

International COVID-19 Data Alliance (ICODA) Attribution and acknowledgement policy

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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 or by projects completed as part of the ICODA programme. It also applies to any processes, precedents or policies ('operational documents') that are created by ICODA and its partners and published on our website¹ for re-use and to supporting materials related to the publication (e.g. scientific conference abstract submissions, lecture slides, posters, articles and theses), and to press releases and social media describing the outputs. For operational documents or supporting materials only section 1 of this Policy applies.

Guiding principles

- ICODA is committed to the FAIR data principles (Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, and Reusability).
- All contributions should be recognised, including those of patients, data generators, researchers, ICODA and its funders. We particularly emphasise the importance of giving credit to those who collected the data and are making it available for reuse.
- All members of research teams should be recognised to demonstrate the importance of team science.
- Consistent attribution allows ICODA to monitor and track research outputs, and enable more accurate reporting of impact.
- ICODA associates Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) with its outputs. For creation of DOIs the following information is relevant:

| Organisation | Funder Name | Funder Identifier | Award Number |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--------------|
| Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation | Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) | http://data.crossref.org/fundingdata/funder/10.13039/100000865 | INV-017293 |
| ICODA | International COVID-19 Data Alliance (ICODA) convened by HDR UK | | INV-017293 |
| Microsoft AI for Health | Microsoft AI 4 Health | https://ror.org/00d0nc645 | |

¹ <https://icoda-research.org/>

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| Minderoo Foundation | Minderoo Foundation | https://api.crossref.org/funders/501100016056 | INV-017293 |
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Policy

ICODA expects three groups to be referenced, usually in the acknowledgements section.

1. *ICODA and its funders*

The following text should be included in the acknowledgements or funding section:

“This work was supported by the International COVID-19 Data Alliance (ICODA), an initiative funded by the COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator and convened by Health Data Research UK.”

2. *Patients or trial participants*

It is important to recognise the role of trial participants, patients, public, and practitioners in providing health data and their engagement in research projects. We encourage researchers to include the following text in the acknowledgements or funding section, based on useMYdata’s data citation²:

“This work uses data provided by patients and collected through clinical trials or as part of their care and support.”

3. *Data contributors*

Credit should also be given to the data contributors. Where applicable, the wording specified in the Data Use Agreement should be used. If not, the following text could be used:

“The authors wish to recognise XXX for their contribution of the data that made this research possible.”

Where there is a unique, persistent Digital Object Identifier (DOI) assigned to a dataset this should be included. Special care should be taken to include investigators located at institutions in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs) that led original study implementation.

ICODA is convened by Health Data Research UK, and this policy is based on HDR UKs attribution policy.

This policy was originally published in January 2021 and updated in March 2022. We are keen to support attribution and communication around outputs. Please contact us at icoda@hdruk.ac.uk if you need any support or clarification in this regard.

² <https://understandingpatientdata.org.uk/data-citation>