NGDC

Guidance for Making Data Access Request of Genome Sequence Archive for Human

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Introduction

The Genome Sequence Archive for Human (GSA-Human), as a part of Genome Sequence Archive (GSA) in the National Genomics Data Center (NGDC), is a data repository specialized for human genetic related data derived from biomedical researches. Two different services of data access are provided by GSA-Human: Open-access and Controlled-access. For Open-access, data are public for global researchers. While for Controlled-access, data can only be downloaded after being authorized by its Data Access Committee (DAC), which means making a successful data access request.

This documentation is aimed to give detailed guidance on how to make a data access request for Controlled-access data via GSA-Human System.

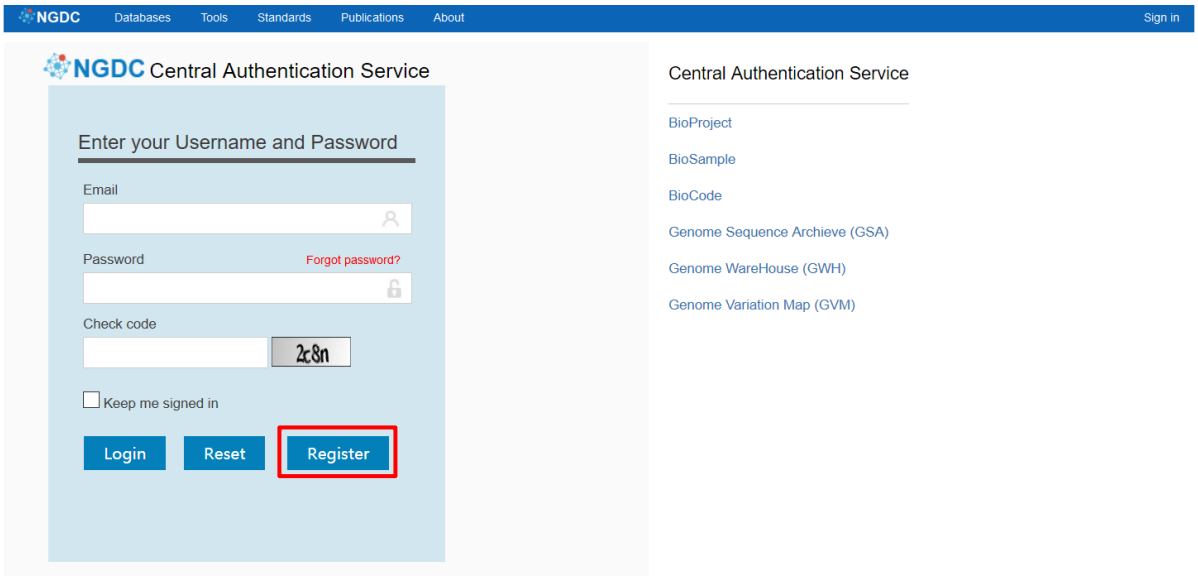
User Registration

Step 1. Register Account in BIG Single Sign-On (BIG SSO) System of NGDC and Login

It is important to note that only the Principle Investigator (PI) of the research group can be allowed to apply for Controlled-access data. Besides, before making a data access request, you are supposed to register an account via BIG Single Sign-On (BIG SSO) and sign in (See Figure below).

If you are the PI of the group and already had an account, just go to Step 2; Or if you are the staff or student of the group, please be sure to invite the PI of your group to register an account via BIG SSO, as well as you can use the PI's information to do it after permission.

