

# AIRR Common Repository Working Group (CRWG)



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# CRWG's Mission

To promote and facilitate the creation of common repositories that facilitate open *deposition*, *access*, and *sharing/reuse* of IG and TCR AIRR-seq datasets.

# CRWG's Goals (2016-2017)

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(available here:

<https://github.com/airr-community/common-repo-wg/blob/master/recommendations.md>)

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**Recommendations 12 - 13:** AIRR sequencing studies should also deposit data in IEDB and ImmPort, where appropriate.

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*In January of 2017, we held a vote on a modified CRWG Recommendations document.*

3 questions; 65 respondents

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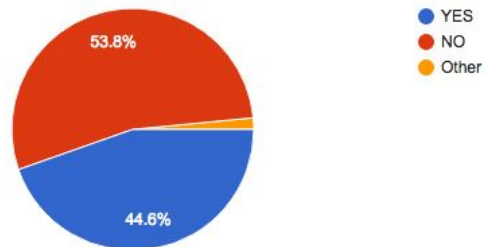
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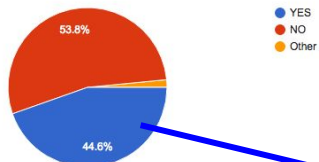


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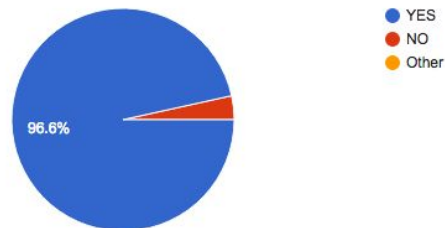
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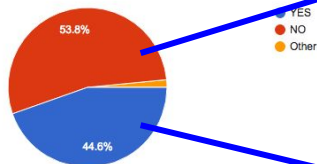


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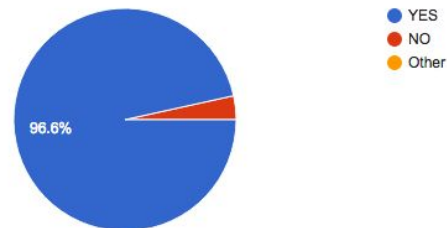
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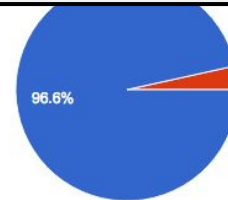
## ***SUMMARY:***

**Majority against** the inclusion of “Recommendation 4”

(debate tabled until Monday, December 4)

**Majority in favor** of Recommendations document (sans “Rec. 4”)

• NO  
• Other



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2. Sharing Legacy Data - When is Re-consent, Notification, or Ethics Waiver Required? ([GA4GH Consent Policy 2015](#))
3. Consent to International Data Sharing: [Template Consent Forms and Clauses](#)

