



Description

In support of the mission of the CTTG ‘to enable collaborative and efficient research in Transfusion Medicine in Canada,’ it is a CTTG policy that publication of CTTG’s research occurs in a timely fashion for CTTG trials.

Purpose

Publication of CTTG research projects supports knowledge dissemination. Furthermore, it is a necessity for CTTG researchers to remain accountable to the scientific community by engaging in peer-review processes. CTTG must also show commitment to its funders through publication. Publication provides opportunities for authorship and recognition within the scientific community. Publications from CTTG are expected to be derived from broad methodologies, including analyses of large transfusion datasets, pilot randomized controlled trials, definitive randomized controlled trials, basic science research, translational research, educational research, and implementation research.

This authorship and publication guideline is meant to encompass all CTTG activities. Working groups may develop additional documents related to CTTG activities in the future.

Authorship

The CTTG abides by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) criteria for authorship (<https://www.icmje.org/>). The ICJME recommends that authorship be based on the following 4 criteria:

- Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
- Drafting the work or reviewing it critically for important intellectual content; AND
- Final approval of the version to be published; AND
- Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

Determination of authorship and authorship order is the responsibility of the CTTG Principal Investigator (PI).

CTTG Authorship

All publications of studies endorsed by CTTG should include “on behalf of the Canadian Transfusion Trials Group” following the final author’s name.

A study is considered endorsed by the CTTG if all the following conditions are met:

- The CTTG has evaluated and approved the protocol as a CTTG endorsed project
- Feedback on the protocol has been provided by CTTG

A study may also qualify as a CTTG study if the work has been supported and/or endorsed by one of the six working groups or describes work completed primarily by a working group; in which case these guidelines also apply.



Inclusion of CTTG Staff

Statisticians responsible for the primary analysis of a clinical trial and the lead study coordinator should be considered for authorship. If several study coordinators contributed equally to leading a clinical trial, all study coordinators should be listed in the acknowledgements section or as part of the group authorship (where appropriate). This may not always be possible where a journal has a maximum limit on the number of authors.

Acknowledgments

If an individual does not meet the ICMJE criteria for authorship for a CTTG endorsed project, but have made a significant contribution to the project, they should be included in the acknowledgements by the lead author.

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Publication Approval

All material planned for submission for a presentation or publication must be reviewed by the CTTG network manager prior to submission to ensure that CTTG authorship and publication guidelines are followed. Submissions should be sent to info@canadiantransfusiontrialsgroup.ca with "Publication Approval Request" in the subject line.

Disputes

Authorship disputes are the responsibility of the senior author. Where the senior author cannot resolve authorship disputes, the dispute will be managed by the CTTG co-directors.