

## International COVID-19 Data Alliance (ICODA) Publication policy

### Scope

This policy applies to all journal publication submissions, including publicly viewable pre-prints, containing results that were generated using data accessed through the ICODA Workbench.

### Guiding principles

- Transparency is a key principle for ICODA.
- ICODA receives funding from philanthropic organisations and we therefore act for the public good.
- Publication in peer-reviewed journals improves the dissemination of analysis results and helps to ensure the findings have a beneficial impact on global health.
- By being open we can share more and learn more quickly from each others' research.
- The public voice is at the heart of all we do – non-researchers must be able to access the outputs of research that has been generated using data accessed with ICODA support.

**Open access:** anyone with an internet connection can access the output of research – be it a journal article, algorithm or methodology, as well as reports, case studies and blog posts – without the need to pay for access via a subscription or other mechanism.

### Policy

ICODA is convened by Health Data Research UK and shares their policies, namely that we:

- Expect authors to maximise the opportunities to make their results available for free.
- Expect authors publishing the outputs of work using data accessed through the ICODA workbench to select publishing routes that ensure the work is available immediately on publication in its final published form, without a paywall or embargo period.
- Encourage – and where an open access fee is paid, require – authors and publishers to licence research papers using the Creative Commons Attribution licence (Type CC-BY<sup>1</sup>) so they may be freely copied and re-used (for example, for text and data-mining purposes or creating a translation), provided that such uses are fully attributed.
- Encourage authors to ensure that outputs published in a peer-reviewed journal are made available through [PubMed Central](#) (PMC) and Europe PMC as soon as possible and in any event no later than six months after the journal publisher's official date of final publication.
- Expect data outputs, such as algorithms/software, to be uploaded to the Health Data Research UK GitHub Organisation repository (<https://github.com/HDRUK>) and made

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available via an open permissive licence (such as Apache Licence 2.0, MIT, MPL or BSD).

- Require a copy of any paper within the scope of this policy to be submitted to ICODA after publication, to allow monitoring and wider dissemination of research conducted using the ICODA workbench.

The lead author of research conducted using the ICODA COVID-19 Workbench can use the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Open Access publishing service, [Chronos](#). This helps researchers identify Open Access journals and pays the costs associated with Open Access publications.

### **Authorship of publications**

We encourage authors to reflect and acknowledge the various contributions of each person involved in the work using CASRAI's [Contributor Roles Taxonomy \(CRediT\)](#) system. Special care should be taken to include investigators located at institutions in LMICs that were involved in the original study implementation.

### **Acknowledgements**

Any publications falling within this policy must also meet the requirements of the ICODA attribution and acknowledgements policy which can be found on the [www.icoda-research.org](http://www.icoda-research.org) website.

*This policy was published in January 2021 and will be reviewed after six months of implementation.*

*We are keen to support publication and communication around outputs. Please contact us at [icoda@hdruk.ac.uk](mailto:icoda@hdruk.ac.uk) if you need any support or clarification in this regard.*

This policy is based on:

<https://www.hdruk.ac.uk/about-us/our-strategy/policies/>

<https://kiglobalhealth.org/publication-policy/>