

DATA DE-IDENTIFICATION OVERVIEW

Cross-regional survey of HE instructors' use of OER in the Global South

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The authors have administered a de-identification process in which any information which was deemed to have the potential to identify research subjects, whether in isolation or combination with other data, has been either omitted or reworded. In all cases, the authors have attempted to preserve as much of the original data as possible; and have tried to ensure that the integrity of original response was maintained.

The de-identification process consisted of omission or abstraction of certain disclosive identifiers from the dataset. The following de-identification techniques were used:

- Respondent ages were abstracted into age categories.
- Institutional affiliations were removed.

Quality of the data was enhanced by the following processes:

- All survey responses were translated to English, and checked for consistency.
- Where required, responses were standardised according to a controlled vocabulary.