

Authorship Guidelines for Studies under the Programme for Ocular Inflammation & Infection Translational Research

1. General Criteria for Authorship:

- To be included as an author, an individual must have contributed more than **10 patients** from their center who meet the study's inclusion criteria. (**Please note:** Some studies rely on specific variables for analysis. If incomplete data is submitted, the corresponding patients will be excluded from the study. As a result, your center may not be eligible for authorship on that particular publication.)

2. Principal Investigators:

- The **Principal Investigator (PI)** of each contributing center will be listed on the **title page** of the manuscript as a key contributor.

3. Journals with Authorship Limits:

- If the journal imposes a limit on the number of authors, the following rules will apply:
 - The **first author** will be the fellow or lead who has contributed significantly to the **writing of the manuscript, data analysis, and project leadership**.
 - **Three authors** will be reserved for the **Steering Committee** or equivalent oversight group.
 - The remaining authorship positions will be allocated based on each contributor's **patient enrollment**, with priority given to those who enrolled the highest number of patients meeting the study's inclusion criteria.

4. Co-authorship for Data Collection:

- In addition to the PI, for every **50 patients** enrolled by a center, the center may designate **one additional co-author**.
- Each participating center may add up to a **maximum of five co-authors**, including the PI, to the manuscript. (**Table 1**)
- These co-authors can include fellows, clinicians, and other key contributors to data collection or study execution at each center.
- These co-authors will be listed in the **Study Group List**

Table 1. co-author allocation based on the number of patients contributed
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For 10 to 50 patients: A center can have 1 author (which will typically be the Principal Investigator).



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For more than 50 but fewer than 100 patients: The center can have 2 authors in total (the Principal Investigator plus 1 additional co-author).
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For more than 100 but fewer than 150 patients: The center can have 3 authors in total (the Principal Investigator plus 2 additional co-authors).
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For more than 150 but fewer than 200 patients: The center can have co-authors in total (the Principal Investigator plus 3 additional co-authors).

For more than 200 patients: The center can have the maximum of co-authors in total (the Principal Investigator plus 4 additional co-authors).

5. Additional Contributions:

- Significant contributions to **study design, statistical analysis, or writing** of the manuscript, even without patient enrollment, may also be considered for authorship, subject to the discretion of the steering committee and based on ICMJE guidelines on authorship (<https://www.icmje.org>).