If you have any problems during the process mentioned above, please feel free to contact gsa@big.ac.cn. Once finish Step 1, you can go to Step 2.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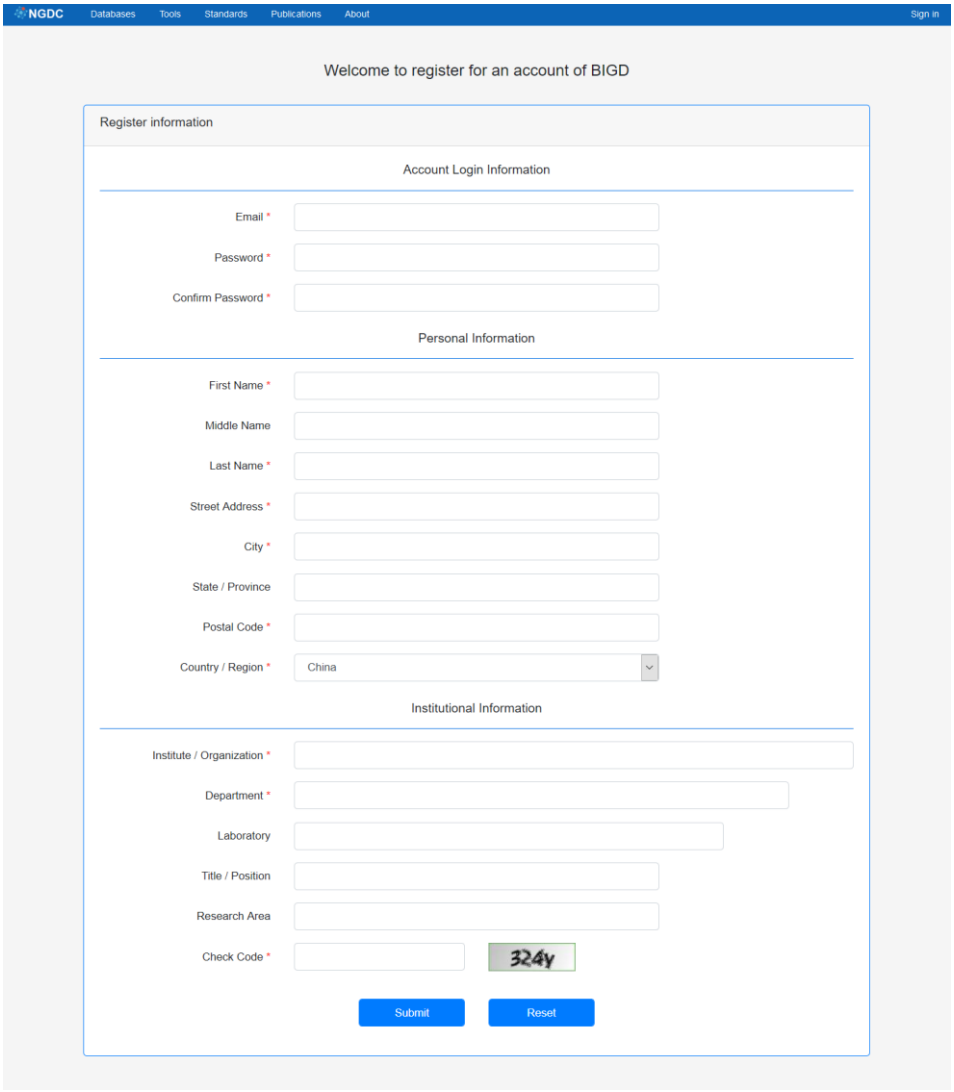
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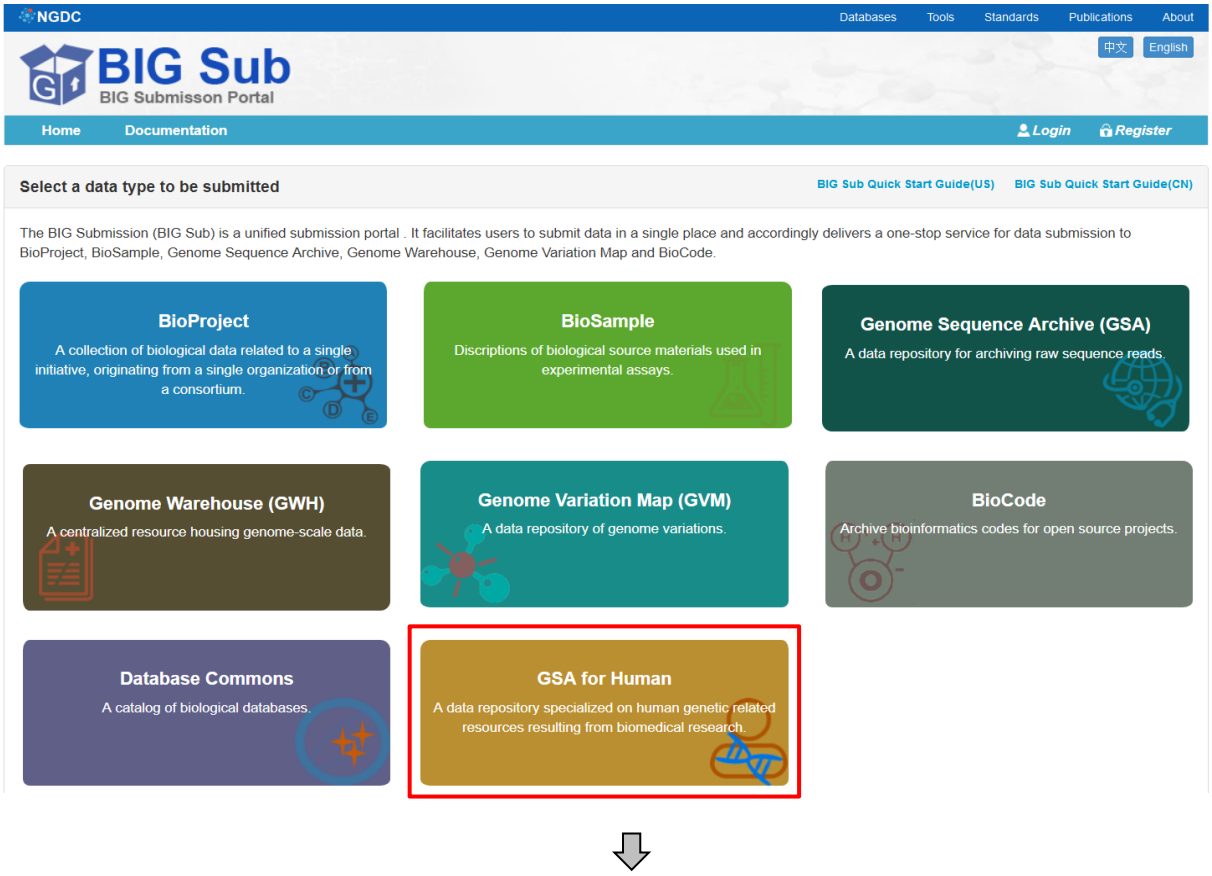
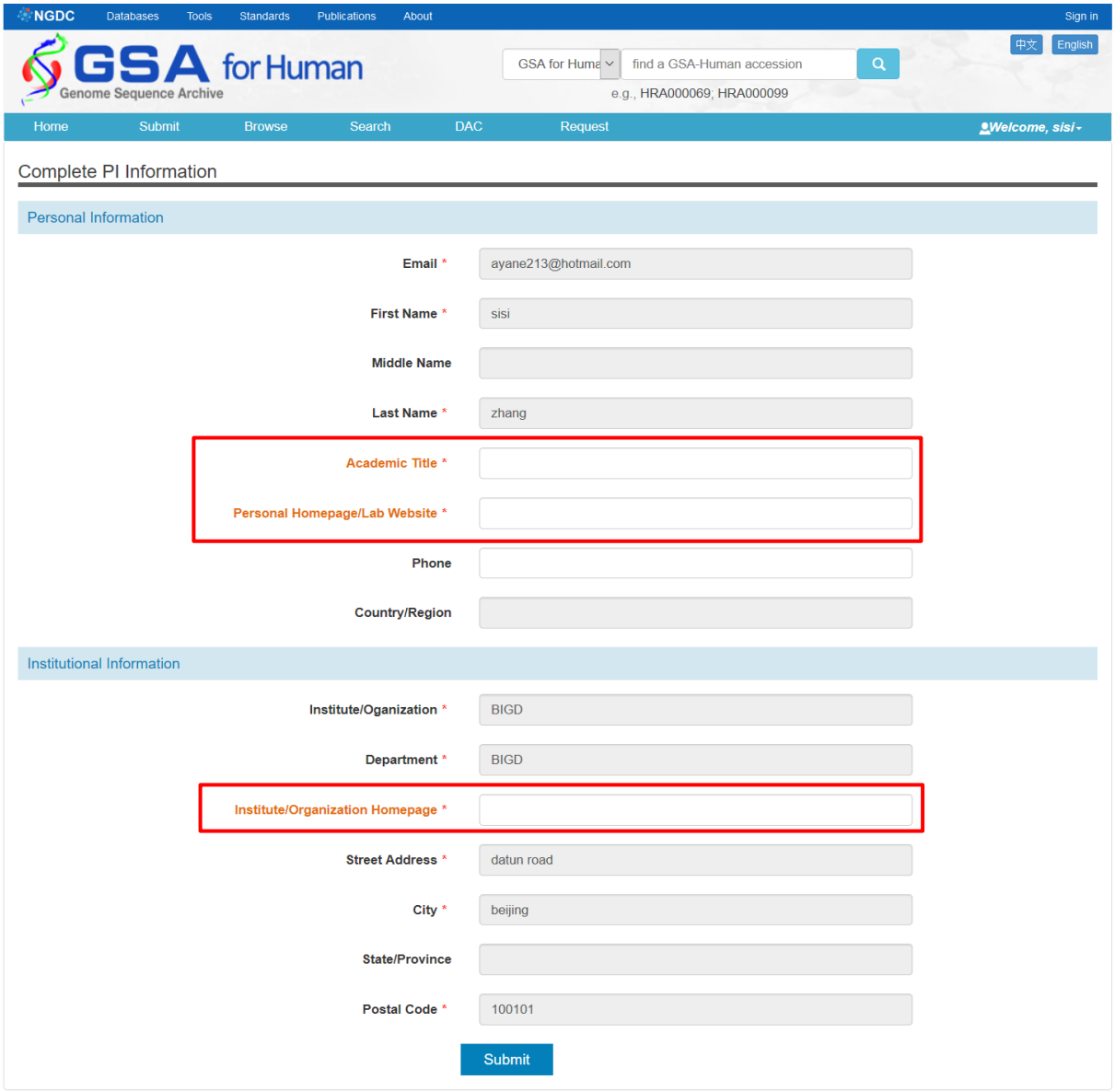
Step 2. Complete the PI information in GSA-Human System

With an account of PI, you can go to the GSA-Human pages directly via BIG Submission (BIG Sub). As can be seen in the following figure, however, if it's the first time for you to use this system, you are supposed to complete the required information of PI.

For Personal Homepage, please provide a web-link to your personal homepage in your research institution or laboratory.

