

# SAMM Dataset: Release Agreement

## Introduction:

The goal of the Spontaneous Activity and Micro-Movements (SAMM) Dataset is to develop new techniques, technology, and algorithms for the automatic interpretation and analysis of micro-movements. Manchester Metropolitan University (“MMU”) and the Emotional Intelligence Academy is involved in an ongoing effort to develop this dataset of high-speed video data. The dataset is meant to aid research efforts in the general area of developing, testing and evaluating algorithms for facial micro-movement analysis. MMU has copyright on the data and is the principal distributor of the SAMM Dataset.

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*Davison, A.K., Lansley, C., Costen, N., Tan, K. and Yap, M.H., 2016. Samm: A spontaneous micro-facial movement dataset. IEEE transactions on affective computing, 9(1), pp.116-129.*

*Davison, A.K., Merghani, W. and Yap, M.H., 2018. Objective classes for micro-facial expression recognition. Journal of Imaging, 4(10), p.119.*

*Yap, C.H., Kendrick, C. and Yap, M.H., 2020, November. Samm long videos: A spontaneous facial micro-and macro-expressions dataset. In 2020 15th IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (FG 2020) (pp. 771-776). IEEE.*

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