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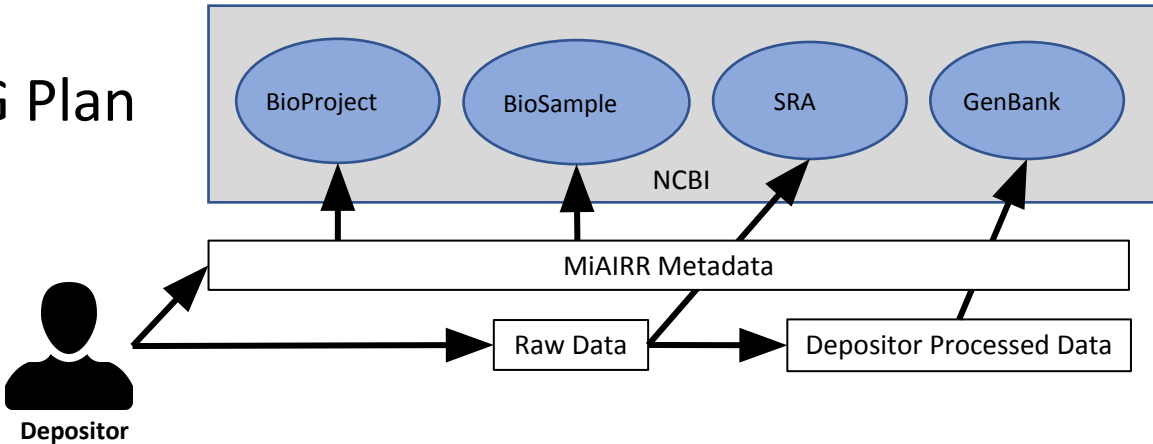
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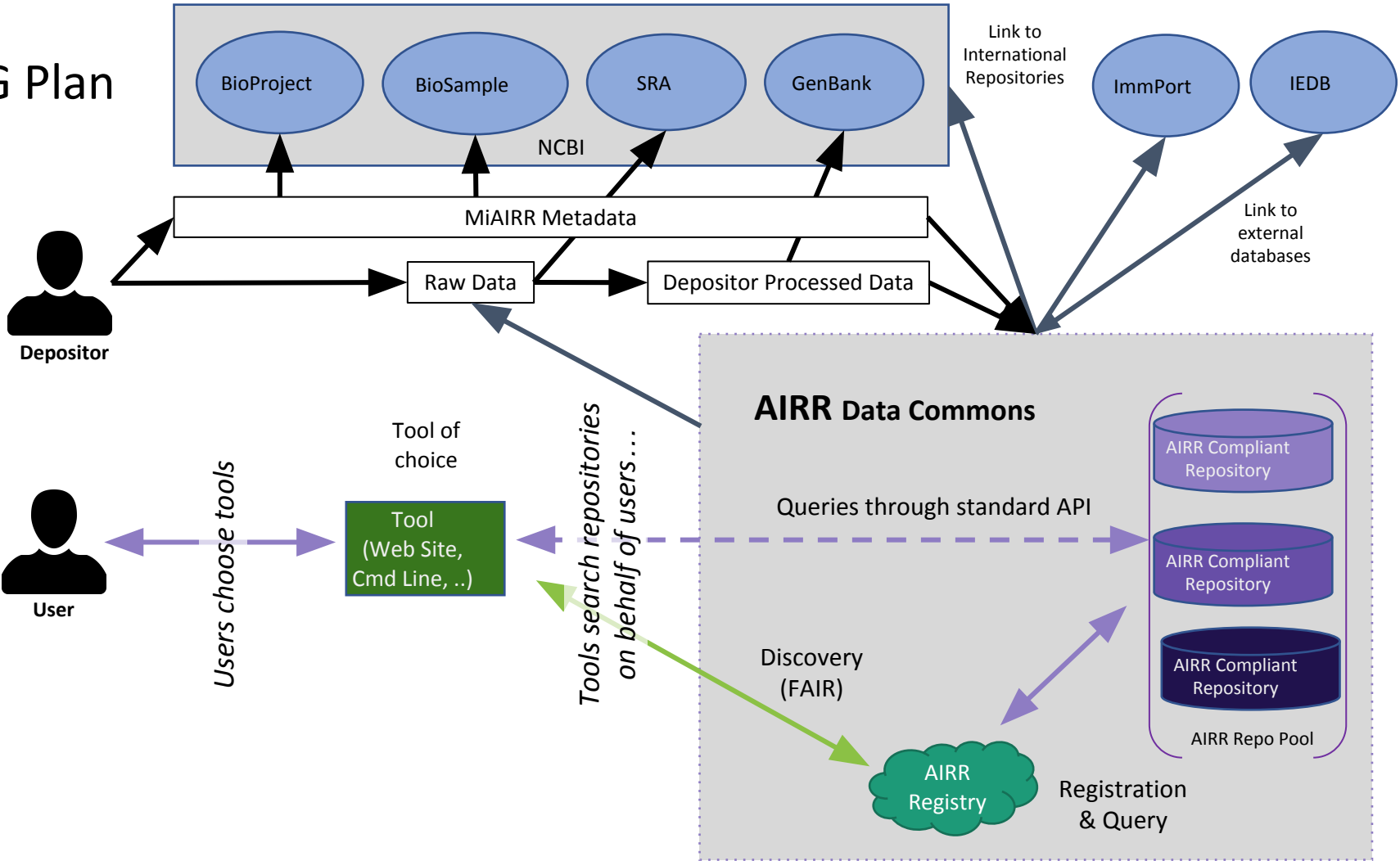
**Recommendation 10:** The dedicated AIRR repositories (Recommendation 5) should comprise a system of *multiple, distributed repositories* supported by a centralized registry consistent with an intermediate distributed model as described in

<http://science.sciencemag.org/content/350/6266/1312.full>.

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**Recommendation 7:** The AIRR Working Groups should collaboratively develop **operational criteria for compliant repositories**. ... The operational criteria should include implementation of:

1. Standardized data elements with exact (computable) specifications;
2. A standardized data submission process (including standardized data and metadata formats);
3. A standardized set of queries;
4. A system for assigning unique identifiers that ensures coordination among repositories/registries ...

# Example queries - what do users want to query for?

- What human full length TCR-beta sequences have CDR3 region: “GTGGTNEKL”?
- What human full length IgH sequences have been found in patients with an autoimmune diagnosis?
- What is the antibody IG heavy chain V usage in people who have diabetes?
- Give me all the anti-HIV antibody sequences that use IGHV1-69 in HIV infected individuals?
- Return repertoires from cancer patients where we have pre- and post-immunotherapy peripheral blood (or tumor biopsy) repertoires.