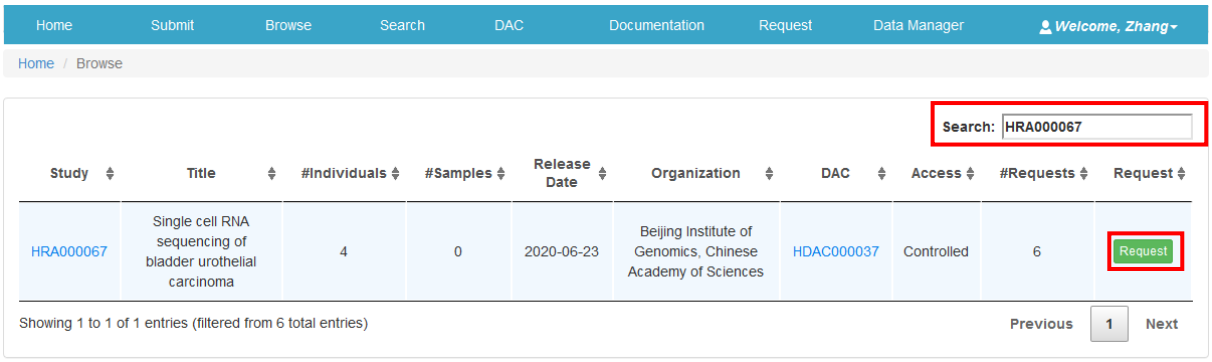
Note: This information is aimed to improve your reliability as well as the success rate of your data access request, since DAC may review your homepage and research areas, and so on. While if you do not have the homepage link, other types of links can be accepted, such as the articles that you published as the corresponding author or the public website which contains your personal information.





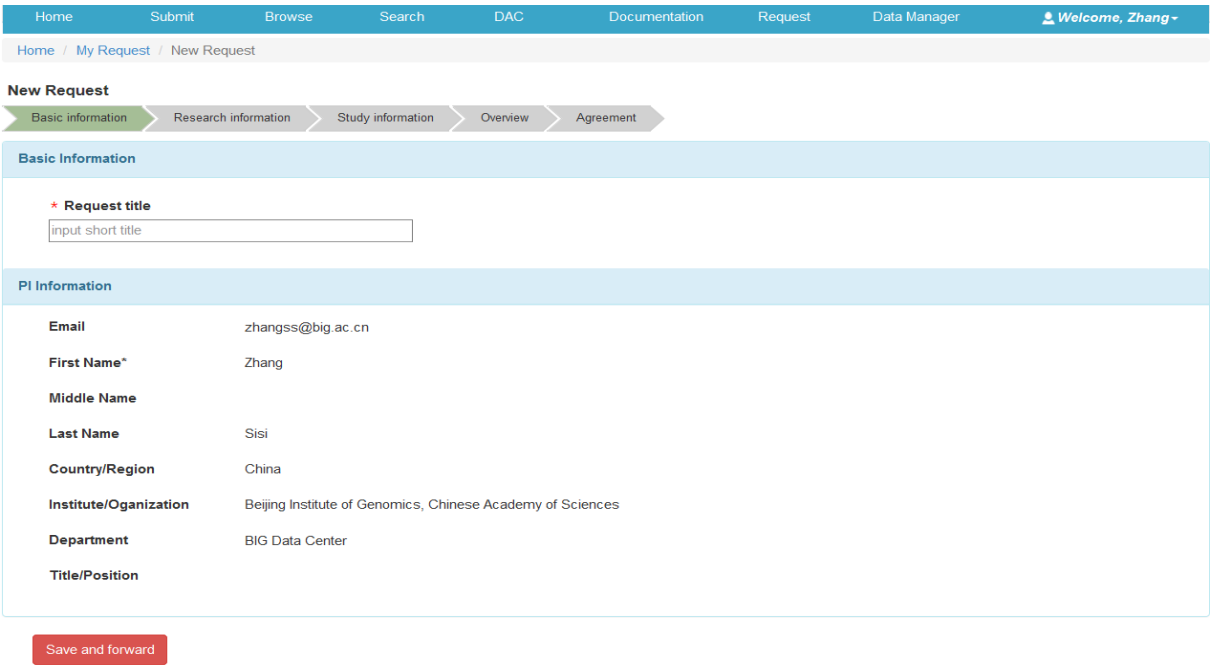
Making Data Access Request

There are two ways to enter the request system to make a new request:
Click the navbar: Browse, find the data you are willing to request via Search Bar, click the “Request” button

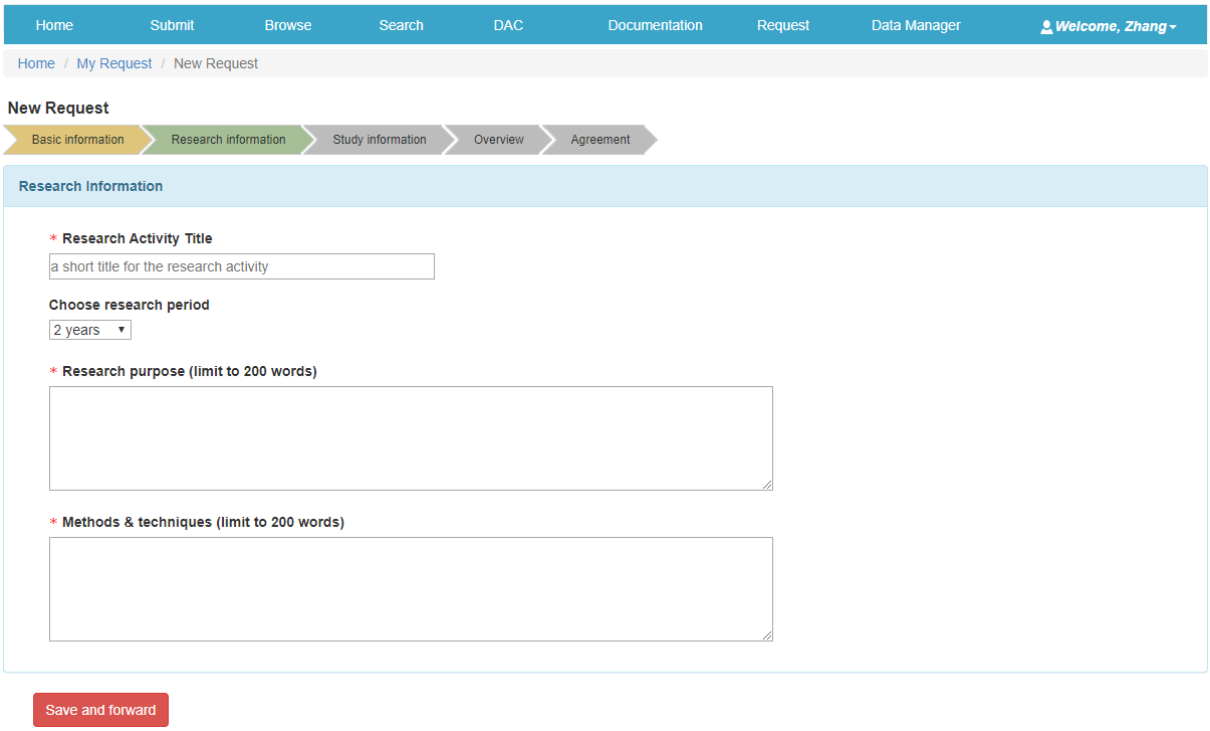


Then, please follow the steps listed below to make your Data Access Request:

