

**Psoriasis Stratification to Optimise Relevant Therapy (PSORT)
Consortium
Publication and Authorship Policy**



Aligned to the PSORT Consortium Agreement (CA), the principles for publication and authorship, as set out below, fulfil the following requirements:

1. The need to recognise the contribution of many individuals and groups who have contributed to the implementation of PSORT projects. This includes (broadly) the conception and design of the project, acquisition of patient data (and all that involves), analysis /interpretation of data and manuscript writing.
2. The need to comply with the statutory requirements as set out in the agreements between consortium members (PSORT CA) and the British Association of Dermatologists Data Sharing Agreement.
3. The need to avoid undue delays in publication and dissemination of prominent findings, in the interests of maximising impact upon human health, maintaining priority of publication and protection of intellectual property.
4. Adherence to Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Ethical Considerations in the Conduct and Reporting of Research: Authorship and Contributorship (<http://www.icmje.org>)

The PSORT Executive Committee, answerable to the PSORT Steering Committee, will be responsible for managing adherence to this policy.

Authorship

1. All Principal Investigators (PIs) including industry partners and any site specific personnel plus non-Core centres who have, in the view of the Executive Committee, made important substantial contributions to recruitment, will be listed in the acknowledgements section of all publications in order to recognise their important contribution to PSORT. Papers should include three 1st star authors, i.e. joint first, second and third.
2. To qualify for authorship the individual must have:
 - made substantial contributions to conception and design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of study data
 - been involved in drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content
 - final approval of the version to be published and be accountable for the manuscript
3. Key publications that report on research directly related to PSORT, and detailed in the PSORT protocols will be published with key named authors together with the banner of

'the PSORT Consortium'. An appendix detailing the role of each contributor will be included in any publication. This will include:

- i. people who have led directly on design, set up, recruitment of patients and running of British Association of Dermatologists' Biologic Interventions Register (BADBIR) – **PSORT Executive Committee** (see appendix 1);
- ii. people who have led on formulating the research question, data analysis via the **Data Integration and Analysis Group** (see appendix 2) and interpretation. Contributors will vary depending on the research question; and
- iii. if applicable, members of the **Clinical Trial Data Monitoring Committee** (see appendix 3).

Each of the authors within the PSORT consortium and / or the Executive Committee, in the order that is decided, so that they appear on PubMed index (NB there may be a limitation on the number of authors that can appear; authors should check early with the target journal to clarify the listing arrangements and if numbers of authors exceed the limit, discuss with the Executive Committee).

4. Publications by investigators outside of the PSORT consortium who make substantial use of PSORT data in studies that do not form part of the PSORT consortium (subject to the Terms of Reference for **PSORT Data Access Plan** [DAP] see appendix 4) and as detailed in the DAP, must formally acknowledge the kind support of British Association of Dermatologists' Biologics Register Limited (BADBRL).
5. Suggestions for the order of authors in the named list:
 - a. Put key "doers" in front
 - a. Put key senior authors at the back
 - b. Designated 'banner authors' (1st/2nd and 2nd last/last) will be determined for each of the specific research questions/ key publications
 - c. First authorship and senior authorship may be shared between 1st/2nd and 2nd last/last, respectively
 - d. In the author list, the 1st/2nd and 2nd last/last author positions should be agreed and if there is disagreement, this should be resolved by the Executive Committee.
 - e. Banner authors would usually be from the Executive Committee, and that by definition, these individuals would form the Writing Group for any particular publication
 - f. Have 2 Corresponding Authors
 - g. Vary the order of authors from paper to paper to give all key people a chance of prominent authorship, and to reflect the strength of their contributions to particular papers
 - h. The rest of the authors can be placed in the middle of the list in alphabetical Order
 - i. An example might be JN Smith*, BM Jones*, GP White, ER Brown†, J Morgant and the PSORT Executive Committee. * denotes joint 1st author, † joint senior author
6. To comply with Clause 9 of the PSORT Consortium Agreement and the BADBRL Data Sharing Agreement, the Executive Committee must sense check authorship prior to

drafting the paper. Papers should be emailed to the Executive Committee at least 8 weeks prior to submission for comments on issues such as format, acknowledgements and scientific claims, but not to provide extensive peer review. A near-final version of manuscripts should be emailed to all named authors on the understanding that there will be a short turnaround time for comments as many of the papers will be under competitive pressure.

7. Abstracts are to be governed by similar guidelines on authorship and should also be sent to the Executive Committee at least 10 working days before submission.

8. Contributors Listed in Acknowledgments

All contributors who do not meet the criteria for authorship should be listed in an acknowledgments section.

Examples of those who might be acknowledged include:

- a. An investigator who has recruited patients or expertise to PSORT but who has otherwise not contributed to the study design/analysis or interpretation. Such investigators should be listed, with contributing hospital or institution, and acknowledged as contributing to the acquisition of data for PSORT.
 - b. Other individuals to be listed only in the acknowledgements include those who have provided purely technical/management help, writing assistance, or a department person who has provided general not scientific support.
 - c. All PSORT partners, and the BADBRL when using BADBIR data, should also be acknowledged. Because readers may infer their endorsement of the data and conclusions, these persons must give written permission to be acknowledged.
9. The PSORT Executive will maintain a list of planned publications which will be reviewed and updated regularly.