# BORIS Portal: Checklist for uploading research data

**This checklist is intended to clarify in advance the most important points when uploading research data. This will help to avoid inquiries and requests for revisions from the BORIS editorial team.**

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|  | **Checkpoint** | **Tips** |
|  | The research data do not contain any personal, confidential or secret information. Personal data are anonymized or pseudonymized. The dataset does not contain any keys or codes that allow re-identification of study participants. | Anonymized/pseudonymized: all personal information or information that can be related to persons is deleted from the data set |
|  | No file of the dataset is larger than 2 GB. | A data set can contain several files of 2 GB each.  To upload files larger than 2 GB, please contact the Open Science Team at [openscience@unibe.ch](mailto:openscience@unibe.ch) |
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|  | Supplementary information on the data set in the form of readme files, code books, etc. is available | Upload in the "Upload" submission step, "Supplementary Upload" column  [Readme form](https://www.ub.unibe.ch/unibe/portal/unibiblio/content/e6304/e583799/e573822/e1085861/e1085890/e1085891/pane1085902/e1198324/Readme_Template_DE_v2_20220511_ger.txt) to download and customize |
| ☐ | For table data, variables / column titles and abbreviations are explained |  |
|  | The contact person is permanently employed at the University of Bern (yourself or another person) | Strongly recommended for data placed under "restricted access" or "closed access". |
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