



Policies Work Group

Developing a publication policy for InTBIR

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Publication Policy

The **InTBIR Policies Work Group** has drawn up a draft Publication and Authorship Guideline for all scientific output **produced jointly** by members of InTBIR.



Aims of the Publication Policy

- Maximize quality of scientific output;
- Increase efficiency and avoid duplication for research;
- Harmonize and streamline structure and format of publications;
- Define authorship criteria, fostering involvement of different members of the InTBIR Consortium (i.e. multicenter authorship) in production of valuable scientific outputs;
- Maintain transparency towards InTBIR collaborators, and external data requests.



Publication policy

- Include a data sharing statement in all InTBIR publications
- Develop an InTBIR data access policy



Publication policy

Authorship credits

Primary Authorship (i.e. the investigators on the first line[s] of authorship attribution in a journal and in indexing services) should be based on appropriate effort, as defined in guidelines published by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE)



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Authorship credits

Primary authors should meet **all four** of the following criteria:

1. Make a substantial contribution to conception or design of work; or acquisition, analysis or interpretation of data for work; **AND**



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2. Draft the work or revise it critically for important intellectual content; **AND**
3. Approve the version to be published; **AND**
4. Accept accountability for all aspects of work, ensuring that issues of accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.



Publication policy

Authorship credits are automatically granted for primary authors. InTBIR Participants and Investigators involved in work should also receive academic credits.

All publications based on broad collaborative efforts and on InTBIR data should include a group designation in the author list, such as “for the InTBIR Participants and Investigators”.



Publication policy

Group members will be listed in alphabetical order at end of manuscript.

According to current ICMJE criteria, group members will in general be considered “Contributors”, and as such qualify for academic credits.



Publication policy

A list of “InTBIR Participants and Investigators” will be provided to allow all network members to be indexed in PubMed.

InTBIR Participants and Investigators will be considered:

- “Authors,” if they fulfil **all four** above criteria.
- “Contributors,” if members do not fulfil the 4 criteria.



Publication policy

Contributors should not be listed as authors, but should be acknowledged.

Contributors whose contributions do not justify authorship may be acknowledged together, as a group, under the heading, "InTBIR Participants and Investigators." Their contributions should be specified.



Publication policy

First authors are responsible for listing collaborators in PubMed.

First authors are responsible for ensuring appropriate group designation in manuscript and checking if members are picked up by PubMed.

While acknowledging that PubMed updates can take up to 6 months, every endeavor will be made to make appropriate amendments.



Publication policy

Corresponding author must obtain written permission from all authors/acknowledged individuals.

Group members are generally only entitled to listing in PubMed if they have completed the relevant Conflict of Interest and Copyright forms prior to submission of manuscript.

Policies may, however, vary from journal to journal.



Publication policy

Each manuscript proposal will identify the primary author/writing group leader, who will be responsible for assigning tasks to members of the writing group.

Primary authors are expected to delegate writing responsibilities early enough to give all members of the writing group the opportunity to contribute substantially.

The primary author will be responsible for ensuring that authorship order has been discussed and confirmed by co-authors.



Publication policy

Investigators are expected to acknowledge InTBIR in all resulting presentations, disclosures or publications of the analyses.



Publication policy

Approval of proposed InTBIR submissions

Establishment of an **InTBIR Publication Board** formed by the PI of each participant of InTBIR (?)

Corresponding author should send a complete draft to the InTBIR Publication Committee two weeks (?) prior to submission for review and feedback.

Approval will be determined by simple majority.



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Corresponding author should also submit manuscripts for administrative review prior to submission for publication.

Purpose of review is to confirm that:

- terms of user agreement have been met;
- the description of InTBIR procedures are accurately identified;
- InTBIR and the original researchers are appropriately acknowledged.

[These administrative reviews will take no longer than two weeks]



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Data sharing statement

The InTBIR publication policy must envisage the inclusion of a data sharing statement in all InTBIR publications



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Data access policy (1)

InTBIR data access policy needs to be drawn up that:

- Protects data confidentiality;
- Follows appropriate data security protections;
- Follows all applicable laws, regulations and local institutional policies and procedures for handling data.



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Data access policy (2)

- Prohibits any attempt to identify individual participants from whom data within a dataset were obtained;
- Prohibits the sale of any of the data elements from datasets obtained from InTBIR;
- Prohibits data sharing with individuals other than those listed in the application for data access.



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Applicants must:

- Agree to the list of approved research uses within InTBIR along with their name and organizational affiliation;
- Provide IRB numbers and expiry dates;
- Agree to report, in real time, violations of the InTBIR Data Sharing Policy (to ?);
- Acknowledge InTBIR in all publications and presentations and adhere to the InTBIR Data Sharing Policy with regard to publication.



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Experience and new insights may need periodic modifications, by consensus of the Policies Work Group.



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