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Publication Presentation Policy Procedures

The current Publication Presentation Policy Procedures are summarising the decision taken during the May 2009 Scientific Committee meeting (updated in February 2012).

Such Publication Presentation Policy Procedures have to be accepted by the principal investigator in charge of a project endorsed or accepted by the scientific committee before any access to the research material.

Such procedures include the following items:

1. Accept that one member of the scientific committee will be the "mentor" of the project. This mentor will be integrated not only in the team in charge of the conduct/analysis of the project but also in the writing of the manuscript. Because of this, he will be integrated in the list of co-authors. The rank of the mentor in the list of co-authors is under the decision of the principal investigator of the project.

2. Refer to the acronym DESIR in the title or the sub-title of any publication. In case the policy of the journal does not accept such procedure, refer to the acronym DESIR in the abstract of the publication.

3. Submit the draft of the manuscript to the president of the DESIR scientific committee at least 2 weeks before the submission to the targeted journal. In the absence of answer within 2 weeks after the submission of the manuscript to the DESIR Scientific Committee", the project principal investigator is allowed to submit the manuscript to the targeted journal.

4. Inform the president of the DESIR scientific committee of the status of the manuscript at least 6 months after the submission OR every 6 months (i.e., before each DESIR Scientific Committee meeting) until the publication of the manuscript.

5. Provide to the president of the DESIR Scientific Committee an electronic reprint of the manuscript once published

6. Acknowledge in the "Acknowledgements section" the participating investigator centers, the sponsor (AP-HP) but also the French Society of Rheumatology. The current proposal is to use the following sentences: "*The DESIR cohort is conducted under the control of Assistance Publique-Hopitaux de Paris via the Clinical Research Unit Paris-Centre and under the*

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7. Acknowledge in the manuscript (Section Methods) in case of specific use of the biological centralized material "One biological resources centre (Paris Bichat, Joëlle Benessiano) was in charge of centralising and managing biological data collection".

8. Insert in the reference list the first published manuscript which describes the methodology and the main baseline characteristics of the patient.

9. Concerning the presentation policy procedure, it is highly recommended
    - to insert the logo of DESIR in any poster presenting data from DESIR,
    - to use the DESIR background slide in any oral presentation of the project.

10. The ClinicalTrials.gov ID NCT01648907 has to be mentioned in the manuscript.