**VTEI Data Article Template** *Version 1.3*

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**Article title**

[Article title must contain the word "data" or "dataset". If possible, avoid abbreviations and acronyms. For co-submitted articles, the title should be unique, i.e. the data article and the professional article cannot have the same title. A maximum of 250 characters is allowed.

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[Min. 100 words – max. 250 words]

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