



Project Title: Ward AdmiSsion of Haematuria: an Observational mUlticentre sTudy (WASHOUT)

Authorship Agreement

WASHOUT Authorship Rules

- All academic output from the study (e.g. publications, abstracts and presentations) shall acknowledge the BURST collaborative group for delivering the study and cite this paper:

Kasivisvanathan V, Ahmed H, Cashman S, et al. The British Urology Researchers in Surgical Training (BURST) Research Collaborative: an alternative research model for carrying out large scale multi-centre urological studies. BJU Int 2018;121(1):6–9.

- ‘The WASHOUT Study group’ or equivalent will be included in the main authorship line of any academic output from the study.

Pubmed indexed collaborative authorship

- All collaborators who meet the minimum study requirements (see separate document) shall be included as a PubMed Indexed Collaborator author in all publications arising from the study. We will prefer journals where collaborative authorship can be listed according to specific contributions as per the paper cited above.

Main authorship line

- The main authorship line will consist of the study steering group who have contributed in a significant way to the project (i.e. their role in the publication is substantial and easily identifiable).
- Any collaborators who have contributed significantly to the writing, editing or review of any paper from the WASHOUT study will be included in the main authorship line.
- Their position in the authorship line will depend on their contribution to the project and writing of the paper.
- Sites contributing the highest number of records will be invited to manuscript writing teams and will be added to the main author line as appropriate and decided by the WASHOUT Steering Group.
- The final decision of mainline authorship will be at the discretion of the BURST senior committee.

Sites with the highest patient recruitment

- Apart from the steering committee, additional collaborators included on the main authorship line will be invited from the highest recruiting sites.
- The number of the highest recruiting sites that can be included on the main author line will be decided by the study steering committee.
- When a site is recognised as a high contributor and invited to the main author line, only one collaborator from that site would typically be recognised and this must be determined by the site themselves. If there is any dispute regarding the final decision, this will be resolved by the lead collaborator at that site. It is also possible that different collaborators from sites are nominated for the main author line on different papers.

Primary papers

- The main papers from the WASHOUT study (those addressing the primary and main secondary outcomes) will be written by the study leads and edited by the BURST committee.

Data request for secondary papers

- National coordinators are invited to request the data for their country from BURST to review their outcomes, and are encouraged to publish/present their data regionally or nationally.
- Any country-specific submissions (including all abstracts, articles and manuscripts) must be reviewed by the BURST committee before submission.

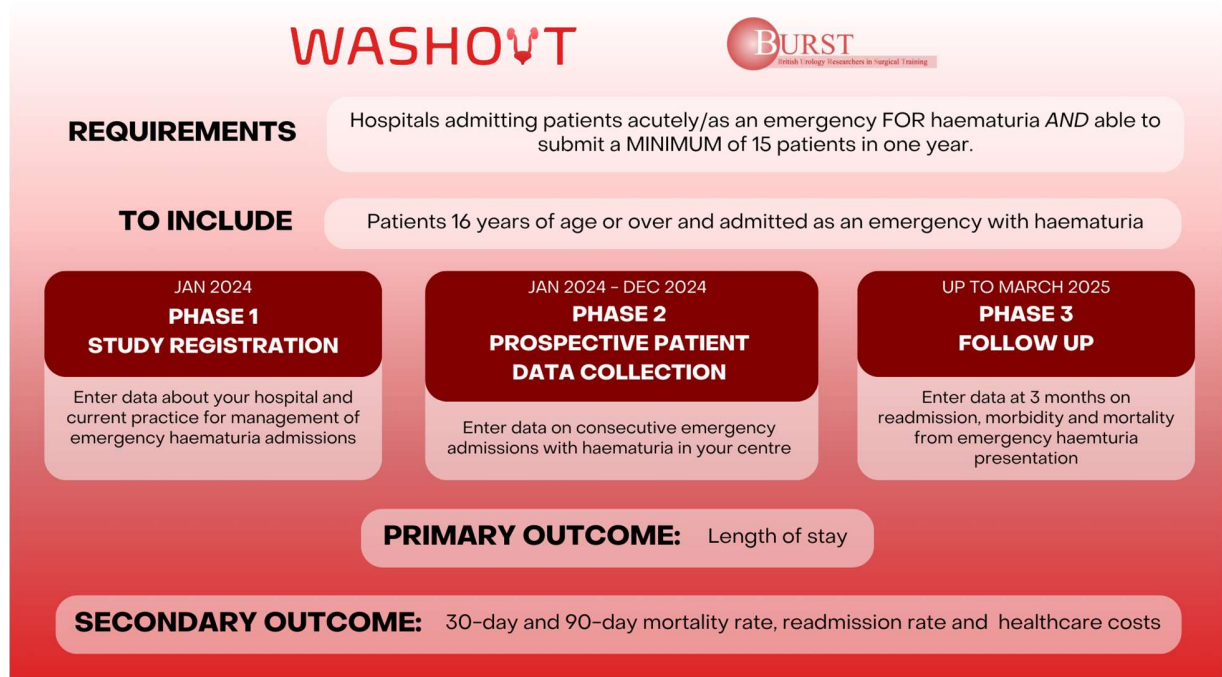
Breach of conduct

- Publications submitted without BURST approval or appropriate authorship recognition will be asked to withdraw from journals and may be referred to local institutional review board or ethics committee for breach of this agreement.

Specific recruitment requirements for collaborative authorship in the WASHOUT study

- Each site must submit 15 prospective cases as a minimum.
- If you meet this minimum requirement it will allow 1 collaborator and a supervising consultant/ attending to gain pubmed indexed collaborative authorship.
- For each additional collaborator an additional 10 prospective cases will be required.
- We encourage sites where this medical presentation is high volume to collect more than the minimum number of patients as this will lead to a bigger and more powerful study. We will specifically state the numbers of patients recruited by each site in the appendix of the main paper so there will be published recognition of your efforts.
- There will be a lead collaborator at each site (who could be the supervising consultant or another team member), they can register any additional collaborators at their site and will be responsible for the overall delivery of the study at their site.

Below is a diagram explaining these rules, and a table with examples of author numbers and case requirements.



We encourage you to submit more than the minimum because:

1. The data will be more meaningful for your own quality improvement purposes
2. You can add more authors
3. You have more chance of being a top recruiter and therefore being invited for additional benefits (based on recruitment rank) such as:
 - a. Main line authorship
 - b. Co-writing manuscripts
 - c. Presentation of the study results at conference