

## Publication agreement

Copies of this agreement should be kept by PhD student and other signatories



### Background

The majority of potential papers in PhD theses are published before or soon after the PhD defence. The purpose of this contract is to help ensure that a higher proportion of the publishable content of any PhD theses is ultimately published in peer-reviewed international journals. This is in everybody's interest, but a certain body of the research is never published for various reasons not least because the PhD student obtains new employment and no longer has the time to complete.

### Issues

As a starting point the PhD student has the right to own data and to authorship of articles based on this data, ideas and analyses in accordance with the Vancouver rules. However, an issue which can arise and complicates publication is that the PhD student's contribution to a study may be insufficient to warrant independent publication but may require further work. Where a conflict can arise is where the work is essentially publishable in a low ranking journal but can contribute in part to a much better article to a higher ranking journal. Such issues must be resolved between the PhD student and co-authors with the agreement of the departmental management.

### Recommendations

Our recommendation is that the PhD student and supervisor(s) or the research group make a flexible contract using this form at the stage of the status seminar which obliges both parties to aim for publication and ensures that the supervisor(s) or the research group has the right and obligation to do so within a sensible time frame. At the time of PhD defence the contract should be revised according to the status of the manuscript at that time.

This form should be completed separately for each potential manuscript and the form should be endorsed after the defence.

**1. General information**

Name:  UCPH user id:   
Or date of birth

Department:  Principal supervisor:

**2. Date of release for manuscript and data**

*The PhD student agrees to release responsibility for publication of results to the supervisors if publication has not been achieved within a mutually agreed time period after the PhD defence*

Manuscript provisional title, potential authors and journal aimed for:

Is the manuscript in the thesis intended for publication in essentially its present form? Is further experimental data needed? How much work is envisaged?

Date of release from PhD student to supervisor(s)

Deadline for supervisor(s) to present a draft for the paper

**Signatures**

*Endorsement at PhD defence (add extra lines as necessary).*

Has this manuscript been submitted for publication?  Yes  No

Has this manuscript been published?  Yes  No

**PhD student:**

Date:  Name:  Signature:

**Principal supervisor:**

Date:  Name:  Signature:

**Collaborator(s):**

Date:  Name:  Signature:

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