

Publication Policy for the COREG v2

Approved applicants/projects are expected to publish their findings in peer-reviewed academic journals in English or French. **Open access** is preferred if at all possible, and funding is available from the COREG to support **open access publication fees**. Projects are expected to use the entire COREG cohort, rather than a single facility or regional COREG cohorts unless the design prohibits the inclusion of specific sites.

Authorship Guidelines

All COREG publications must abide by **all** of the following:

1. **Right of authorship** is according to ICMJE criteria in all cases and only persons who fulfil the criteria are identified in the by-line of the manuscript:
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2. **First Author and Corresponding Author:** It is the responsibility of the approved applicant (or their supervisor) to designate the First Author and Corresponding Author and the order of authors.
3. **Principal Investigators** have right of refusal¹ as senior authors (order to be determined by the approved applicant, or their supervisor): *Andrew P. Costa, Rebecca J. Kruisselbrink, Terence Ho, MyLinh Duong, Marla K. Beauchamp, Jennifer LY Tsang.*
4. **Regional Representation:** The COREG strongly encourages author representation from each region or corporation from which the COREG data originate to maintain the platform's collaborative nature and to accurately interpret the context from which the data was collected. If applicants cannot identify collaborators from other institutions (either from their own knowledge or from the list of COREG co-Investigators in the Application Form), appropriate co-authors will be suggested by the Principal Investigators. It is the duty of the project applicant (or their supervisor) to engage collaborators (either selected by the applicant or suggested by Principal Investigators) from other institutions in the spirit of ICMJE criteria and in good faith. Any such collaborator must, nonetheless, meet ICMJE criteria for final authorship. Principal Investigators will resolve authorship disputes.
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6. **Medical Students:** The COREG data have been collected by McMaster Medical Students, who have done so voluntarily and with great care and dedication. The COREG strongly encourages author representation from McMaster Medical Students to advance the training mandate, maintain the platform’s collaborative nature, and support interpretation of the data collected. If applicants cannot identify McMaster Medical Students who collected data, they will be suggested by the Principal Investigators. It is the duty of the project applicant (or their supervisor) to engage the Medical Student (either selected by the applicant or suggested by Principal Investigators) in the spirit of ICMJE criteria and in good faith. Any Medical Student must, nonetheless, meet ICMJE criteria for final authorship. Principal Investigators will resolve authorship disputes.
7. **Analysts:** The COREG will provide direct analytic support for approved projects to increase the efficiency of data access, biostatistical quality of the work, and the production of tables and figures, efficient writing of methods, etc. An assigned COREG analyst to a project is expected to fulfil authorship criteria and be included unless waived by the analyst.
8. **Acknowledgments (papers, presentations, posters):** The COREG encourages authors to include Acknowledgments to recognize and express appreciation to others who have contributed to the study but do not meet the Authorship Criteria, including those who have collected data, provided technical assistance, supervised personnel, edited the manuscript for non-intellectual content, or to thank individuals who have provided general advice or guidance, review of the manuscript, and technical help.

When publishing results from the COREG (i.e., papers, presentations, reports, posters), please include the following statement:

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9. **Authorship for Brief Reports:** In the case where journals limit the number of authors, authorship should be given to those who have dedicated time to the paper and were involved in core writing and analyses. Other individuals, including those listed under '3', should be listed as the author 'COREG Investigators' or 'on behalf of the COREG Investigators' and the 'Acknowledgements'. The primary author should work with the COREG Manager and within the rules of journal to decide on authorship. If possible, we prefer and recommend including an author that is 'COREG Investigators'.

Pre-submission Review of COREG Publications

Final drafts of all manuscripts using the COREG data must be submitted to the COREG team (info@coregontario.ca) by the approved applicant (or their supervisor) for review at least **14 days** before anticipated submission to ensure alignment with the objectives of the approved application, alignment with authorship policy, and scientific accuracy. In the unlikely event of an issue, feedback will be sent to the approved applicant (or their supervisor).

Approved abstracts, posters, and presentations

For presented **abstracts, posters, and presentations**, a PDF (or similar) copy must be sent for our records to info@coregontario.ca in advance for tracking and promotion/media purposes.

Suggested Structure of Publication Titles

[Manuscript title]: Findings from the McMaster Coronavirus Registry (COREG)

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