

XXX PROJECT

Authorship guidelines

All the participating Partners in the XX project recognize the highest ethical standards for authorship. When publishing data based on the XX protocol (project description), all researchers involved are obliged to follow the Vancouver Convention on authorship.

In this regard all the responsible Partners jointly should take an active role and making sure that all publications are based on the following principals for authorship:

1. Authorship credit

Authorship credit should only be considered based on the following 4 criteria:

1. Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
2. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
3. Final approval of the version to be published; AND
4. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

In addition the participating Partners in the XX project recognize that:

- Acquisition of funding, collection of data, or general supervision of the research group, alone, does not justify authorship.
- All persons designated as authors should qualify for authorship, and all those who qualify should be listed.
- Each author should have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for appropriate portions of the content.

2. Order of authorship

The order of authorship in each publication based on data from the XX project should be a joint decision of the co- authors. In sub-projects involving several researchers form different locations it is recommended to establish a separate “author agreement” in order to clarify the order of authorship before entering the collaboration.

The XX project Steering Committee shall have the final ruling on the author list if necessary.

3. Corresponding author

Before submitting a paper to a journal the participating Parties will jointly identify on author how will act and have the responsibility as corresponding author (preferably PI at one of the collaborating sites) in accordance with Vancouver Convention.

4. Acknowledgement

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