

POKAL Data Use Agreement (DUA)

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This dataset originates from the postgraduate programme 'POKAL' described in Gensichen et al. BMC Primary Care <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12875-022-01913-6>. By accessing or utilizing this data, users acknowledge this Data Use Agreement (DUA) and commit to ethical scientific conduct, appropriate citation of the original study, and compliance with relevant data protection and publication policies.

1. Permitted Use

- The dataset is made publicly available to support open scientific collaboration and transparency.
- Use of the data is strictly limited to scientific and academic research.
- Use of the data for commercial purposes, product development, marketing, or any for-profit application is strictly prohibited.

2. Conditions for Scientific Use and Publication

- Any use of the dataset intended for publication, dissemination, or the generation of new findings—including journal articles, preprints, or conference presentations—requires documented consultation with and inclusion of the original POKAL investigators as collaborators or co-authors.
- Prior contact with the principal investigator is required to discuss study proposals, ensure appropriate interpretation, and avoid duplication.
- Interested researchers must submit a short proposal outlining planned analyses and intended outputs. Approval will be coordinated through the principal investigator.

3. Ethical and Legal Compliance

- Users must comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), institutional research ethics standards, and data protection regulations applicable in their jurisdiction.
- The dataset contains de-identified individual-level data; any re-identification attempts are strictly prohibited.

4. Data Handling

- Any analyses must be conducted using the original dataset as provided to ensure the integrity and reproducibility of results.
- Users are responsible for using secure data environments when storing or analyzing the dataset, consistent with good scientific practice.
- Sharing of individual-level data outside of scientific purposes is not permitted.

5. Limitations on Redistribution

- The original dataset is publicly accessible via the official repository to ensure use of the most current version and accompanying documentation.
- Upload and re-sharing of the dataset via third-party platforms or repositories is prohibited.
- Users are not permitted to alter, manipulate, or modify the dataset in any form for the purpose of redistribution or republication.

6. Responsible Use Statement

- Users are expected to uphold the principles of scientific integrity and responsible data use.
- Misuse of the dataset, misrepresentation of findings, unethical research practices or non-compliance with this agreement are strictly prohibited and may result in public notification and retraction requests.

7. Acknowledgment and Citation

- Any use of the dataset in publications, presentations, or other forms of dissemination must acknowledge the original trial, study team, and funding sources.
- Both the dataset and the corresponding publication must be cited as follows:

Dataset citation:

Gensichen, J, et al. POKAL core data set (POKAL-Kerndatensatz). Open Data LMU. 2026.
Available at: <https://doi.org/10.5282/ubm/data.662>

Primary publication citation:

Gensichen J, Lukaschek K, Jung-Sievers C, Falkai P, Schmitt A, Henningsen P, et al.
Predictors and outcomes in primary depression care (POKAL) – a research training group develops an innovative approach to collaborative care. BMC Primary Care. 2022;23(1):309.

8. Data Access

- Access to the POKAL dataset is subject to the signing of this Data Use Agreement. Please send the signed document to the following email address:
Allgemeinmedizin@med.uni-muenchen.de.
- You will then receive a password that can be used to **access** the dataset
- This Data Use Agreement shall take effect upon signature by both parties and shall remain valid until revoked.

9. Acceptance of Terms

- By accessing or downloading the dataset, users agree to comply with all terms stated in this agreement.
- This agreement may be updated; users are advised to refer to the version number and date before use.

Contact for Collaboration and Inquiries

Researchers with questions about data use, potential collaboration, or study methodology are encouraged to contact the trial's principal investigator:

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