



APPENDIX 10. Cost guidelines for collaborations established with external researchers requesting data and samples

The procedures carried out by the researchers from the PREDIMED PLUS study incur a cost in terms of their time investment, including their review of the data access request; preparation of the data; provision of access to data, metadata, and samples; statistical analyses in some cases; and review of the publication proposal and the results. Therefore, like other large international groups have done, a fee is being established in relation to data access, which will be collected after a data request has been approved.

A bank transfer can be used to deposit this amount into the PREDIMED PLUS account opened for this purpose, or payment can be made using a credit card. Depending on the type of collaboration involved, the fees would vary from a situation of full exemption to a cost of up to €12,000, based on the amount and characteristics of the data and/or samples being requested.

Costs established (basis for application):

- Processing of request for a data sharing project (€150)
- Processing of request for a sample sharing project (€200)
- Processing of request for a data and sample sharing project (€300)
- Refinement and preparation of data and metadata (varies depending upon the number of cases and parameters; up to €4,000)
- Locating and preparing samples (varies depending on the number of samples and conditions; up to €8,000)
- Sending samples packed in dry ice (varies depending on the number of samples and shipping distance to the recipient centre; up to €3,000)

In any case, the costs associated with a potential collaboration will be established at the time of the collaboration using an estimated budget.

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