

## Publication policy CONTRAST

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The overall aim of the publication policy is 1) to stimulate, harmonize and streamline high-quality scientific output from the CONTRAST project and 2) to fulfill the contractual commitments done to partners and funders.

This procedure is applicable to all studies, from single or multiple workpackages, that concern the CONTRAST consortium, or will be submitted on behalf of the CONTRAST collaborators. This includes studies using patient data collected within CONTRAST, but also animal studies, reviews, protocols etc.

### Specific goals:

- Maximize the quality of scientific output, where appropriate harmonization of methods
- Increase efficiency and avoid duplication of research within CONTRAST
- Define authorship criteria, fostering the involvement of different entities participating in CONTRAST in the scientific outputs
- Maintain transparency within the consortium
- Ensure identification of the CONTRAST consortium and its members as the publication source where appropriate
- Ensure acknowledgements of the funders of the CONTRAST consortium
- Facilitate analyses on data from multiple work packages
- Share descriptions of common procedures, criteria and analyses
- Promote early sharing of detailed results of analyses, for others to anticipate on in follow-up publications.

### The CONTRAST Publication Committee

- Charles Majoie and Diederik Dippel (CONTRAST consortium leaders),
- Rick Dijkhuizen (preclinical workpackages),
- Robert van Oostenbrugge (clinical workpackages),
- Heleen den Hertog (collaborating intervention centers),
- Hester Lingsma (datamanagement and epidemiology workpackages)
- Naziha el Ghannouti (n.elghannouti@erasmusmc.nl) serves as secretary of the Publication Committee

### Guidelines for publications

- For papers concerning solely content from 1 workpackage: WP leaders from that work-package suffice as representation of the scientific committee.
- For papers on data from multiple workpackages: collaborators from each of these workpackages should be invited to become author: author, including *at least* two scientific committee members from 2 different centers, and 2 different disciplines (neurology/radiology/neurosurgery/epidemiology/basic science).
- Lead authors should be encouraged to invite collaborators from other workpackages as author, to increase cohesion in the consortium and improve on the quality
- All authors should meet [ICMJE criteria for authorship](#)
- Lack of adherence to the ICMJE criteria means that authors will be removed from the author list and added as collaborators

- Authors should be given the opportunity to adhere to the ICMJE criteria by involving them in an early stage (e.g. sending abstract and tables and figures for review)
- For the primary research question from the RCTs, all collaborators of the specific RCT (see collaborator lists)\* should be invited to become author
- On other papers using data from the RCTs, the collaborators of the specific RCT should be acknowledged as collaborators
- The CONTRAST consortium should be acknowledged on all publications, using standard formulations on Plaza. Acknowledgments and disclosures are very important. See template for Acknowledgments and disclosures on [CONTRAST plaza](#)

\*Collaborator lists will be constructed for MR CLEAN Med, No IV, Late, the DIST and MR ASAP, including collaborators (executive committee, local PI's, outcome core, imaging core, statistician, labs, etc.) of the RCT.

### Publication Checklist

- Study Plan was approved?
- Is "CONTRAST" recognizable in the title/subtitle/authors' list?
- Are the appropriate funding sources mentioned?
- Appropriate lists of authors and collaborators included reflecting contribution made to the manuscript?
- Data analytic methods agree with main CONTRAST publication on these data (handling of patient selection and missing data, multivariable approach, reporting of associations)
- Sponsor informed if required?
- All authors meeting ICMJE criteria

### Procedure

1. Researchers send the final manuscript and the target journal to [dawc.contrast@contrast-consortium.nl](mailto:dawc.contrast@contrast-consortium.nl) **before submitting to a journal**. Allow 45 days for main publications and 30 days for other publications.
2. Publication committee **checks content (marginal) and adherence to Guidelines for Publication**
3. **Sponsor checks** on technical accuracy, error corrections or release of companies IP or confidential information
4. **Feedback** or approval is sent to researcher by DAWC secretary, **within 45 days** for main RCT publications, or **30 days** for all other journal publications
5. Only **after approval** the publication can be **submitted** to a journal
6. Publication will be **listed and accessible** for CONTRAST researchers on plaza

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*Collaboration for New Treatments of Acute Stroke*

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