

ANNEXE 6 - CHARTE DE PUBLICATION

CHARTER

Principles of Consortium

- The driving principle behind the Milieu Interieur Consortium (MIC) is that through collaboration and synergy, collectively we will make more rapid progress towards fully understanding the genetic and environmental determinants of heterogeneity in immune response phenotypes than can be achieved individually.
- MIC follows a policy of releasing data as quickly as possible within the Consortium first and then within the scientific community .
- For any research that would rely wholly or in significant part on MIC data or resources, Consortium Members (defined as parties to the MIC Agreement) are required to discuss their ideas and planned use of materials with all the other members of the MIC. This principle of “no surprises” extends to all new analyses, poster and oral presentations, manuscripts, patents, other tools of the trade or public disclosures of any kind.
- While data originating from MIC that are released to the public domain do not, by definition, have restrictions on their subsequent use, it is preferable that discussions on their proposed uses with groups that contributed those data also precede presentation and publication.
- Among other advantages, benefits of this cooperative approach are expected to include the strengthening and improving of preliminary ideas via discussion with fellow experts, the possibility of attracting additional resources in support of proposed projects, access to larger sample and data sets, better analytical tools, and sharing of complementary skills.
- The release of pre-publication data from large resource-generating scientific projects has been addressed by other large Consortia and was the subject of a meeting held in January 2003, the "[Fort Lauderdale meeting](#)", sponsored by the Wellcome Trust. The report from that meeting can be found at <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/About-us/Policy/Spotlight-issues/Data-sharing/Large-scale-genetics-research/> and is included as an annex to this Charter. MIC members have agreed to follow these data-release principles.
- The Consortium Members agree that Responsible Use of the data is necessary to ensure that first-rate data producers will continue to participate in such projects and produce and quickly release valuable large-scale data sets. "Responsible Use " is defined as allowing the data producers to have the opportunity to publish the initial global analyses of the data, as articulated at the outset of the project. Responsible Use of data also ensures that the data generated are fully described.

Publishing/Autorship and Consortium Approval

- The MIC Consortium has set rules to allow publications concerning Confidential Information, as defined in the MIC Agreement.
 - With regard to publication of MIC Results and other Confidential Information, such as samples or data, each publication, press release, or other document that cites MIC Results and Confidential Information will include an acknowledgement of the MIC as well as a plan for including any MIC members that significantly contributed to the study.
 - All press releases, including those that do not contain Confidential Information, will need to be reviewed and approved by Institut Pasteur, who is the institutional host of the MIC.
 - The MIC recognizes that the data are available to all members for any purpose, subject to the provisions of the MIC Agreement.
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- The MIC encourages Consortium Members to publish results based on combining MIC data with data from other projects, particularly in efforts to find correlations affecting a disease or a vaccine response.
- Typically the authorship/publication plan will be one of the following three options:
 - A full consortium (Type 1) paper or “Consortium experiments” (where data is analyzed across the whole Consortium data set): The Consortium is listed as an author, along with a list of individual contributors made according to the journal’s style preference. The *Milieu Interieur Consortium* is first or last author. (This option must include a suggestion for corresponding author(s).)
 - A partial Consortium (Type 2) paper or “Consortium-derived but member-specific data”: Individual authors are listed. The *Milieu Interieur Consortium* name is included in the author list. In this case, the core paper should be published first.
 - A lab (Type 3) paper or “Investigator-initiated study” acknowledges (in the acknowledgement section) The *Milieu Interieur Consortium*, highlighting the contributions offered.
- For all three options:
 - It must be stated who will take responsibility for the paper.
 - It must be stated that Agence Nationale de la Recherche has funded the MIC Consortium. « This work benefited from support of the French government's Invest in the Future programme. This programme is managed by the Agence Nationale de la Recherche, reference ANR-10-LABX-69-01 »
 - In cases where MIC samples are used, publications are encouraged to acknowledge the study subjects who participated to the *Milieur Intérieur* Cohort, which was approved by the *Comité de Protection des Personnes – Ouest 6* (Committee for the protection of persons) on June 13th, 2012 and by French *Agence nationale de sécurité du médicament* (ANSM) on June 22nd, 2012. The study is sponsored by Institut Pasteur (Pasteur ID-RCB Number: **2012-A00238-35**), and is a single centre interventional study without an investigational product. The protocol was been registered under ClinicalTrials.gov (study# NCT01699893).
 - All the Consortium Members should be informed of the submission of abstracts, publications or other public dissemination using Confidential Information, such as MIC data or samples, at least three (3) weeks before submission.
 - Publications (Type 1 or Type 2) may be delayed if protection by patent is envisaged but the publications shall not be unreasonably delayed, with a maximum delay period being forty-five (45) days.
- For Type 1 and Type 2 papers, the full list of Academic Consortium Members will be cited, according to the policies of the journal or publishing house.
- MIC will develop an acceptable policy for sharing pre-publications results to build synergy across the consortium and encourage « peer advice ».

Publishing/Cost of publication

- Full cost of publication will be covered on MIC budget for Type 1 publications only.

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