

BCAC Publications

- 1) Papers based on **approved Concepts presented from the current round** (round 34, due 30th April, 2023) **or later that only request iCOGS or OncoArray data and only “core” phenotype variables** (see Concept Form template) will require no (zero) BCAC authors.

Note that this relaxation of the authorship requirements does not apply to:

- a. Papers based on Concepts approved up to and including round 33 (just closed), no matter what data was requested – although the DACC will consider requests to reduce authorship requirement where only COGS or OncoArray data and only “core” phenotype variables are used.
- b. Papers based on:
 - i. BRIDGES or B-CAST data
 - ii. CONFLUENCE data (once available)
- c. Papers based on:
 - i. extended risk factor data
 - ii. pathology data
 - iii. TMA project data
 - iv. survival data
 - v. treatment data, or
 - vi. mammographic density data

For a, b and c. above, default authorship requirements remain:

- for **pre-defined “main” papers**: up to 4 authors per study contributing data.
- for **all other papers**: up to 2 authors per study contributing data (up to 4 authors for studies contributing >3,000 cases).

Where BCAC authors are required on a manuscript:

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