Dear Professor Thai

This is to notify that the datasets of biological and environmental variables included in our manuscript "Metacommunity analysis of meiofauna of deep-sediments from the Gulf of México" produced during XIXIMI cruises, cannot be made publicly available at this time due to a blackout period imposed by funding sources (Federal Mexican Government through a SENER-COLCIENCYT grant). Thus, raw data cannot be legally made available through public data repositories or otherwise, on the grounds of privacy and intellectual property concerns. The authors and the grant PI's will consider reasonable data requests on an individual basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further help. I thank you in advance for the editorial handling of our manuscript.

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