

Data Access and Availability Guide

Review this guide to understand how to access RECOVER data and which types of data are available for study through NHLBI BioData Catalyst® (BDC).

Questions	Open Access	Controlled Access
Who is eligible for this level of access?	Any individual who wants to explore RECOVER data	Researchers with an ancillary study approved by their local Institutional Review Board (IRB) and RECOVER, and external (non-RECOVER) funding OR a RECOVER-funded study
What types of RECOVER data are available?	Aggregate and anonymized* data and variable-level counts from 3 RECOVER cohorts in the initiative's observational studies <small>*Anonymized data means personally identifiable information (or PII) has been permanently removed from the dataset.</small>	De-identified** participant-level data and all study variables from 3 RECOVER cohorts in the initiative's observational studies <small>**De-identified data means PII has been removed or obscured from the dataset. Identifiable participant-level data (also known as PII) is only available for study where the researcher identifies a need and the request is approved by RECOVER.</small>
Which data platform will I use to access or analyze RECOVER data?	<i>BDC Powered by PIC-SURE (BDC-PIC-SURE)</i>	<i>BDC-PIC-SURE or BDC Powered by Seven Bridges (BDC-Seven Bridges)</i>
What can I do with this data?	Browse and filter available data to assess the feasibility of a research proposal within the <i>BDC-PIC-SURE</i> platform	Access, filter, and analyze available data through available tools within the <i>BDC-PIC-SURE</i> or <i>BDC-Seven Bridges</i> platforms to conduct an approved research study
Where can I go for help?	Watch videos to help you use BDC-PIC-SURE, including an overview of the platform and how to find variables. Take a training course to understand RECOVER protocols and datasets. The course is designed for investigators with a focus on biostatisticians. Contact the BDC Help Desk.	
Why does NIH use NHLBI BioData Catalyst (BDC)® to store and provide access to RECOVER data?	Respect for and protection of research participants, including their personal information, are fundamental to NIH's stewardship of personal health data, including RECOVER study data. RECOVER study participants who gave informed consent to share their data did so with the understanding that their confidentiality and privacy would be protected. To protect participants' data, NIH has implemented different levels of access to RECOVER study data in a secure ecosystem.	
How can you get the access needed to study certain RECOVER data?	Review our flowchart for more detailed steps to access RECOVER data. Next steps include developing a study plan and applying for an approved or funded RECOVER study. Pair with a researcher who currently has access to RECOVER data or can get access. Some of the authorizations needed to access RECOVER data require affiliation with a federally registered institution, having the status of Principal Investigator (PI), or submitting a formal research proposal to RECOVER. If you experience issues accessing RECOVER data through BDC, contact the BDC Help Desk for assistance.	