

Supporting Statement A for

NCI Genomic Data Commons (GDC) Data Submission Request Form

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Attachment 3 – Privacy Act Memo

Attachment 4 – Automated E-mail Response

A. Justification

This is a request for OMB to approve an extension for an additional three (3) years. The purpose of the NCI Genomic Data Commons (GDC) Data Submission Request Form is to provide a vehicle for investigators to request submission of their cancer genomic data into the GDC to support data sharing. The purpose is also to provide a mechanism for the GDC Data Submission Review Committee to review and assess the data submission request for applicability to the GDC mission. The scope of the form involves obtaining information from investigators that: 1) would like to submit data about their study into the GDC, 2) are affiliated with studies that adhere to GDC data submission conditions. The benefits of the collection are that it provides the needed information for investigators to understand the types of studies and data that the GDC supports. It also allows for a standard mechanism for the GDC to assess incoming data submission requests.

A.1 Circumstance Making the Collection of Information Necessary

The GDC allows investigators to request data submission into the GDC in support of data sharing. The GDC follows the NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy (GDS) (<https://sharing.nih.gov/genomic-data-sharing-policy>), which provides the administrative requirement for data sharing for all NIH-funded research (grants, contracts, intramural research). For the GDC to support the NIH GDS, The GDC must collect information from potential data submitters to understand their genomic data management needs so that the GDC can review their needs and decide on whether their needs can be supported.

The Public Health Law Title 42 of the United States Code provides the legal authority collection, allowing the GDC to collect this information. NCI, established under the National Cancer Act of 1937, is the Federal Government's principal agency for cancer research and training and has a direct congressional mandate to disseminate information related to cancer to the public. The National Cancer Act of 1971 broadened the scope and responsibilities of the NCI and created the National Cancer Program. Over the years, legislative amendments have maintained the NCI authorities and responsibilities and added new information dissemination mandates as a requirement to assess the incorporation of state-of-the-art cancer treatments into clinical practice. The Health Omnibus Programs Extension of 1988 (Public Law 100-607, Nov. 4, 1988, 102 Stat. 3048) and its amendments require the NCI to establish an information and education program to collect, identify, analyze, and disseminate on a timely basis, through publications and other appropriate means, to cancer patients, their families, physicians and other health professionals, and the general public, information on cancer research, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment (Sections 410 and 412 of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC § 285 and 285a-1)).

A.2 Purpose and Use of the Information Collection

The purpose of the GDC Data Submission Request Form (Attachment 1) is to provide a mechanism in which investigators can request data submission for a study into the NCI GDC. Respondents of the form are Investigators interested in submitting data from their cancer genomic studies into the GDC. Investigators will navigate to the GDC Web Site, select a link to complete the GDC Data Submission Request Form, and submit the completed form. Information in the completed form will be routed to the GDC Support System and maintained in the NCI ServiceNow Help Desk Software. The principal investigator will receive an automated e-mail message (Attachment 4) confirming that the data submission request was received.

Once GDC Support receives the completed form, the information will be sent to the GDC Data Submission Review Committee, composed of members of the NCI and GDC subcontractor team leads. The GDC Data Submission Review Committee reviews the information on the form. It decides whether: 1) The request should be approved, 2) The request should not be approved, and 3) Additional information is required. GDC Support informs the investigator of the outcome of the review. For investigators whose studies are approved for GDC Data Submission, GDC Support works with the investigators to assist them with GDC data submission. Requests not approved may result in recommendations to support the study data in alternative repositories.

GDC is a key NCI data-sharing system. Without this form, the GDC will have difficulties determining in a structured fashion whether the study applies to cancer genomics research and whether the GDC has the available resources to support the management of study data.

No problems, barrier or issues have been found in the past performance period. Thus data collection continues in the same way that it has been done through the life of the project. This project is open ended, as the genomic data distributed has to persist throughout the years.

A.3 Use of Information Technology and Burden Reduction

The GDC Data Submission Request Form (Attachment 1) will be implemented as a Web-based form and made available on the existing GDC Web Site (<https://gdc.cancer.gov>), which uses the Drupal Content Management System (CMS). Using existing GDC technologies will facilitate re-use and allow investigators to review information on the GDC, supported data types, and data submission policies before submitting a GDC Data Submission Request Form.

The NCI Privacy Act Coordinator determined that a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is required. The PIA has been submitted to the NIH Privacy Act Coordinator for final approval, and once received, we will submit it to OMB (Attachment 2).

A.4 Efforts to Identify Duplication and Use of Similar Information

The information being collected is unique to the GDC as it is structured around GDC data submission processes and is not found elsewhere in the government.

A.5 Impact on Small Businesses or Other Small Entities

Small businesses or other small entities will not be impacted.

A.6 Consequences of Collecting the Information Less Frequently

This is a one-time information collection.

A.7 Special Circumstances Relating to the Guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5

There are no special circumstances related to the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5 regarding the collection of information in the GDC Data Submission Request Form.

A.8.1 Comments in Response to the Federal Register Notice

The 60-day Federal Register notice soliciting comments was published on February 2, 2026, Vol. 91, No. 21, Page 4570. No comments were received.

