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## My Data

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### Description

A scenario meant to stimulate discussion about who possesses data produced in a lab.

### Body

A discussion of data management was part of a research ethics conference at a Prestigious University, where you are a faculty member. In that discussion, one of your postdocs said that at the university where he had done his graduate work, he had been allowed to keep the laboratory notebook in which he recorded his observations. He said that because under the policies of Prestigious U. he was not allowed to keep his notebook, he did not bother to write things up in detail in his lab notebook, but in the evening made notes for himself at home.

What do you tell him?

### Notes

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