



PeriCOVID Publication Policy

PeriCOVID consists of the:

- Core group
- Advisory group
- Wider periCOVID network

Authors and contributors on publications and presentations

Many people will contribute to the periCOVID collaboration and therefore this policy must ensure appropriate recognition of all involved. It must also reflect national and international publication guidance. The periCOVID publication policy is based on the Committee On Publication Ethics (COPE) and the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE).

All members of the periCOVID core group will be acknowledged on publications.

All members of the periCOVID advisory group will be acknowledged on publications.

All members of the periCOVID network group will be acknowledged if their respective unit has sought to contribute any subjects to the periCOVID study.

Authorship

- First, second and last authorship for those in the **core group**.
- Third and further authorships to members of the remaining **core group**, the **advisory group** and the **periCOVID network group** (consisting of 2 members from sites where at least 3 subjects have been recruited)
- **ALL authors** must also fulfill the recognized criteria for authorship (see below*).

So:

- a) If the member fulfills the recognised criteria for **authorship*** then he / she will be cited as a named author on the publication.
- b) If the member fulfills the recognised criteria for **contributorship**** but not for authorship, then he / she will be cited as part of the “periCOVID network”.

*The ICMJE recommends that authorship be 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.

These authorship criteria are intended to preserve the status of authorship for those who deserve credit and can take responsibility for the work. The criteria are not intended for use as a means to disqualify colleagues from authorship who otherwise meet authorship criteria by denying them the opportunity to meet criteria 2 or 3. Therefore, all individuals who meet the first criterion should have the opportunity to participate in the review, drafting, and final approval of the manuscript.

The individuals who conduct the work are responsible for identifying who meets these criteria and ideally should do so when planning the work, making modifications as appropriate as the work progresses. Authorship should be approved by the CI prior to submission.

Contributors who meet fewer than all 4 of the above criteria for authorship will be acknowledged as contributors.

****Contributorship**

Members who have contributed to the planning, conduct or reporting of the work described in the publication or presentation but do not meet the criteria for authorship. They will be acknowledged in the authorship list with the phrase “on behalf of the periCOVID network”.

These contributors will then be listed by name in a footnote or appendix.

Other acknowledgements

There may be others who do not fulfill the criteria for authorship or for contributorship e.g. by providing brief statistical advice; they will be acknowledged separately within the text of the publication.