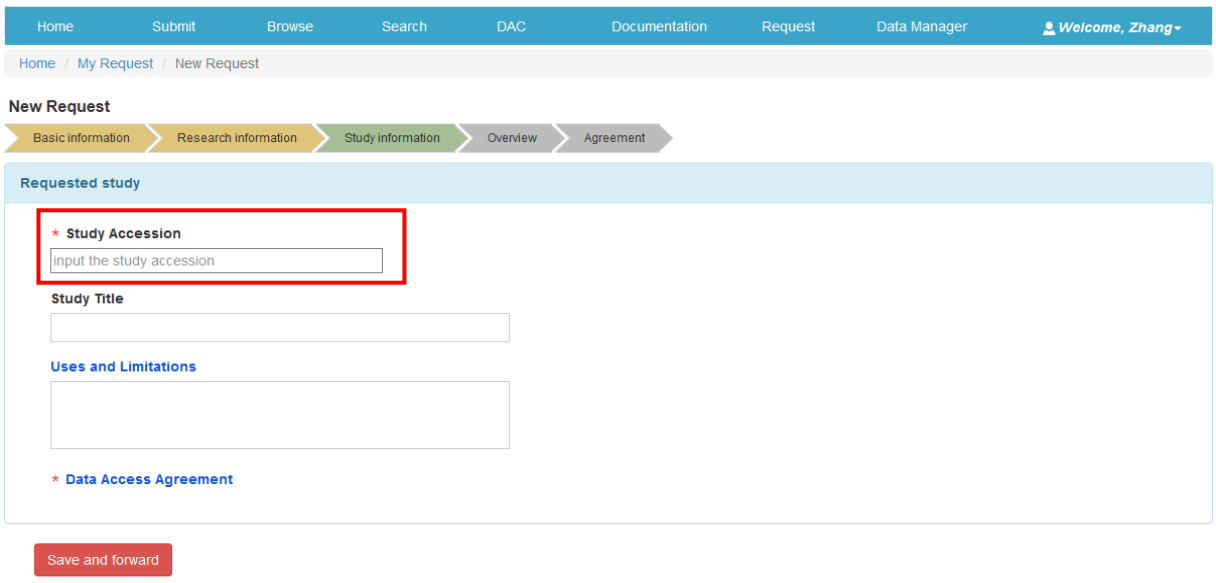
Step 1. Fill Basic Information – the title of your request

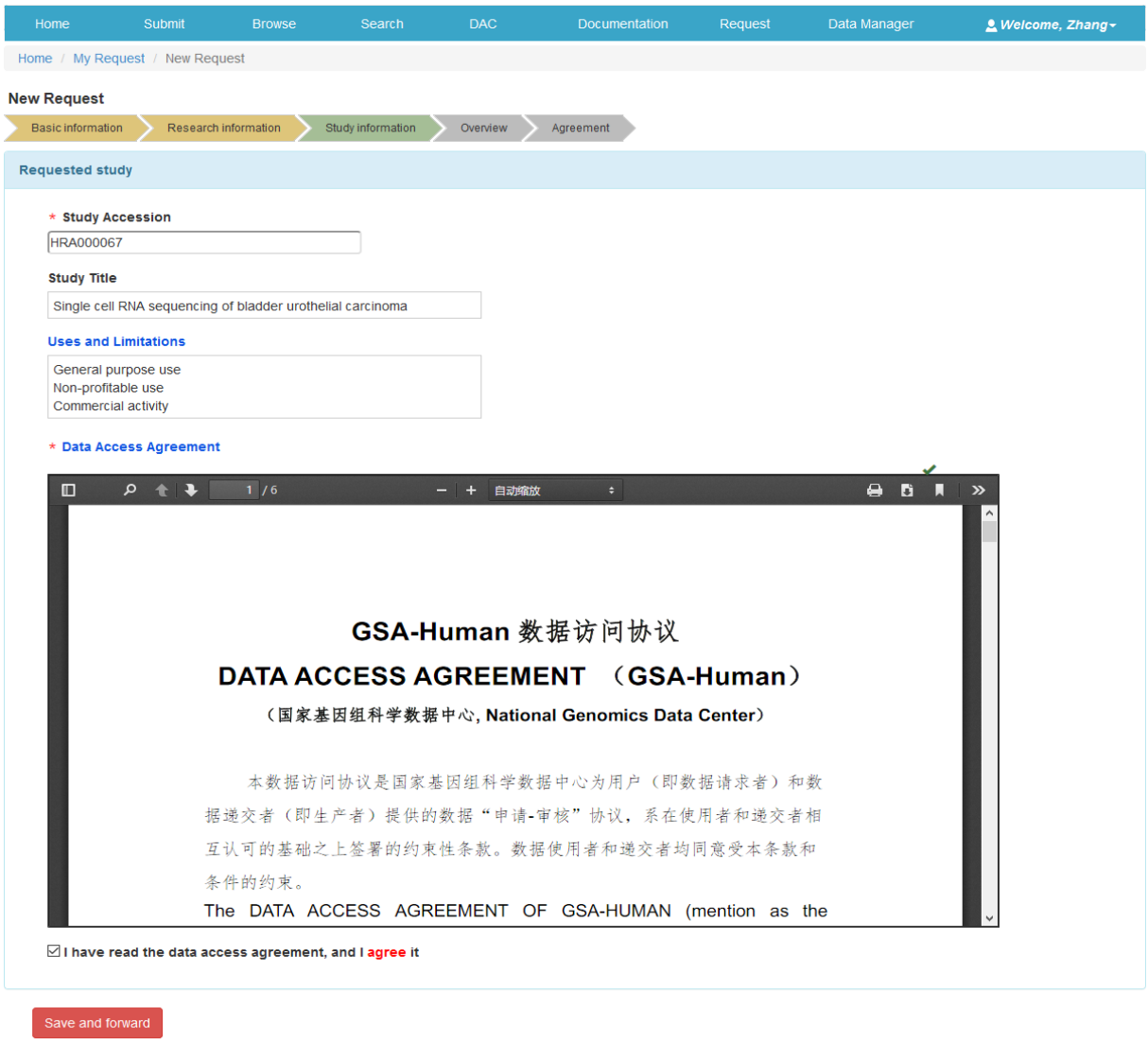


Step 2. Fill Research Information – tell the DAC how you will use this data in your research, including Research Activity Title, Choose research period, Research purpose, Methods & techniques.

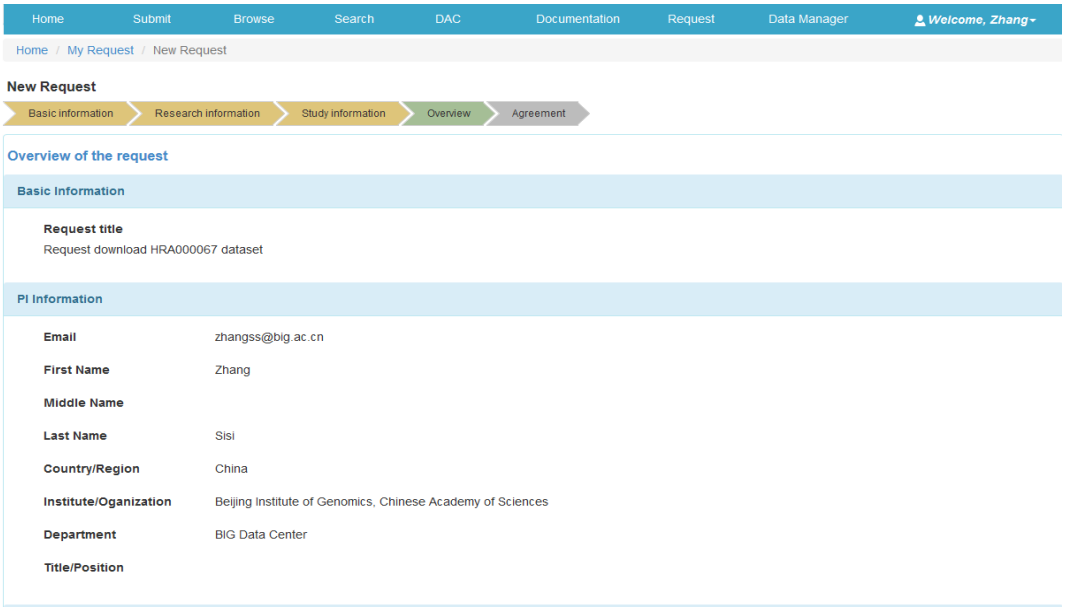


Step 3. Study information – type in the Study Accession of the data you want to apply (such as HRA000067), and you can easily review the basic information of the data, including Study Title, Use and Limitation, Data Access Agreement.

