

Supplementary document 2: Template for Publication Agreement

PUBLICATION AGREEMENT

between

**University of Bern
Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine,
3012 Bern, Switzerland**

(hereinafter referred to as "University")

And

(hereinafter referred to as "Partner" or in the event of several partners as "Partners", as the case may be)

Preamble

WHEREAS, University and Partner participate in the SNSF funded research project "Swiss Paediatric Airway Cohort" ("Project"). During the Project, data from several sources are collected by the University and the Partners, and entered in a joint dataset that can be used for analysis and publications.

WHEREAS, University and Partner(s) have concluded a Data Transfer Agreement on _____ [execution date] and Partner has provided data to University for inclusion to the Project ("Data");

WHEREAS, the University and Partner intend to publish certain findings based on the Data.

The parties thus agree as follows:

Article 1: Publication

- 1.1 The parties intend to jointly publish, based on a concept sheet and an analysis dataset provided by University, the following scientific findings _____ [working title] in _____ [Journal] ("Publication"). If the manuscript is rejected by the journal of choice, the choice of alternative journals will be made in discussion between University and all Partners.
- 1.2 As agreed in the Data Transfer Agreement, the following publication rules in accordance with the regulations of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors shall apply:
 - general authorship rules of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors will be adhered to
 - the first and last author will usually be from the institution which is responsible for the specific paper

- whenever possible, all partners contributing data will be offered a co-authorship.
- second and second last co-authorship will be offered to co-authors who have a major input in data analysis or writing, or who provided data on a very large number of subjects
- remaining co-authors will be listed alphabetically

Thus, the parties now agree upon the following authorship for publication:

- First author: _____
- Last author: _____
- Second author: _____
- Second last author: _____
- Co-authors or contributing partners defined according to the criteria of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors; from University and from Partner(s):

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1.2 The planned timeline of the publication is as follows:

- results (tables) circulated by the responsible partner to all co-authors and data providers: _____
- first draft of the publication circulated by the responsible partner to all co-authors and data providers: _____
- final draft of the publication circulated by the responsible partner to all co-authors and data providers: _____
- latest possible date for submission of the publication to the target journal:

1.3 If these deadlines are not kept and the manuscript is not submitted to the target journal 2 years after this Publication Agreement has been signed at the very latest, the responsible partner loses its leadership and the topic is again open for other data providers (upon circulation and acceptance of a concept sheet).

Article 2: Miscellaneous

No agreements altering or supplementing the terms may be made except by a written document signed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties.

For University:

For Partner:

Bern, Date: _____

Place, Date: _____

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