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Publication Policy & Procedures

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1 Publication principles

All publications that arise from the analysis of PEDIGREE data, i.e., written articles, poster presentations and abstracts for oral presentations, shall adhere to the uniform requirements of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE). The only exceptions are citations, references and other matters of style obliged to conform to the house style of a publisher. (The uniform requirements can be found at <http://www.icmje.org>)

There will be no honorary/courtesy authorship. Each author needs to be capable of taking public responsibility for the publication. The uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to medical journals state that “*authorship credit should be based only on substantial contribution to*

- (a) *conception and design, or analysis and interpretation of data; and to*
- (b) *drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and on*
- (c) *final approval of the version to be published.*

Conditions (a), (b), and (c) must all be met. Participation solely in the acquisition of funding or the collection of data does not justify authorship.”

Duplicate or redundant publication is the publication of a paper that overlaps substantially with one already published. The uniform requirements permit such publication only when a complete report follows publication of a preliminary report. Any such work should be referred to in the new paper and the Editor of the journal has to be informed about possible redundant or duplicate publication.

2 Publication Procedure

2.1 Writing: preliminary negotiations

Those wishing to write papers, posters, or abstracts for oral presentation, using PEDIGREE resources should complete a [Publication Registration Form](#) (or [online form](#)) for submission to the PEDIGREE Coordinator (referred to as Coordinator in the rest of this document) and identify a contact person. The Coordinator will circulate the registration to members of the PEDIGREE Executive Committee in order to:

- Check for overlap with other projects in PEDIGREE.
- Review author list, do they all meet criteria for inclusion (ICMJE); should anyone else be included/acknowledged?
- Ensure that the major contribution of the report is clearly stated.

Feedback will be sent within one week of submission.

2.2 Submission of manuscript

Prior to submitting a paper for peer review, the following must be submitted to the Coordinator

- **Statement of authorship** completed by each author
- completed **Coversheet for Submission of Final**
- **Checklist of responsible author for the submitted manuscript**

These forms are available on the [PEDIGREE website](#).

If, after 10 working days there is no reply from the Coordinator, the paper may then be submitted for publication without further amendment.

2.3 Acknowledgments

All PEDIGREE publications should include acknowledgment for each relevant PEDIGREE study used in its preparation. Standard study acknowledgments are as follows: –

The Melbourne Collaborative Cohort Study (MCCS)

This study was made possible by the contribution of many people, including the original investigators and the diligent team who recruited the participants and who continue working on follow up. Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the many thousands of Melbourne residents who continue to participate in the study.

MCCS cohort recruitment was funded by VicHealth and Cancer Council Victoria. The MCCS was further supported by Australian NHMRC grants 209057, 251553 and 504711 and by infrastructure provided by Cancer Council Victoria. Cases and their vital status were ascertained through the Victorian Cancer Registry (VCR) and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), including the National Death Index and the Australian Cancer Database. This study was funded by {list the source & reference number of grants that provided funding} {where applicable include: and was further supported by infrastructure provided by Cancer Council Victoria}.

The Australian Breast Cancer Family Study (ABCFS)

Depending on the format of the publication and the specific components used, the acknowledgements need to include statements such as:

The Breast Cancer Family Registry (Breast CFR) was supported by the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health under RFA CA-95-011 and CA-06-503, and through cooperative agreements with members of the Breast CFR and Principal Investigators.

The ABCFS was supported by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia, the New South Wales Cancer Council, the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (Australia) and the Victorian Breast Cancer Research Consortium.

Final wording can be refined closer to publication.

The Australian Colon Cancer Family Study (ACCFS)

Depending on the format of the publication and the specific components used, the acknowledgements need to include statements such as:

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Informatics and Genetics:
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Acknowledgements: We thank all study participants of the Colon Cancer Family Registry and staff for their contributions to this project.

Funding: This work was supported by the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health under Request for Application #CA-95-011 and through cooperative agreements with the Australasian Colorectal Cancer Family Registry (UO1 CA097735), the USC Familial Colorectal Neoplasia Collaborative Group (UO1 CA074799), Mayo Clinic Cooperative Family Registry for Colon Cancer Studies (UO1 CA074800), Ontario Registry for Studies of Familial Colorectal Cancer (UO1 CA074783), Seattle Colorectal Cancer Family Registry (UO1 CA074794) and The University of Hawaii Colorectal Cancer Family Registry (UO1 CA074806).

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The Australian Prostate Cancer Family Study (APCFS)

This study was made possible by the contribution of many people. We would particularly like to express our gratitude to the thousands of men and their families who continue to participate in the study.

Recruitment was funded by Cancer Council Victoria, Tattersalls and The Whitten Foundation and PriceWaterhouseCoopers Australia. This study was funded by {list the source & reference number of grants that provided funding} {where applicable include: and was further supported by infrastructure provided by Cancer Council Victoria}.

The source of the data should be also acknowledged in all press releases and dealings with the media.

The acknowledgment may refer to any members of the project who have provided comments, advice, support or other input into the paper, who are not already listed as authors.

Due recognition of all participants is part of the research process. The responsible author should ensure that research assistants, technical officers and other “non-authors” who contribute, including community members and organisations involved in supporting the project, are properly acknowledged for their contribution.

This section should also include details of financial support and commercial sponsorship. If the researchers have received partial or complete funding from commercial sponsors or have other forms of conflict of interest, they must make a written statement concerning its nature and scope. Any commercial sponsorship must be identified in the Acknowledgments.

3 Dispute Resolution

3.1 Purpose

The PEDIGREE Executive Committee will arbitrate disputes concerning all aspects of authorship and misconduct stemming from research conducted within PEDIGREE. By bringing disputes to the committee, all parties agree that they will be bound by the committee's decision.

3.2 Preliminary Documentation

At least five working days prior to the PEDIGREE Executive Committee meeting to discuss the dispute, the Coordinator shall distribute all relevant documentation to the committee members as follows:

- (a) copy of complaint in writing
- (b) copy of the relevant PEDIGREE Publication Registration form
- (c) copy of responsible author's response to complaint
- (d) copies of all **Statement of Authorship**
- (e) copies of minutes or notes of discussions between authors

3.3 Procedures, decision making, and documentation

The PEDIGREE Executive Committee shall be convened by the Coordinator. The Chair shall identify two spokespersons, one to act for and one against the putative claim.

Each spokesperson will be allowed up to 15 minutes to respectively defend and rebut the complaint. The discussion should focus on the agreed criteria for authorship and be limited to the evidence in writing contained in the documentation.

The Chair shall open the general discussion for up to 20 minutes.

At the end of discussion, the Coordinator shall conduct a blind ballot in which the spokespersons are not obliged to maintain their previous advocacy.

The vote will be recorded and the Chair will write a brief summary of the decision. The Coordinator will write to all authors within 2 working days of the meeting informing them about the decision and attaching a copy of the summary from the Chair.

The Coordinator will file copies of the decision and summary for the PEDIGREE Executive Committee's future reference.

If the dispute is not resolved by the authors or the PEDIGREE Executive Committee the issue will be forwarded to the relevant authors Institution(s) for assessment.

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STATISTICAL ANALYSIS: What method(s) is(are) being used?

RESULTS: Any results generated to date

DISCUSSION: Any conclusions made to date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Grants, persons and organisations that need to be acknowledged other than those covered by standard Acknowledgements in section 2.3 of the publications policy

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