

## **CHECKLIST FOR PAPERS USING THE TWIN RESEARCH UNIT RESOURCE (TWINSUK)**

All papers using the DTR twins database (TwinsUK) have to be sent to the DTR steering committee (DTRSC) for approval. We expect to process all papers within two weeks of receipt. We read all papers to check confidentiality is protected; to ensure that the paper will not bring the study into disrepute; to try to identify overlap with other papers published or in preparation. We also provide advice and feedback to authors where we feel this may be helpful. We list below a checklist of requirements for DTR papers along with some accompanying notes either explaining these requirements and/or containing appropriate text to insert. A signed and completed checklist should be included with each paper submitted for approval. Please send to [lynn.cherkas@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:lynn.cherkas@kcl.ac.uk) or [victoria.vazquez@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:victoria.vazquez@kcl.ac.uk)

### **CHECKLIST FOR TRU PAPERS**

- Name of author.....
- Title of paper.....
- DTR contact.....
- I have included DTR study team in the author list
- I have included DTR as a keyword
- I have included an accurate description of the study numbers
- I have included an accurate description of the ethical approval (1)
- I have included an acknowledgements section (2)
- I have returned a copy of the final dataset and analysis files used to my DTR contact (3)
- I will ensure that the paper can be made available on open access (4)
- I will send a copy of the final submitted manuscript and revised versions
- I will let the DTR steering committee know when the paper is accepted for publication
- I will send through a paper and electronic copy of the final paper
- I will liaise with the DTR/KCL public relations team over media coverage (5)
- I will provide a short scientific summary of this paper if required by the DTRSC (6)
  
- Signature..... Date.....

## NOTES

### 1. Ethical approval

All DTR studies are approved by the St Thomas' Hospital Research Ethics Committee and all participating twins provide informed consent. A statement describing this should be included in all papers as shown below:

“Ethical approval for the study was obtained from the St Thomas' Hospital Research Ethics Committee and all participating twins provide informed consent.”

### 2. Acknowledgements section

We have agreed a standard acknowledgements section that should be included as is or in a modified form to fit the journal requirements for all papers:

““We would like to thank the twins for their voluntary contribution to this research project. We would also like to thank the staff of the Department of Twin Research for their help and support in undertaking this project, especially staff in areas such as .....(if only specific area covered). The Wellcome Trust provides core support for DTR. This research was specifically funded by <INSERT DETAILS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECT WHERE APPROPRIATE, including grant number>.”

### 3..Final dataset

Not applicable if in-house analysis used, but otherwise the final analysis dataset used for the research and publication should be returned to your DTR contact.

### 4. Open Access

The Wellcome Trust is now insisting that the results of Wellcome funded research are made freely available to all researchers via PubMed Central (or UKPMC). Individual researchers must ensure that their publisher will agree to this condition.

For further information go to:

<[http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/doc\\_wtd018855.html#P69\\_7666](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/doc_wtd018855.html#P69_7666)>

### 5. Media coverage of DTR publications

Where appropriate we encourage media coverage of DTR papers to raise our profile and in particular to show the twins that our research is producing interesting and valuable findings. Please contact the DTR steering committee or your DTR contact if you know there is going to be a press release or if you have given any press interviews.

### 6. Short scientific summary of the paper

We may ask you to prepare a short summary of your paper that we can include with reports to our funders.