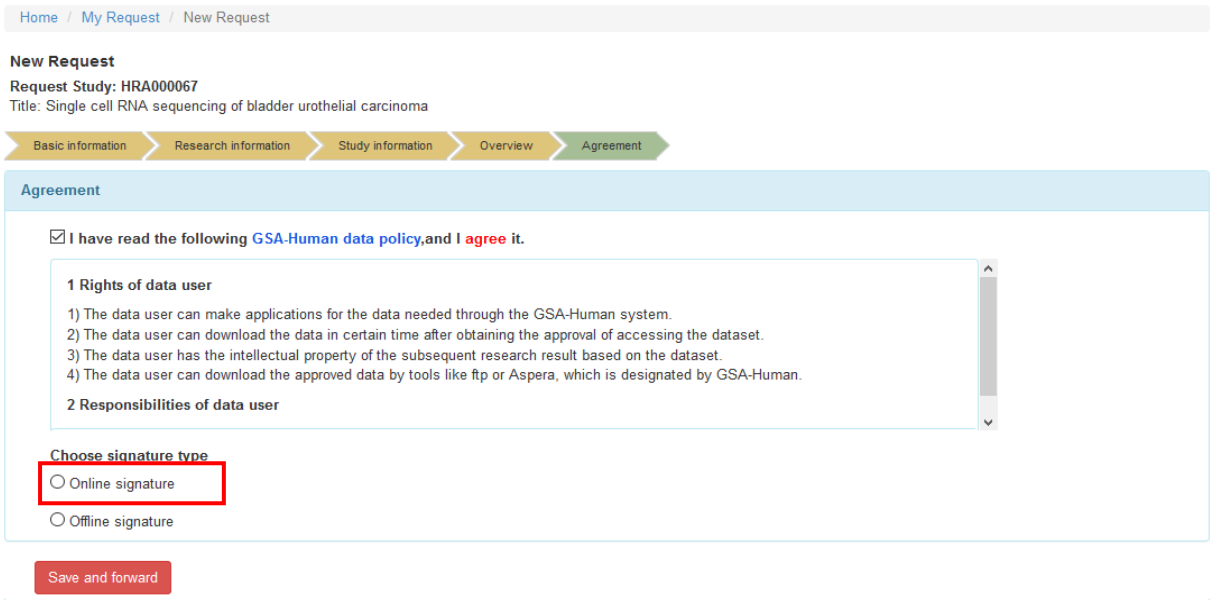




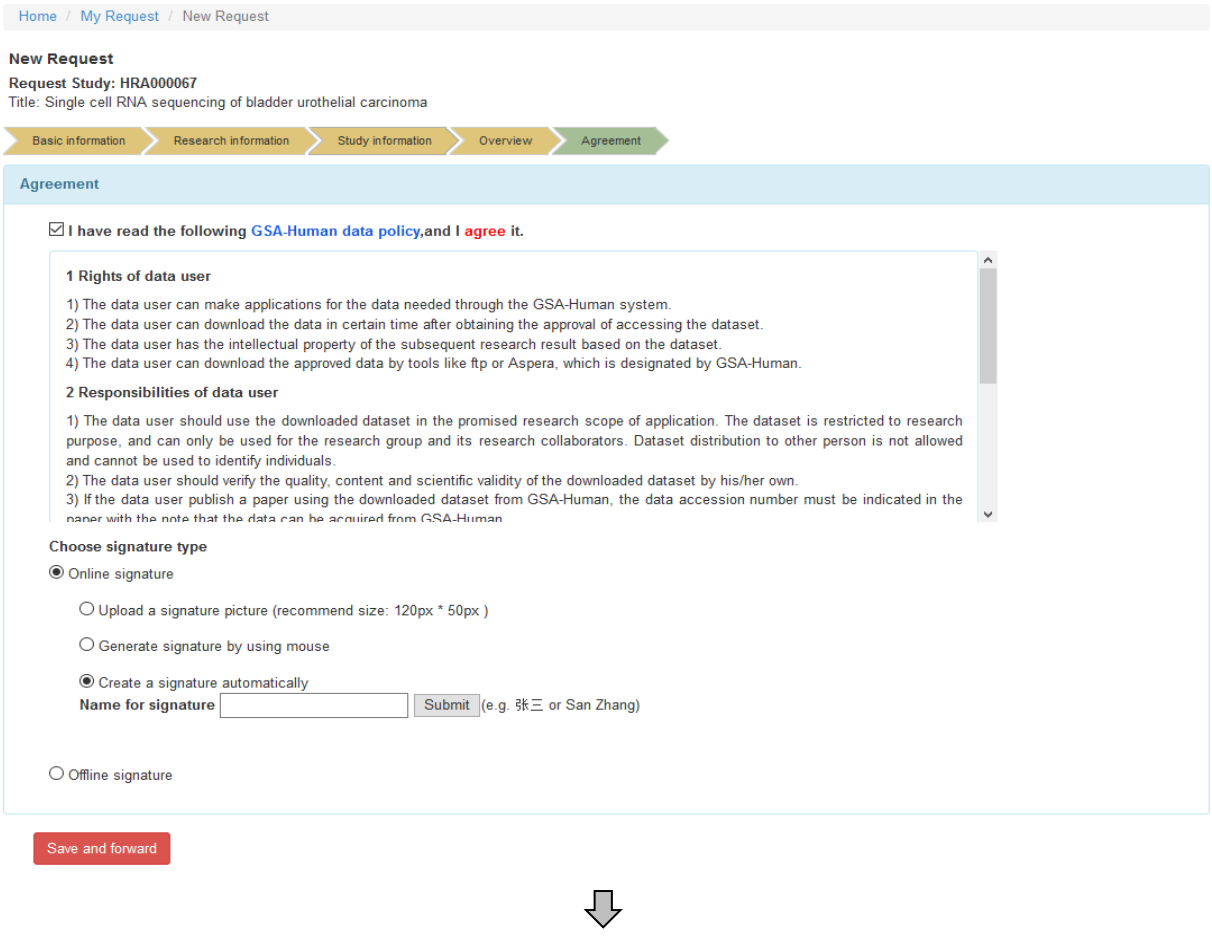
Step 4. Overview – you can review your request information on this page

