

## UK DCTN Publication Policy

The principles for this updated publication policy for studies developed with support from the UK DCTN are that:

- Every person's contribution and role in the study is recognised in an appropriate and proportionate way.
- They must comply with journal policies. Journal policies vary from one to another so in some respects our policy will be that which is determined by the target journal for any individual study.

### Our policy:

1. Any publications arising from studies developed with support from the Network will be published using criteria that fit with modern journals ie a named writing team with the exact role of all other contributors mentioned elsewhere in the article. **By publication we mean publication of trial reports, protocols, pilot trials, feasibility studies and any related development work.**
2. The writing team will be comprised of relevant members of the trial management and development team along with a few (typically 2 or 3) of the top recruiting principal investigators. This will allow extraordinary efforts to be recognised and will ensure good clinical in-put into the study write-up.

All investigators contributing patients to a study will be listed as 'contributors'.

Investigators who have screened/recruited zero patients will be asked if they feel they should be acknowledged in the publication.

The decision on who to mention in the acknowledgements section is a local one which should be made by the local PI and communicated to the study writing team. This should ensure that input from very active SpRs and research nurses is recognised in addition to that of the local PI.

Independent members from the Trial Steering Group and Data Monitoring and Ethics Committees will be mentioned and thanked in the acknowledgements section.

3. The Chief Investigator for the study will normally be corresponding author.
4. The following statement must be included in the acknowledgements section of all publications to ensure that support from the UK DCTN is recognised. (Please note this is a requisite of continued funding from the British Association of Dermatologists for the UK DCTN Trial Development Manager post and also recognises continued support from the University of Nottingham for other infrastructure posts.) "The study was developed with support from the UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network (UK DCTN). The UK DCTN is grateful to the

British Association of Dermatologists and the University of Nottingham for financial support of the Network”.

5. We request that all publications (including oral and poster presentations for meetings) should be sent to the UK DCTN co-ordinating centre ([UKDCTN@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:UKDCTN@nottingham.ac.uk)) before final submission for publication so that we can check that the above conditions have been met and ensure that the contribution from the UK DCTN is recognised appropriately.
6. If you are planning a press release following the publication of your study results please inform the UK DCTN Co-ordinating Centre ([UKDCTN@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:UKDCTN@nottingham.ac.uk)) in advance as a courtesy so that we can prepare accordingly.