

DATA USAGE AND PUBLICATION POLICY

Agreed in relation to the RHINESSA 10th Annual Conference December 10-11.12.2020, and mail discussion thereafter.

This document will be reviewed in relation to the RHINESSA Annual conference 2021.

This document is available on the RHINESSA website www.rhinessa.net.

On this website also the document "Management and organisation of RHINESSA" is available, listing RHINESSA director, vice director and centres PIs.

DATA USAGE

A data usage form is provided at the web-site www.rhinessa.net.

(For questions, contact PI data management Ane Johannessen).

PUBLICATION POLICY

Authorship

Uniform Requirements for Authorship and Contributorship from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (www.icmje.org): Authorship credit should be based on 1) substantial contributions to conception and design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data; 2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and 3) final approval of the version to be published. Authors should meet conditions 1, 2, and 3.

The following will be recognized through authorship:

1. All centres that have collected data will be invited to participate. Analyses including substantial data from both parents and offspring cohorts, will invite centre PIs of both cohorts. Number of study participants can be given some consideration.
2. Writing the paper and analysing the data.
3. Important intellectual contribution, contribution in protocol/ methods development, and contribution in establishing the cohorts (For RHINESSA, director Cecilie Svanes, vice director Vivi Schlünssen. For ECRHS, leader Deborah Jarvis or relevant working group leader/field expert appointed by DJ. For RHINE, leader Christer Janson or relevant field expert appointed by CJ).

Centre PIs have the responsibility to distribute opportunities for authorship in their centre.

Junior researchers are encouraged to first-author publications, and it is acknowledged that these may need several co-authors from their own centre. The points 1-3 above should still be considered. Early to mid-career researchers should generally first-author a publication before co-authoring, however, the centre PI can decide differently.

In joint projects where RHINESSA is only part of the project, RHINESSA director, vice director and centres PIs will discuss authorship and consider the above.

Analyses should include data from all centres whenever possible, and such analyses should be given priority. Single centre analyses may be needed, but it is important that these do not harm publication of analyses from all centres. In analyses of RHINE/RHINESSA in which non-RHINE centres do not have data (not parent data), RHINESSA PIs of non-RHINE centres will be invited to contribute with one co-author due to contribution in establishing the cohort, point 3 above.

Centres that have particular protocols only for that centre (those few centres) define their own publication policy. Substantial intellectual input provided by RHINESSA, RHINE and/or ECRHS will be recognized through authorship.

Priority to a specific analysis will be discussed by RHINESSA director, vice director and centre PIs, if needed. Previous contribution to the RHINESSA, ECRHS and RHINE studies and to the field will be considered.

Process of paper writing

Plans of analyses (PoA): A PoA is developed by a lead author and promoted through a centre PI who takes responsibility for the plan. Please suggest involved parts, based on points 1-3 above. Alternatively, a PoA is promoted directly through the director or vice director. A PoA can be brief (1 page), and should include background, aims of study and methods - study design/ population/ methods/ main covariates. Alternatively, a conference abstract with preliminary results can be used as a PoA - the first notion of a new analysis - but that is not optimal.

Notice to leader and co-ordinating centre: A PoA is sent to the director, vice director and project coordinator, who will keep records, comment on potential overlap with other analyses, clarify availability of suggested data/ samples (to be discussed with lead data management/ biobank), and comment on suggested involved parts.

Invitation to co-author: Lead author/centre PI will circulate the PoA to centre PIs and eligible co-authors as specified according to points 1-3. Centre PIs will determine co-author/s from their centre, and notify the lead author. In the case that a centre does not respond, the lead author should contact the centre in order to ensure that the centre has received the invitation.

Development of manuscript: The first author set time lines and circulate the drafts. The first author must circulate to all co-authors a *minimum* of one early manuscript draft and a pre-final draft, in addition to the initial plan of analysis. Co-authors will contribute within the deadlines set by the first author (or discuss another time line with the first author), and approve the final draft. The first author must send a final draft to the project coordinator who will keep records.

Time limits: Analyses should be performed within reasonable time limits. Generally a first draft with completed analyses should be circulated *within one year* and the paper published or submitted for publication *within 2 years*.