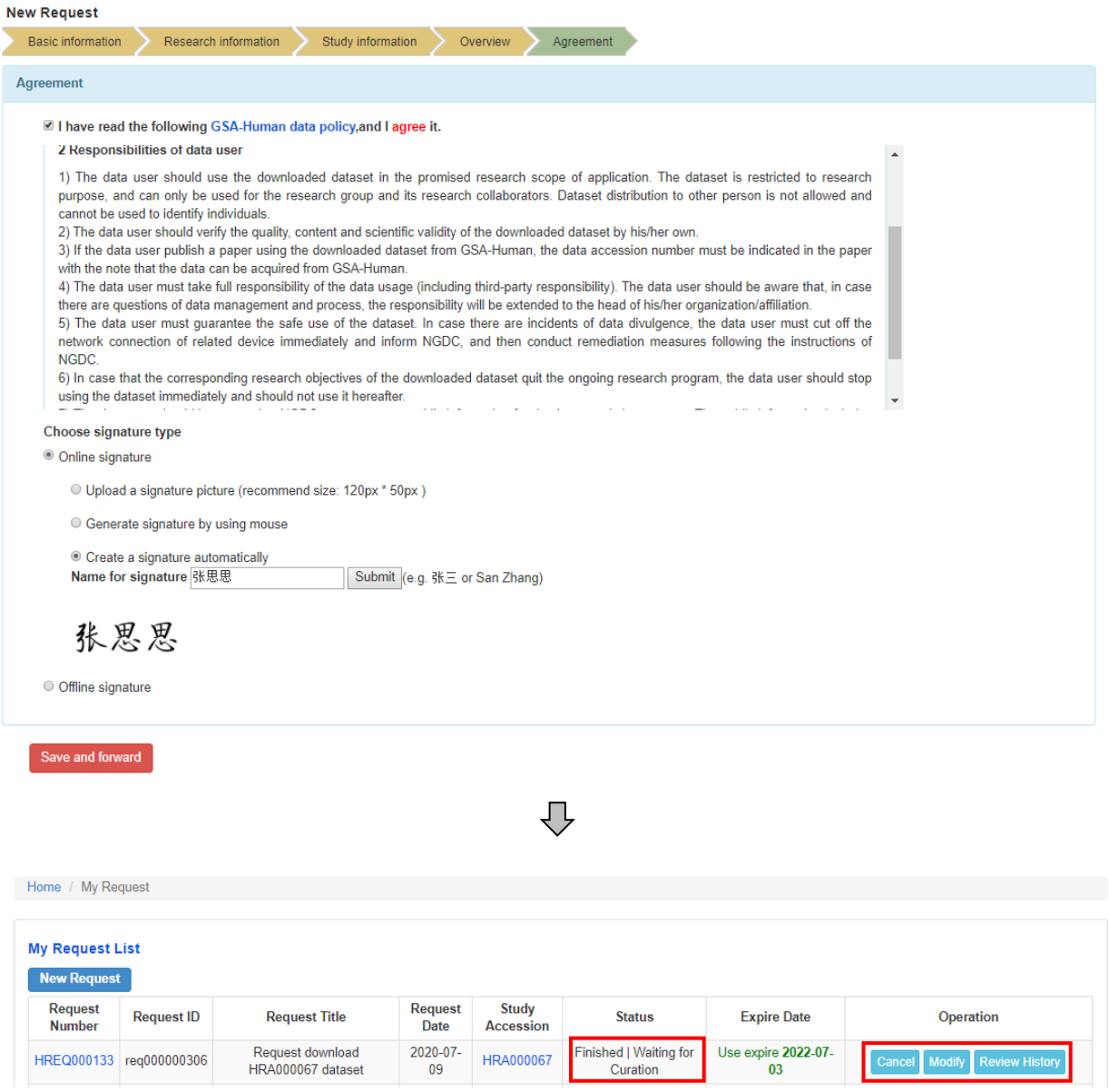


Step 5. Agreement – you have to sign the Data Access Agreement, via Online signature or Offline signature.



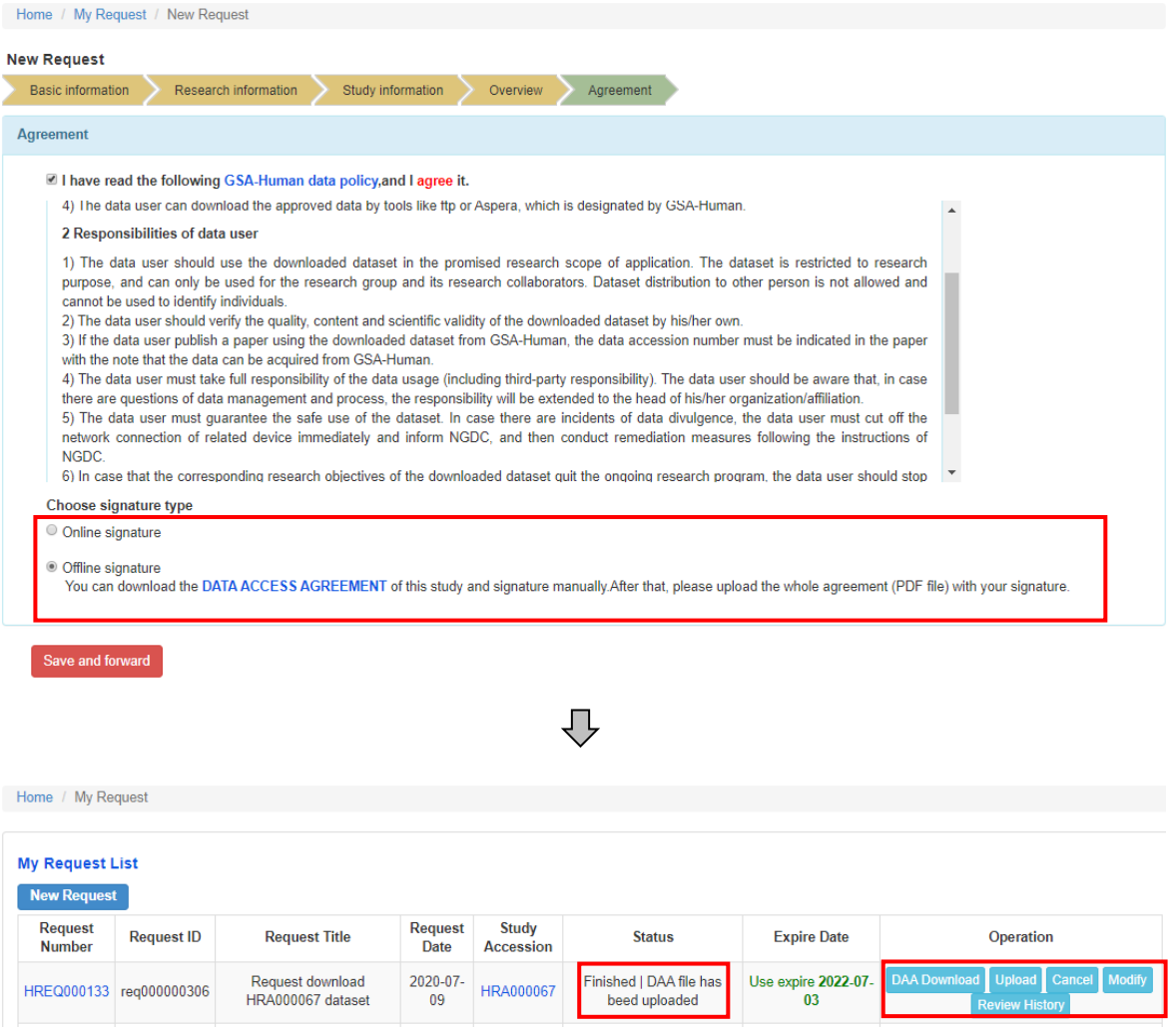
1. For Online signature, this page provides three methods: Upload a signature picture, generate a signature by using mouse, and Create a signature automatically. Using the third methods as an example, the following process can be seen below:





Note: After generating and submitting the signature, your request will be submitted to the system and appear in your request list. In addition, its status will be "Finished | Waiting for Curation". Please wait for the system admin doing the first check for you. Before the request being checked, you can freely cancel, modify, review your request.

2. For Offline signature, the process is as follows:
   - Please click the “DAA Download” button and download the DAA file of this study.
   - After that, please “upload” button to upload the Scanned DAA file. **For the domestic users**, please prove the scanning copy of DAA document with the signature of you and your organization and the stamp of your organization. **For international users**, please prove the scanning copy of signed DAA document from you and your organization.
   - Then please wait for the system admin doing the first review for you. Before the request being reviewed, you can freely cancel, modify, review your request.



Waiting for Review

After submitting the request successfully, it may take some time for being reviewed by both system and the DAC, thanks for your patient. Once you have passed the review,

congratulation, you will be approved to download the data.

