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**Genome Canada will keep this policy under review and work with other research funders to promote best practice in this area.**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/fprender.fcgi>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php>