A.8.2 Efforts to Consult Outside Agency

No outside agency has been consulted

A.9 Explanation of Any Payment of Gift to Respondents

No incentives (neither payments nor gifts) will be distributed to individuals.

A.10 Assurance of Confidentiality Provided to Respondents

All information will be kept secure to the extent allowable by law. Information is collected in the NCI ServiceNow Help Desk system within the NCI. (In the 2022 submission, Kayako Help Desk system within the University of Chicago Data Center was used.) The NCI ServiceNow Help Desk system is scanned regularly to identify security vulnerabilities. Only designated GDC Support personnel and management have access to the NCI ServiceNow Help Desk system. Information collected from the form will be reviewed by the GDC Data Submission Review Committee, composed of NCI Senior Management and key subcontracting team members. GDC Support and members of the GDC Data Submission Review Committee will ensure that care is taken regarding the confidentiality of the respondents.

PII will be collected in the form of the name and e-mail address of the principal investigator assisting and any bioinformatician who will help with data submission (Attachment 1). Once the principal investigator submits the form, an automated e-mail message will be sent to the e-mail that they are providing confirming that the data submission request was received. (Attachment 4). The GDC Support Team will use the names and e-mail addresses to correspond with the principal investigator and bioinformatician regarding the outcome of the GDC's decision on whether to approve or not approve the GDC Data Submission Request. The Privacy Act is applicable as determined by the NIH Privacy Officer in the Privacy Act Memo (Attachment 3). The applicable SORN is NIH Privacy Act Systems of Record 09-25-0156; "Records of Participants in Programs and Respondents in Surveys Used to Evaluate Programs of the Public Health Service, HHS/PHS/NIH/OD."

A.11 Justification for Sensitive Questions

The GDC Data Submission Request Form contains no sensitive questions.

A.12.1 Estimates of Hour Burden Including Annualized Hourly Costs

The estimated annualized burden hours are 25. One hundred investigators will complete the form, and it will take approximately 15 minutes for the respondent to complete it (Table A.12-1).

Table A.12-1 Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Form Name	Type of Respondent	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Time Per Response (in hours)	Total Annual Burden Hours
GDC Data Submission Request Form (Attachment 1)	Principal Investigator	100	1	15/60	25
Total			100		25

The estimated annualized costs to the respondents for completing the GDC Data Submission Request Form is \$1,339.25 (Table A.12-2).

Table A.12-2 Annualized Cost to the Respondents

Form Name	Type of Respondent	Total Annual Burden Hour	Hourly Respondent Wage Rate*	Respondent Cost
GDC Data Submission Request Form	Principal Investigator	25	\$53.57	\$1,339.25
Total		25		\$1,339.25

*The wage rate, \$53.57, was calculated using the most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for occupation code "19-1040" and occupation title "Medical Scientists," https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm.

A.13 Estimate of Other Total Annual Cost Burden to Respondents or Record Keepers

There are no other costs to respondents other than their time.

A.14 Annualized Cost to the Federal Government

The annualized cost to the Federal Government for the collection of data is \$12,351.00. The tasks performed by Federal Personnel include reviewing GDC Data Submission Request Forms, evaluating data submission requests against the requirements and resources available in the GDC, determining whether the Data Submission Request should be accepted or not accepted, and overseeing the contractors.

Table 14.1 Annualized Cost to the Federal Government

Staff	Grade/Step	Salary**	% of Effort	Fringe (if applicable)	Total Cost to Gov't
Federal Oversight					
GDC Project Officer	14/7	\$172,700.00	1%		\$1,727.00
DCB Director	SES	\$228,000.00	1%		\$2,280.00
DCB Deputy Director	15/10	\$197,200.00	1%		\$1,972.00
OCG Team Lead	15/10	\$197,200.00	1%		\$1,972.00
Travel					\$0
Other Cost					\$0
Operations and Maintenance					\$4,400.00
Total					\$12,351.00

**The Salary in the table above is cited from the Office of Personnel Management

2026 General Schedule Salary: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/26Tables/html/DCB.aspx>

2026 Senior Executive Service (SES) Salary Table: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/26Tables/exec/html/ES.aspx>

A.15 Explanation for Program Changes or Adjustments

This is an extension of a currently approved submission. The number of respondents decreased from 200 respondents in the 2022 submission to 100 respondents in this current submission without any changes to the scope, questions, or forms. The only other changes include annual updates to cost of living for federal and labor costs and updated personnel due to staffing changes. A switch in software from Kayako to NCI ServiceNow did not alter data collection characteristics.

A.16 Plans for Tabulation and Publication and Project Time Schedule

Results collected from the GDC Data Submission Request Form will not be published. Below is the list of activities and a timeline for making the GDC Data Submission Request Form available on the GDC Web Site.

A.16 - 1 Project Time Schedule	
Activity	Time Schedule
Data Submission Request Form available on the GDC Web Site	One week after OMB approval
Completion of review of GDC data submission requests received from investigators	One month after, the investigator submitted a request.

A.17 Reason(s) Display of OMB Expiration Date is Inappropriate

The GDC Data Submission Request Form will display the OMB Expiration Date.

A.18 Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

There are no exceptions for the GDC Data Submission Request Form.