System Review: The system admin will do the first and basic review for you. Please fill in all of the required information carefully. For instance, if your identity is not reliable enough (miss the Personal Homepage information) or lack of required documentation, your request will be rejected. If the request has be approved, its status will be "**Waiting for DAC review**"; otherwise, its status will be "**Rejected**". Please click the "**Review History**" to check the detail of the feedback.

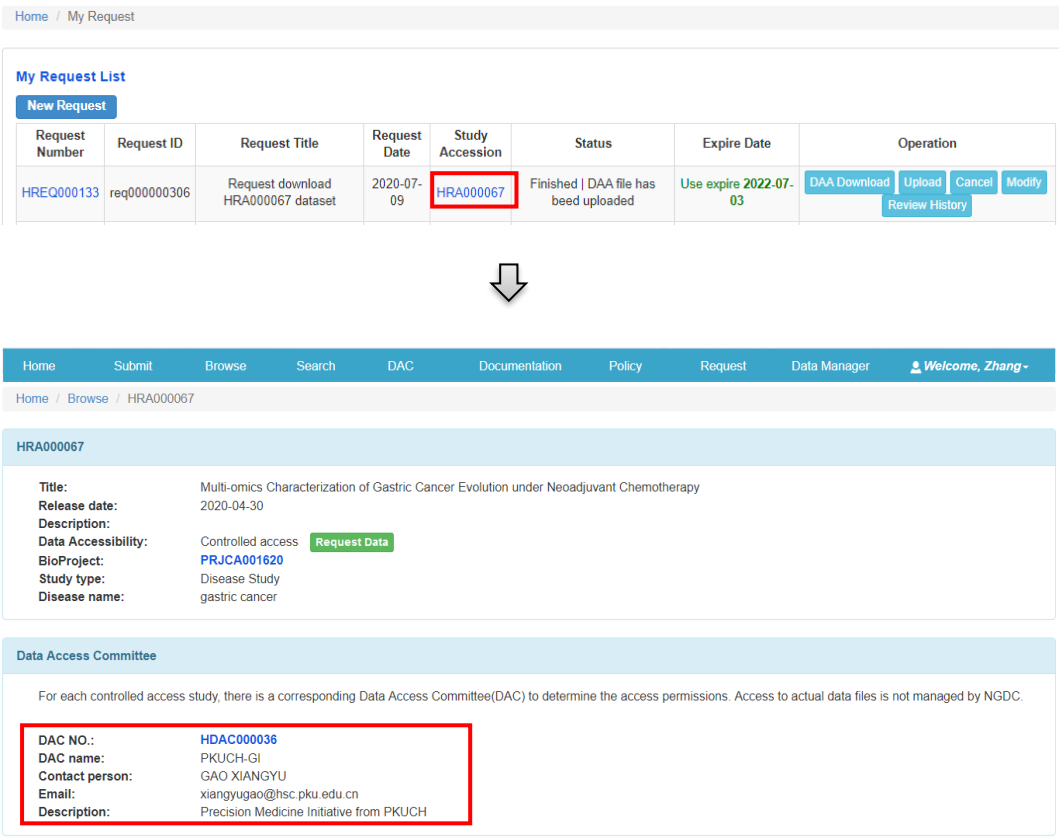
DAC Review: The requests that passed the System Review will be transferred to the DAC Review. While passing the DAC Review, you will receive a notification by email, so please pay attention to your email. If the request has be approved, its status will be "**Approved Download**"; otherwise, its status will be "**Rejected**". Please click the "**Review History**" to check the detail of the feedback.

If the DAC does not give their feedback after two weeks, the system will send an email to notify them automatically. There are differences among the frequency of DAC contacts processes the request. You can check the last processed time or the number of approved requests by searching the accession you requested in the browse page (https://ngdc.cncb.ac.cn/gsa-human/browse/)**.**

- The columns of the "**requests**" show the number of requests that users submitted.
- The columns of the "**approve**" show the number of requests that DAC contact's approved.
- The columns of the "**last processed**" show the last time that DAC contact's login in the GSA-Human database.

If the DAC has not processed the request for a long time, you can try to email the DAC contacts to get the real reasons. Please follow the steps below to find the DAC contacts' email.

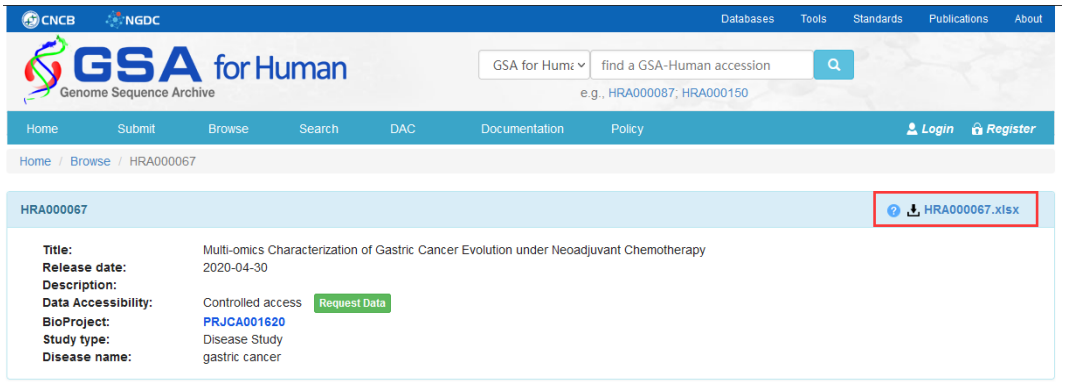
- Open the browse page (https://ngdc.cncb.ac.cn/gsa-human/browse/) and find the dataset that you requested.
- Click the study accession of the dataset to enter the dataset browsing page, and you can find the DAC contact person's email in Data Access Committee part.



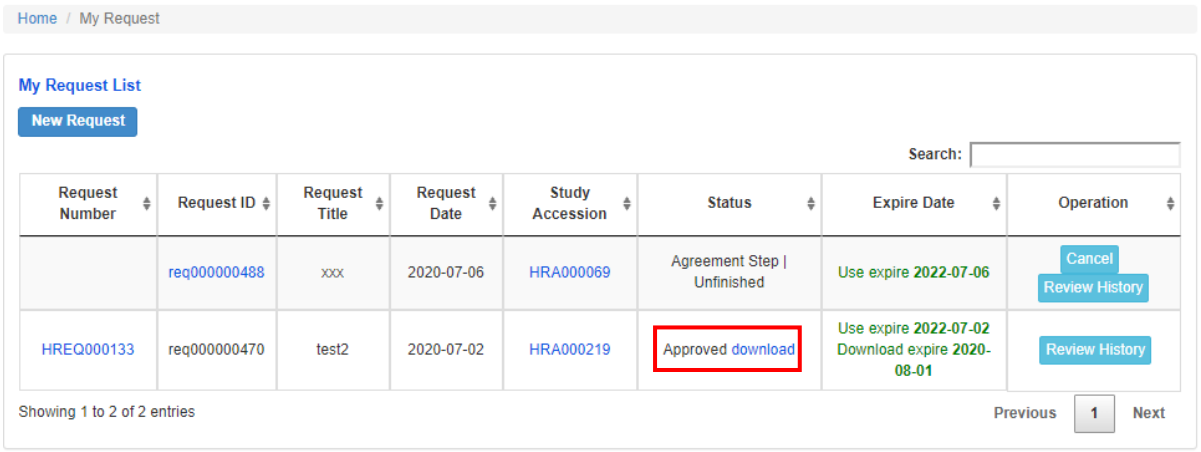
NOTICE: If the dataset data not yet been registered in the Human Genetic Resource Management Platform of Ministry of Science and Technology of the People´s Republic of China, the international users are unavailable to request this dataset currently. Please wait until the owners get the Registration and backup numbers from Human Genetic Resource Management Platform.

