

Privacy Policy

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JECS PheWeb is operated by the Medical Support Center of the Japan Environment and Children's Study (JECS), National Center for Child Health and Development.

This Privacy Policy explains how information relating to users of JECS PheWeb is handled when they access the website or contact us.

1. Information We Collect

JECS PheWeb provides visualization of and access to genome-wide association study (GWAS) summary statistics. We do not require users to create an account or provide personal information in order to browse the website or view the publicly available summary statistics.

When you voluntarily contact us by email, we may collect information that you provide, such as:

- your name;
- your affiliation;
- your email address; and
- the contents of your inquiry.

Technical information, such as IP addresses, access dates and times, browser information, and server logs, may also be automatically processed to the extent necessary for the operation, security, maintenance, and troubleshooting of the website.

2. Purpose of Use

Information submitted when you contact us by email will be used only as reasonably necessary to:

- respond to your inquiry;
- communicate with you regarding your inquiry;
- manage records of inquiries and responses; and
- maintain and improve the operation and security of JECS PheWeb.

Technical access information may be used for website administration, security monitoring, troubleshooting, and statistical analysis of website usage.

We do not use information collected through JECS PheWeb for advertising or behavioral profiling.

3. Compliance with Laws and Institutional Policies

JECS PheWeb handles personal information in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information and other applicable laws, regulations, government guidelines, and relevant institutional policies and procedures of the National Center for Child Health and Development.

4. Disclosure and Sharing of Information

We do not sell personal information collected through JECS PheWeb.

Personal information may be disclosed or made accessible only where reasonably necessary:

- to service providers used to operate or maintain JECS PheWeb;
- to personnel involved in responding to or managing an inquiry;
- where required by applicable laws, regulations, court orders, or requests from competent authorities; or
- where otherwise permitted under applicable law.

Service providers are used only to the extent necessary for the provision and operation of the relevant services.

5. Retention of Information

Personal information submitted through the contact form will be retained only for as long as reasonably necessary to respond to and manage the inquiry, comply with applicable legal or institutional requirements, and maintain appropriate administrative records.

Information that is no longer required will be deleted or otherwise appropriately disposed of in accordance with applicable laws and institutional policies.

6. Security

We take reasonable administrative and technical measures to protect personal information against unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, loss, or misuse.

However, no method of transmission over the Internet or electronic storage can be guaranteed to be completely secure.

7. Cookies and Similar Technologies

JECS PheWeb does not use cookies or similar technologies for advertising or behavioral profiling.

Where cookies or similar technical mechanisms are required for the basic operation, security, or functionality of the website, they may be used solely for those purposes.

8. Requests Concerning Personal Information

If you have submitted personal information through the contact form and wish to inquire about its handling, correction, deletion, or other matters relating to your personal information, please contact us using the contact information below.

Requests will be handled in accordance with applicable laws and institutional policies.

9. Scope of This Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy concerns information relating to users of JECS PheWeb.

It does not describe the governance, collection, or handling of research participant data within JECS, which is subject to separate research protocols, ethical approvals, policies, and applicable laws and regulations.

10. Relationship with the NCCHD Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy describes matters specific to the operation of JECS PheWeb. Matters not covered by this Privacy Policy are governed, as applicable, by the privacy policy, information security policies, and other relevant rules and procedures of the National Center for Child Health and Development.

For the general privacy policy of the National Center for Child Health and Development, please refer to the following page: https://www.ncchd.go.jp/privacy_policy.html

11. Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may revise this Privacy Policy as necessary to reflect changes in the operation of JECS PheWeb, applicable laws and regulations, or relevant services.

Any revised version will be posted on this website together with the date of the latest update.

12. Contact

For questions regarding this Privacy Policy or the handling of personal information in connection with JECS PheWeb, please contact:

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