

PI requirements on publications to maintain NIHR / BRC funding

This document summarises the need to

- Acknowledge the NIHR and BRC on manuscripts – before submission
- Report to the BRC when papers are accepted for publication
- Attend to Open Access requirements

Acknowledging the NIHR on manuscripts

Contractually we must acknowledge NIHR funding in all manuscripts or risk loss of BRC funding. Acknowledgements also maintain our visibility. Unfortunately our BRC cannot directly support all research projects, but it does fund the R&D office to check approvals, issue authorisations etc., funds the CUH overheads (buildings, offices, heating and lighting etc.) as well as biobanks of DNA, blood and tissue samples, the CRF, WBIC, Flow facility... which allow us all to do research on site. Hence all studies on campus involving human participants, samples or data do benefit from the BRC even if indirectly.

Thus for **all papers** we would be very grateful if you could insert the following phrase (and required disclaimer) into the acknowledgement section

'This research was supported by the NIHR Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre (BRC-1215-20014). The views expressed are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the NIHR or the Department of Health and Social Care'

We and the NIHR do regular audits. Serial failure to acknowledge the BRC will risk your theme funding being reduced or PI's being excluded from future BRC funding.

Any support from other NIHR facilities on campus should also be acknowledged – for example the Clinical Research Facility, Clinical Research Network, NIHR BioResource etc.

Posters, presentations and engagement

Other research outputs such as posters and conference presentations should also acknowledge BRC support. Logos and phrasing can be obtained from the [communications team](#).

Reporting publication activity

A key part of our Annual Report to the NIHR is a **list of all publications** from the Cambridge BRC. This is carefully assessed by the NIHR. Importantly in today's world we also need to consider which papers might attract media interest and benefit from a press release.

Hence **as soon as a paper has been accepted**, please notify the communications team on BRCcomms@addenbrookes.nhs.uk so that these aspects can be attended to. Please provide the journal, abstract and your own brief assessment of its newsworthiness.

Open Access

Open Access is a good thing for the scientific community and many funders now insist on it for publications arising from work they have funded – but the rules vary

and are quite confusing. PI's should make provision for open access in grant applications. UKRI and WT do allocate some funds centrally but whether or not your study is eligible will be determined by the Open Access office of the university. You must send them a version of the accepted manuscript which needs to acknowledge the funding source. We suggest you do this as soon as possible to prevent publication delays.