

The Intercontinental Childhood ITP Study Group (ICIS)

Publication Policy (to be approved Dec 2005)

1 General aspect:

Authorship of any publications resulting from studies based on ICIS data will be determined on the basis of the Uniform Requirement for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals (International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, 1997) which states:

«Each author should have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for the content. Authorship credit should be based on only substantial contributions to (a) conception and design, or analysis and interpretation of data; and to (b) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and on (c) final approval of the version to be published. Conditions (a), (b), and (c) must all be met.»

2 The senior PI's, together with the junior PI's are responsible for publications based on data collected by ICIS.

3 The senior PI's, together with the junior PI's can delegate their first authorship.

4 Each author must have made a major contribution for the study development and content of an article. Co-authorship is often limited. If co-authorship is not possible the members of the study committee and reference laboratories, who have substantially contributed to the manuscript should be acknowledged in the appendix.

5 Statistical analyses of study data will be generated by a statistician in agreement with the senior PI's, together with the junior PI's.

6 Members of reference laboratories of the study publish methods/analyses/results on their own with adequate coauthorship of members of the ICIS central office and in agreement with the study chair person.

7 Questions/observations which are not in the objectives of the study but relate to study data can be published by contributing members in accordance with the study chair person. The main analyst of a question writes and coordinates the manuscript and is first author. Coauthors are nominated in accordance with the study chair person. ICIS data extractions must be performed via the ICIS central office.

8 For overviews and summaries without new data of ICIS studies the respective author and coauthors are responsible themselves.

9 The ICIS website (www.unibas.ch/itpbasel), where all contributors and centers are alphabetically listed must be included in all publications.

10 All publications based on data collected by ICIS must be submitted to ICIS central office in Basel for cooperative review and release, at least 4 weeks before submission.

11 In any uncertainty or dispute the steering committee and the advisory board have to be contacted and must resolve the problem.