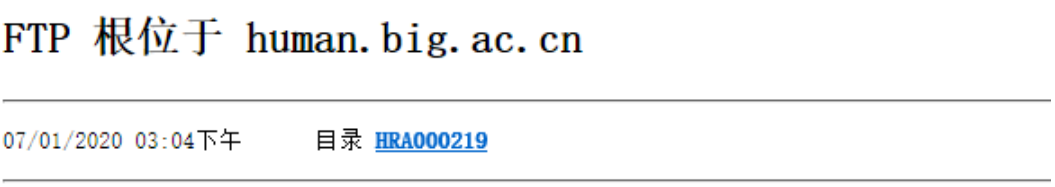
Data and Metadata table Download

After passing the review, the status of your request in the list will become "**Approved**". For downloading metadata table, please login and open the dataset you requested in the browsing page, like https://ngdc.cncb.ac.cn/gsa-human/browse/HRA000067. Then click the table download button as following picture below.



For downloading data file, you are able to click the “download” link and download the data from the data directory directly via FTP with your account login.





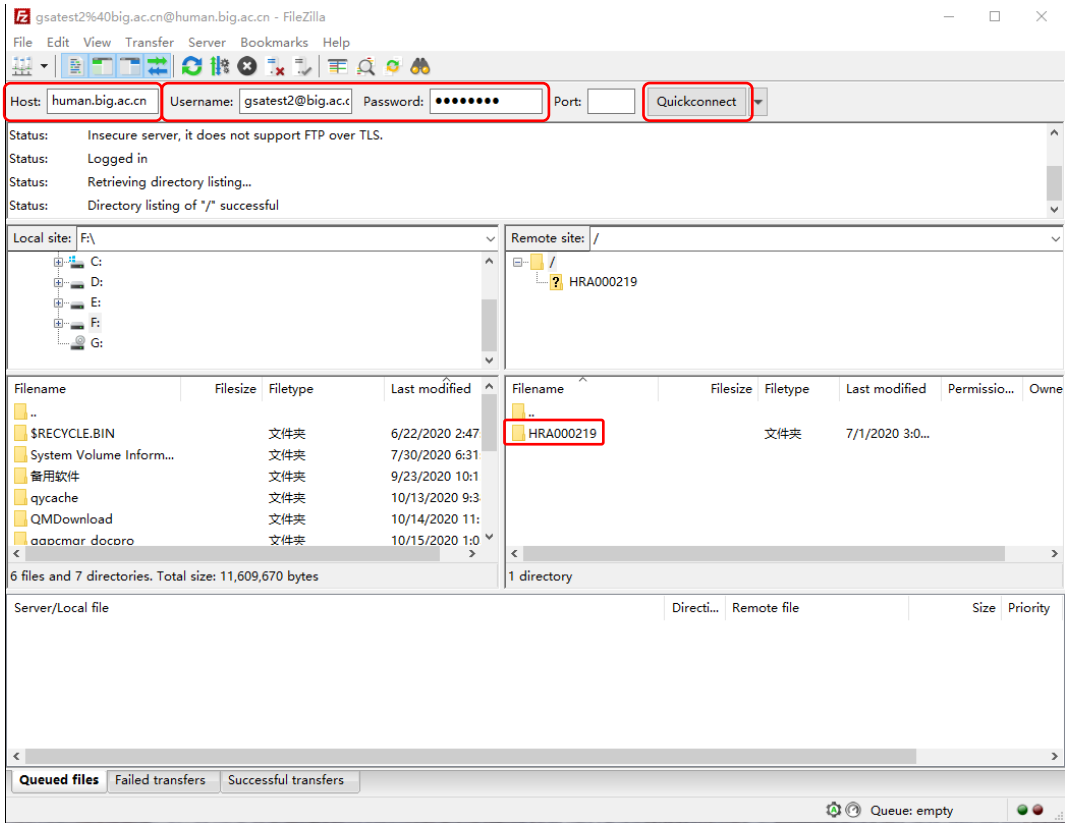
As downloading data through the website is not stable, we highly recommend you use an FTP client to sign into our FTP server for big data downloading, such as FileZilla. Taking FileZilla as an example, you can download the data following four steps:

Step 1. download and install FileZilla (https://filezilla-project.org/), as shown in the figure below, click “Download FileZilla Client” and install the software following the guidance.

Step 2. Open FileZilla (see figure below), input the Host as “human.big.ac.cn”, User and Password are the same as your account (the login email and password), do not need to fill in the port, finally, click “Quickconnect”. The status in the message log will show you have login successfully. If not, please check the issues based on the message shown in the log.

Step 3. After login, in the local pane, set where you want to save the data.

Step 4. In the remote pane, double click the folder of the dataset, such as “**HRA000219**”, and just drag the files/directories from the remote pane to the local pane.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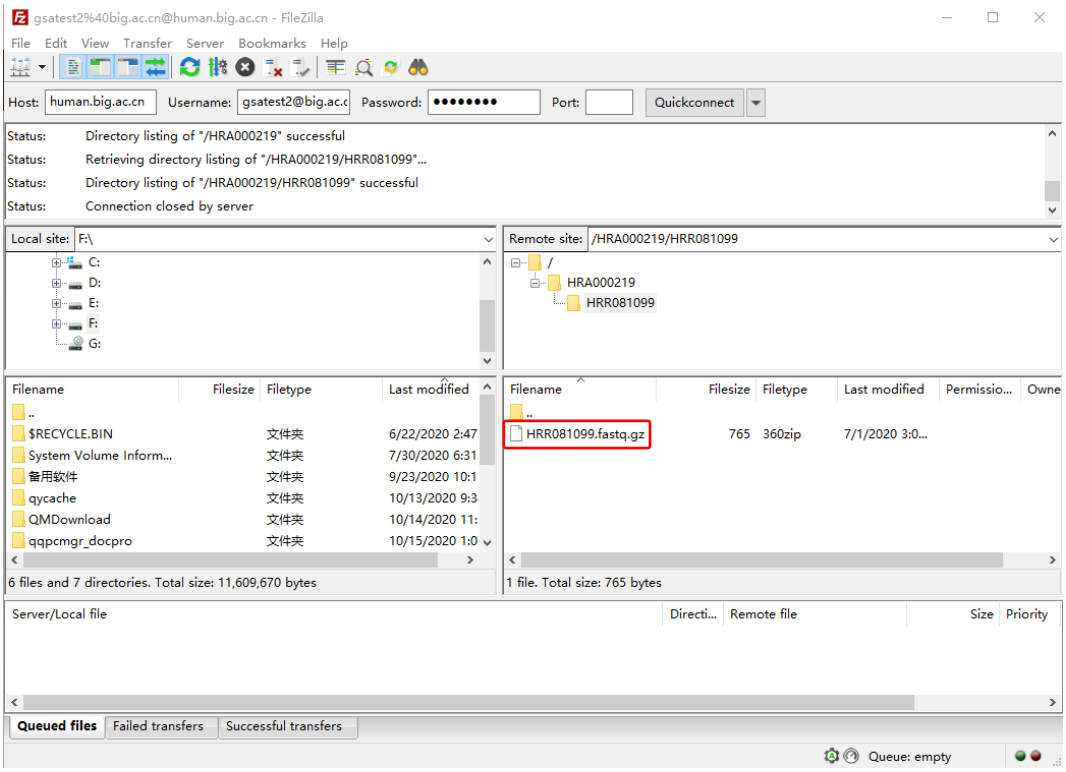
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