

ACCELERATE Publications Policy

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1. Scope

This policy applies to all publications, presentations, and abstracts related to ACCELERATE, such as Paediatric Strategy Forums, Workshops, Working Groups. and any other project, policy or opinion manuscripts arising from ACCELERATE activities.

ACCELERATE always encourages seeking Open Access for all its publications.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the guidelines, responsibilities for the development and authorship of publications falling within the scope described above.

3. Review Requirements

All print and online versions of manuscripts related to ACCELERATE activities defined in the scope must be submitted to the ACCELERATE Board of Directors prior to submission of the manuscript to the target journal. The aim of the ACCELERATE Board of Directors is to check for compliance with the ACCELERATE Publication Policy and will not be a full scientific review, which is the remit of the ACCELERATE Scientific Committee and is required before Board review. As a guideline, submission to the ACCELERATE Board of Directors should be 2 weeks before planned journal submission, and the ACCELERATE Board of Directors will aim to provide a response within 5 working days.

4. Author Contribution Requirements

In accordance with [ICMJE guidelines for authorship](#), to qualify as an author for a particular manuscript, the author must do all of the following:

- demonstrate substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work, or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work;
- participate in drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content;
- give final approval of the version to be published; and

- agree to be accountable for all aspects of the work to ensure that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

5. Authorship Guidelines

If allowed by the journal, all investigators who provided meaningful contributions to the study and meet ICMJE guidelines for authorship should be named. If a journal has a limit on the number of named authors, the goal is to maximize the number of named authors.

If the journal limits the number of authors, the first author should explore with the editor if additional authors could be included. If this is not possible, the additional authors should then be listed as contributors in the acknowledgments section or in a supplementary appendix so that their information can be included for indexing on PubMed.

6. Paediatric Strategy Forum Publications

The following guidance applies to all publications and presentations of ACCELERATE Paediatric Strategy Forums as defined in the scope. All ACCELERATE Paediatric Strategy Forums are expected to generate a publication. Please note that the author contribution requirements apply throughout:

- **First author:** The institution that hosts a Paediatric Strategy Forum is responsible for selecting the first author, who should have had an integral role in planning and conduct of the Paediatric Strategy Forum. The selection of the first author must be endorsed by the Scientific Committee.
- **Co-first authors** may be listed when more than one person has a similar responsibility in the planning and conduct of a Paediatric Strategy Forum.
- **Senior author:** The Scientific Committee of ACCELERATE is responsible for selecting the senior author, who should have had an executive leadership role in planning and conduct of the Paediatric Strategy Forum.
- **Co-senior authors** can be listed when more than one person has a similar executive leadership responsibility in the planning and conduct of a Paediatric Strategy Forum.
- **Other authors:** active participants in the Paediatric Strategy Forum, including speakers, session chairs, the Programme Committee, the ACCELERATE Scientific Committee (if they participated), Patient Advocates, and one representative from each pharmaceutical company in attendance.
- **Order of other authors:** alternate alphabetical and reverse alphabetical.

7. Other ACCELERATE Publications

The following guidance applies to all publications and presentations relating to Workshops, Working Groups, and any other project, policy, or opinion manuscripts developed as a result of ACCELERATE activities, as defined in the scope. Please note that the author contribution requirements apply throughout:

- First author: Initiative leader who has had an active role in a working group, workshop, project or other ACCELERATE activity that forms the basis for position statement, scholarly review, or other policy/opinion manuscript. The selection of the first author must be endorsed by the Scientific Committee.
- Senior author: Initiative leader who has had an executive leadership role in a working group, workshop, project, or other ACCELERATE activity that forms the basis for position statement, scholarly review, or other policy/opinion manuscript. The ACCELERATE Scientific Committee is responsible for selecting a project's senior author.
- Other Authors: the first and senior author are responsible for identifying co-authors based upon the primary topic. If the manuscript results from a workshop or working group, participants from those activities who meet ICJME guidelines and directly contribute to the manuscript should be included and represent all relevant disciplines.
- Order of other authors is the joint responsibility of the first and senior authors.

8. Manuscript title

All publications and abstracts that result from ACCELERATE activities should include “A report from ACCELERATE” in the title.

9. Acknowledgements

All publications and abstracts that result from ACCELERATE activities should include an acknowledgement for ACCELERATE's funding sources.

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