

Publication Guidelines for Tempus Research Partners

This document presents an overview of publication-related policies and guidance for external collaborators and/or clients (“researchers”) working with Tempus data and/or analyses (regardless of Tempus co-authorship). We encourage researchers to develop publications (including conference abstracts, posters/presentations, preprints, or peer-reviewed manuscripts) on insights they obtain through the use of Tempus assays, data, and/or analyses.

While this document aims to give you a simplified overview, publication-related terms in existing contracts will supersede the guidelines enumerated below. ***Please review the following guidelines and reach out to your Tempus point-of-contact to submit your publication for review and ask any further questions.***

Section I: Publication review, timelines, and status updates

Review: In order to ensure scientific accuracy with regard to Tempus methods and analyses, all publications presenting results derived from Tempus data must be reviewed and approved by Tempus prior to submission (regardless of Tempus employee authorship or plans to include data). Publications should be **shared with the Tempus point-of-contact**, who will inform the Tempus Scientific Communications (SciComms) team. The SciComms team will then coordinate Tempus’ internal review and approval process.

Timelines: Tempus strives to provide the quickest review times possible. Since review times vary by nature of the request (e.g. abstract versus manuscript), we **require a minimum of 30 days** to review drafts, provide feedback, and give final approvals. Complying with this standard timeframe helps to ensure timely publication submissions.

Status Updates: Tempus **must be informed** of the status for all publications including any (re-)submissions to journals/conferences and/or subsequent acceptances/rejections. This includes emergent requirements, conflicts, and other unique circumstances. The sooner we know, the better equipped we can be to work through these changes with you.

Section II: Authorship

All publications require appropriate attribution to Tempus in the methods and/or acknowledgments sections.

Researchers are not required to add Tempus employee co-authors to any publication unless previously agreed upon and subject to the Tempus employee fulfilling their obligations as a (co-)author. *Tempus authors must consent* to being named as a (co-)author and publications should follow ICMJE guidelines:

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- Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
- Drafting the work or reviewing it critically for important intellectual content; AND
- Final approval of the version to be published; AND
- Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

The decision to include Tempus co-authors does not alter expectations and timelines with regard to Tempus review and approval of publication content (Section I) or policies regarding data sharing (Section III).

Section III: Data sharing for publication-associated datasets

Sharing Tempus publication-associated data is subject to the specific terms outlined in your contract. Please consult your contract for all applicable restrictions. As a note, Tempus differentiates between summary findings (“aggregated data”) and individual patient and/or sample-level and raw molecular data (“individual-level data”) with respect to how research artifacts can be used.

Restrictions: For all publications (authored or non-authored by Tempus employees), **individual-level data cannot be uploaded to public repositories** given restrictions on the data. Please note that *restrictions on data sharing may impact the publication venue based on individual journal policies*, but Tempus will do its best to work with researchers to facilitate publication.

Tempus review: **Data sharing requests regarding individual-level data must undergo Tempus review.** Review of these data sharing requests may happen concurrently with the 30 day publication review time. As with publication content, addressing any issues that arise may increase timelines, and this issue should be discussed early in the development process.

Please share requests for publication-related data sharing with the Tempus point-of-contact. They will coordinate with the Tempus SciComms team to provide any additional guidelines and facilitate review and approvals. Please note that Tempus will not typically provide pre-emptive guidance on what data we will allow to be shared publicly, as this varies by project. Instead, we ask that researchers propose and compile:

1. The datasets they wish to share
2. The format they wish to share the datasets
3. A justification for sharing the data in order to aid Tempus’ internal review process

Data sharing statements: Journals may require a data sharing statement to appear in manuscripts and the preferred statement accompanying Tempus data is:

“Deidentified data from Tempus used in the research was collected in a real-world health care setting and is subject to controlled access for privacy and proprietary

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reasons.

When possible, derived data supporting the findings of this study have been made available within the paper and its Supplementary Figures/Tables. Restrictions apply to the availability of additional data, which were used under license for this study.”

The above data sharing statement will not be appropriate (and a different data sharing statement should be prepared in conjunction with Tempus guidance) in instances where data was not specifically licensed from Tempus. If a journal deems the data sharing statement insufficient, researchers should coordinate with the Tempus point-of-contact, who will work with the SciComms team to propose updates.

Section IV: Additional considerations

Publication timelines—from initial project development, to publication submission, and ultimate acceptance decisions—are long and may extend to several years. If further resources (e.g., additional analyses, sharing of additional data) are required from Tempus to address reviewer comments and/or facilitate publication acceptance, these resources may incur additional costs.