

Principles for decisions on authorship of TREATme publications and presentations after the end of the Action

- This set of principles will replace the existing TREATme guideline by the end of the TREATme COST Action.
- The aim of this set of principles is to facilitate decisions on authorship, including who will be eligible for authorship, who will be first and last authors and how the order of all authors in papers and presentations is decided.
- These principles are intended to be valid for all types of publications, including journal articles, presentations at scientific meetings (with or without publication of the abstract), and registered datasets that are direct products of the TREATme collaboration, i.e., publications that are:
 - Concluded, submitted, or published before the end of the TREATme Action.
 - Ongoing, registered, or planned by the end of the Action.
 - Planned, registered, concluded, submitted or published after the Action, if the publication is using data collected during the Action or using the search strings or other material that are direct products of the TREATme collaboration.
- Working Groups of TREATme can agree on guidelines for publications specifically concerning their own work, but the guidelines must be in accordance with the general principles stated in this document.

Criteria for authorship

- Overall, the ICMJE recommendations (<http://www.icmje.org/>) must be followed. This means that authorship requires all of the following:
 1. Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work
 2. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content
 3. Final approval of the version to be published
 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.
- Those who have contributed to a publication, but who do not meet all four criteria should be acknowledged in the publication.
- To achieve first authorship, the author is expected to take responsibility for the writing of the first draft of the publication. The first author can delegate the writing of specific parts of the publication to other authors, but must have contributed the main part of the text of the first draft.
- The last author of a publication will typically be the working group leader, provided that the working group leader has been actively involved in the particular publication, including writing parts of or critically revising the publication. Collaborators are free to choose another team member as last author if this better reflects the contributions of the collaborators.
- The order of authors apart from first and last author should be decided following these principles:
 1. Authors who have written sections of the original draft and/or performed substantial parts of the data analyses should be listed first, ordered according to the magnitude of their contribution

2. Authors who have not written full sections of the manuscript and/or performed substantial data analyses, but who have still made valid contributions to the article or presentation should be listed alphabetically following the authors who have written sections of the original draft and/or performed substantial data analyses.
- To acknowledge the essential contribution of the TREATme chair, the chair should be invited to contribute as author to every publication of the TREATme network that was ongoing, registered, or planned by the end of the Action, where she has made substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work. Authorship still presupposes a contribution meeting all four ICMJE criteria.
 - For publications that are planned, registered, concluded, submitted or published after the Action, and use data collected during the Action or use the search strings or other material that are direct products of the TREATme collaboration, the past and/or current TREATme chair should also be invited to contribute as author. Again, authorship presupposes a contribution meeting all four ICMJE criteria.
 - Certain types of content are necessarily shared between several publications, i.e., introductions to the TREATme network, principles for literature searches etc. When including presentations of such material, those authors who originally wrote up the presentation of the material in question should be credited in accordance with the magnitude of their contribution to the new publication. Furthermore, the authors of a publication should avoid direct copying of sections from previous publications and always consult with the original author to ensure that the presentation of already published content is acceptable.

Good practice in research collaborations

- Groups working collaboratively on reviews, presentations or other publications should aim to decide who will be an author and what the order of authors will be as early in the collaboration as possible - and to confirm this before submitting the manuscript for publication. It is advised that a full publication plan for the group's work is outlined early in the collaboration and revised continuously.
- When planning activities based on work conducted in the TREATme setting, TREATme members should inform other members about these activities at an early stage (i.e., before writing) and should aim to include other members of their working group if presenting material and/or applying for grants based on this work. All relevant co-workers must (depending on their contribution) be credited as authors or acknowledged by name in any publication related to the TREATme activities, and co-workers should be invited to collaborate on relevant activities if at all possible.
- All publications originating in the work of TREATme must be presented to the Core Group to ascertain that due credit is given to the original TREATme COST Action and that the article meets relevant scientific standards.
- In case of disputes regarding authorship, the Core Group of TREATme will assist in solving these disputes, if necessary by giving recommendations on the inclusion and order of authors of a given publication. Members of the Core Group who are potentially authors of a publication where issues of authorship have arisen cannot partake in the discussions of the Core Group on the matter.