International COVID-19 Data Alliance (ICODA)
Attribution and acknowledgement 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. It also applies 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.

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.

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 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Minderoo Foundation, supported by Microsoft's AI for Good Research Lab and convened by Health Data Research UK."

If your project was part of the Grand Challenges ICODA pilot initiative, please use the following version:

"This work is part of the Grand Challenges ICODA pilot initiative, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Minderoo Foundation, supported by Microsoft's AI for Good Research Lab and convened by Health Data Research UK."

If you wish to include a grant number in your paper, INV-017293 is the relevant number.

2. Patients or trial participants

It is important to recognise the role of trial participants, patients and the public in providing health data. We encourage researchers to include the following text in the acknowledgements or funding section, based on useMYdata's data citation[1]:

"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.

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[1] https://understandingpatientdata.org.uk/data-citation