

BIFoR DATA README

Before using any of the BIFoR data check the associated metadata files, in particular the data accessibility statement and contribution details in the accompanying contributors table. In case of tabular data the list of variables and their units is contained in an accompanying variable definitions (var_def) table. The data-specific readme contains additional important information specific to the data. In case of any doubts and for any data query please contact the BIFoR data manager in the first instance: g.curioni@bham.ac.uk. In the absence of the data manager contact the person(s) with supervision role in the contributors table.

If utilisation is granted, please acknowledge BIFoR and the list of contributors contained in the accompanying contributors table when the data is used to generate scientific output (e.g. publications and presentations). Unless otherwise specified in the data-specific readme file, contributors should always be contacted before publishing (1 = positive contribution, 0 = no contribution) if the contributor is still active or if their end year is within 2 years from when the data was shared (see column “data_shared”). Use of the data assumes implicit agreement and compliance to the [BIFoR data policy](#).

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BIFoR data is often live and subject to change. New versions supersede old versions. Whenever possible old versions will be kept, however we do not have the capacity to regularly keep and maintain previous versions. It is the responsibility of the data user to keep a backup copy of the downloaded data including the metadata.

Openly accessible BIFoR datasets can be found on the [BIFoR data portal](#) or on the University Research Data Store (RDS). Please contact the BIFoR data manager for more information.