to encourage the behaviour of the users rather than focusing on the sequence. It was thus resolved to modify the second sentence of the DUT section 4.1.1 to the following, with 4/4 votes:
 - “If displayed on a website or in another database, Pathoplexus encourages users to link each sequence to the original sequence page on Pathoplexus, and display the Pathoplexus accession or link to an INSDC database and display the INSDC accession, if available on INSDC.”
- In addition, the EB discussed the subject of Pathoplexus membership and the possibility of additional members to the EB.