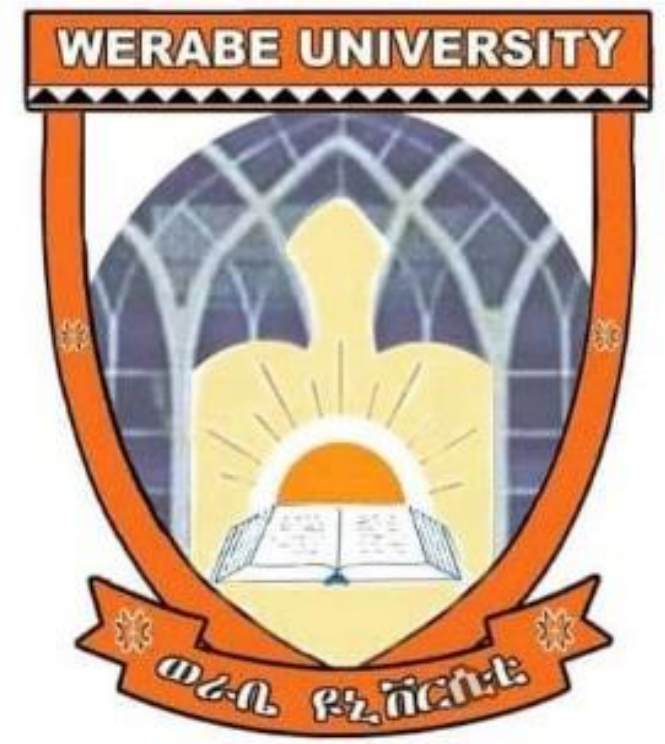

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1. Declarations and Adherence

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Table 1 Templates for data availability statements

Availability of data	Template for data availability statement
Data openly available in a public repository that issues datasets with DOIs	The data that support the findings of this study are openly available in [repository name] at http://doi.org/[doi], reference number [reference number].
Data openly available in a public repository that does not issue DOIs	The data that support the findings of this study are openly available in [repository name] at [URL], reference number [reference number].
Data derived from public domain resources	The data that support the findings of this study are available in [repository name] at [URL/DOI], reference number [reference number]. These data were derived from the following resources available in the public domain: [list resources and URLs]
Data available within the article or its supplementary materials	The authors confirm that the data supporting the findings of this study are available within the article [and/or] its supplementary materials.
Data generated at a central, large-scale facility, available upon request	Raw data were generated at [facility name]. Derived data supporting the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author [initials] on request.
Embargo on data due to commercial restrictions	The data that support the findings will be available in [repository name] at [URL / DOI link] following a [X month] restriction from the date of publication to allow for commercialization of research findings.
Data available on request due to privacy/ethical restrictions	The data that support the findings of this study are available on request from the corresponding author, [initials]. The data are not publicly available due to [restrictions e.g. their containing information that could compromise the privacy of research participants].
Data subject to third party restrictions	The data that support the findings of this study are available [from] [third party]. Restrictions apply to the availability of these data, which were used under license for this study. Data are available [from the authors / at URL] with the permission of [third party].
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Table 2 Artwork specifications
Photograph requirements

Program used to create/edit photo image	**Electronic format to supply it in**	**Required Resolution**
Digital camera (electronic photograph)	jpeg file or tif file	Minimum 300 dpi
Photoshop scans	tif , eps	Minimum 300 dpi for photographs

Program used to create/edit photo image	Electronic format to supply it in	Required Resolution
Combination photograph and line	tif, eps	Minimum 600 dpi

Line art requirements

Program used to create/edit photo image	Electronic format to supply it in	Required Resolution
Illustrator	eps, ai	600 dpi
Word	doc, docx	n/a
Excel	xls, xlsx	n/a
PowerPoint	ppt	n/a
Photoshop scan	tif or eps fil	minimum 600 dpi
ChemDraw	export as a cdx file	minimum 600 dpi
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The introduction should briefly place the study in a broad context and highlight why it is important. It should define the purpose of the work and its significance, including specific hypotheses being tested. The current state of the research field should be reviewed carefully and key publications cited. Please highlight controversial and diverging hypotheses when necessary. Finally, briefly mention the main aim of the work and highlight the main conclusions. Keep the introduction comprehensible to scientists working outside the topic of the paper.

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They should be described with sufficient detail to allow others to replicate and build on published results. New methods and protocols should be described in detail while well-established methods can be briefly described and appropriately cited. Give the name and version of any software used and make clear whether computer code used is available. Include any pre-registration codes.

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The headings may with manuscript types.

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All sources used for the study must be acknowledged, cited in the text and listed in the References section with appropriate metadata of all types of sources. WJST adopts publication manual of APA (7th edition) (see here). Authors are advised to use reference management software (e.g. Mendeley, EndNote, Zotero, etc.) and search and use the APA 7th edition citation style.

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