# What human full length TCR-beta sequences have CDR3 region: “GTGGTNEKL”?

## Query parameters:

Donor species = human

Sequence type = TCR beta chain

Sequence feature: CDR3 = “GTGGTNEKL”

## Translation to AIRR terms is non trivial:

- organism = “homo sapiens” → NCBI taxonomy ID or string match?
- AND
- v\_call *contains* “TRB” → string matching or hierarchical organization (ontology) of genes
- AND
- junction\_aa contains “GTGGTNEKL”

## Technical Features

Sequence  
platform

SCA/  
Bulk

W/ or  
W/O  
UMI

## Bio Features

Tissue  
type

Cell  
type

gDNA/  
mRNA

Chain  
Type

V/D/J  
assign

Isotype

Productive/non  
productive

Antigen

## Sequence Features

CDR1-3

Length

SHM



# Key repeating elements to prioritize for computationally precise standardization

Donor species (e.g., homo sapiens)

Donor health status (e.g., diabetes)

Sequence type (e.g., TRB)

Gene usage (e.g., IGHV1-69)

CDR3 sequence ( e.g., “CASSYIKLN”)

Receptor specificity (e.g., HIV virus)

# In Progress Implementations

- iReceptor
- VDJServer
- AIRRPort
- IEDB
- Klatzman group



<https://airrport.org>

## Salient Features

- A centralized portal to discover AIRR Studies
- Currently, it fetches AIRR data from the NCBI
- You can register your data through BioProjectID
- You can make your already submitted data to MiAIRR compliant through user-friendly interface
- AIRRPort is a prototype yet.
- Future work will include more AIRR related repos

so what you think about AIRRPort tell us at twitter [@airrportdb](https://twitter.com/airrportdb).

To discuss further contact: [{Ahmad.chan, steven.kleinstei}@yale.edu](mailto:{Ahmad.chan, steven.kleinstei}@yale.edu)

### AIRR Data Search

Enter a keyword(s) to find related studies e.g Myasthenia Gravis



OR

[Browse AIRR Studies](#)

[AIRR Community](#) [MiAIRR Standards](#) [Sign in to AIRRPort Workspace](#)

The Adaptive Immune Receptor Repertoire (AIRR) Community is a community-driven organization that is organizing and coordinating stakeholders in the use of NGS technologies to study antibody (Ab)/B-cell and T-cell receptor (TCR) repertoires. Recent advances in sequencing technology have made it possible to sample the immune repertoire in exquisite detail. AIRR sequencing has enormous promise for understanding the dynamics of the immune repertoire in vaccinology, infectious disease, autoimmunity, and cancer biology, but also poses substantial challenges. To meet these challenges, we have established the AIRR Community. The AIRR Community and its associated meetings and workshops are designed to develop standards and recommendations for: (i) obtaining, analyzing, curating and comparing/sharing NGS AIRR datasets, (ii) using and validating tools for analyzing AIRR data; (iii) relating AIRR NGS datasets to other "big data" sets, such as microarray, flow cytometric, and MiSeq gene-expression data, and (iv) legal and ethical issues involving the use and sharing of AIRR data sets derived from human sources. The proceedings of the workshops, including the recommendations and action plans, will be published for the larger scientific community. Read more at <http://airr-community.org>

## interactive faceted browsing



myasthenia gravis

Search

### Related File(s)

Accession	# of spots		Experiment
	bases	total filtered	
	561.7M	1.1M	SRX2018085
	578.0M	1.1M	SRX2018084
	746.9M	1.2M	SRX2018083
	902.1M	1.3M	SRX2018082
	322.3M	535.4k	SRX2018081
	421.5M	700.2k	SRX2018080
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	648.1M	1.1M	SRX2018066

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Fetch all related metadata and data files at one place

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- I want to put my data somewhere ... I want to host an AIRR-compliant repository.
- “Hosting” a repository means you
  - can run a database that scales with your data size,
  - can run a public HTTP/REST API server that responds to queries, and
  - (optionally) have a batch submission/queue system for performing large queries.

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- Tier 1: Have the infrastructure to host a large repository with data from multiple labs and institutions.
- Tier 2: Have the infrastructure to host a repository with my institution’s data.
- Tier 3: Have the infrastructure to host a repository with my lab’s data.
- Tier 4: Unable to host a repository.

# Goals for the coming year

- Formalize and document the computable specifications for query elements
- Identify a query language
- Decide what should be returned for each query
  - Download locally
  - Transfer to an analysis server (skip intervening download/upload steps)