

DCCT/EDIC Publication and Authorship Policy

The DCCT/EDIC study has evolved since its inception from a randomized controlled clinical trial to an observational study of individuals with type 1 diabetes. We have successfully developed broad based collaborations with investigators outside of the DCCT/EDIC Research Group who are making unique contributions to our understanding of type 1 diabetes and its associated complications. In addition, a major component of our database, as well as study participant samples, are part of the NIH repository and many non-DCCT/EDIC affiliated groups are authoring papers based on the DCCT/EDIC data base. In this context, it is appropriate to reexamine our publication and authorship policies that have evolved with the following goals: 1. to maintain the rate of high-quality manuscripts reflecting the scientific output of DCCT/EDIC; 2. to provide the opportunity for as many members of the DCCT/EDIC group as possible to participate in the development and writing of papers; and 3. to provide appropriate attribution and recognition to those individuals who are responsible for the development, analyses, and writing of the manuscripts while not losing sight of the collective nature of the research efforts that underlie all of the clinical science advances from DCCT/EDIC. The paper categories are classified as follows.

- i. Primary Manuscripts: These papers address the major, i.e. primary, outcomes of the DCCT/EDIC study, e.g. effects of the DCCT randomly assigned interventions and/or glycemia and related mechanisms on major outcomes such as microvascular and cardiovascular disease.
- ii. DCCT/EDIC Other Outcomes Manuscripts: These papers report analyses of outcomes other than primary outcomes, and of metabolic intermediates and biomarkers, or epidemiologic analyses. These manuscripts would include analyses that use the database from all participating centers, as well as analyses of subsets or sub-cohorts of the complete cohort. They would also include sub-studies and ancillary studies conducted as additional initiatives beyond the initial DCCT/EDIC protocol.
- iii. Methodology Manuscripts: These papers focus on methodological issues, and do not include any new or original study outcome results. Such papers may include data generated from DCCT/EDIC to address a methodological objective that is not a DCCT/EDIC objective or outcome.

Responsibility for the category assignment for all manuscripts will rest with the Publications and Presentations Committee, in consultation with the Executive Committee, usually at the time that the manuscripts are planned.

The above classifications also apply to presentations, with the exception that classification occurs prior to abstract submission.

The following authorship principles will apply.

- I. Category 1 (Primary) Manuscripts: The authorship in the journal masthead will be the DCCT/EDIC Research Group. The complete list of investigators appears as part of the manuscript, usually in an appendix at the end of the manuscript, as negotiated with the journal. The writing team for these papers will be identified in the manuscript in a footnote or as an entry in the appendix, according to individual journal requirements and style.
- II. Category 2 (Other Outcomes) Manuscripts: The authorship will be the writing team. For example, A Smith (Chairperson), A, B, C and the DCCT/EDIC Research Group.
- III. Category 3 (Methodologic) Manuscripts. Authorship Q, C, A, B+

+Acknowledge Research Group as appropriate (complete list of the Research Group can be found in Diabetes, 35:530-45, 1986).