

Data Descriptor Title (110 character maximum,  
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#### Abstract

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## Background & Summary

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The Data Records section should be used to explain each data record associated with this work, including the repository where this information is stored, and to provide an overview of the data files and their formats. Each external data record should be cited numerically in the text of this section, for example [3, 4, 5, 6], and included in the main reference list as described below. A data citation should also be placed in the subsection of the Methods containing the data-collection or analytical procedure(s) used to derive the corresponding record.

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## Acknowledgements

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## Tables

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