

NIMBioS Privacy Policy

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When you enter the NIMBioS Web site, our Web server collects your IP address. This information is gathered for all NIMBioS Web site users. NIMBioS uses Google Analytics to gather and analyze statistics related to use of our web site, including traffic volumes, operating systems, browser types, and screen resolutions. We use this information to monitor and assess the effectiveness and accessibility of our web pages. Google Analytics employs cookies to define user sessions, which allows for the collection of data about how users interact with our site. Google Analytics uses only first-party cookies for data analysis. This means that the cookies are stored on Google servers and are linked to the NIMBioS website domain. Google Analytics will use these data only for statistical analyses related to visitors' browsing behavior on our website. Google Analytics protects website tracking transactions with Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology, and reports do not include identifiable information about visitors. In our account settings, we have selected "Do not share my Google Analytics data," thereby instructing Google Analytics to exclude these data from any automated processes that are not specifically related to operating and improving Google Analytics or protecting the security and integrity of the data. If you choose, you can opt out by turning off cookies in the preferences settings in your browser. For more information on Google Analytics, please visit Google's web site (<http://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>).

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