

HARTWIG MEDICAL FOUNDATION – PUBLICATION POLICY

This Publication Policy was most recently updated as per 1 September 2026. Hartwig may amend this Publication Policy from time to time.

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Publication Policy, the following terms which are listed in alphabetical order, and which shall be identifiable by the use of (initial) capital letters, shall have the following meanings:

Agreement: the agreement between Institution and Hartwig for the access of Hartwig Data from the Hartwig Medical Database, of which this Publication Policy forms an integral part.

Applicant: the individual requesting Hartwig Data from the Hartwig Medical Database.

CPCT: Center of Personalized Cancer Treatment.

Hartwig: Stichting Hartwig Medical Foundation, a foundation dedicated to improving care for patients with cancer by, among others, making data available for research.

Hartwig Data: any data included in the Hartwig Medical Database.

Hartwig Medical Database: the collection of clinical and genetic data of cancer patients (including any updates, additions and modifications thereto) compiled, facilitated and maintained by Hartwig, and which is systematically and methodically arranged and individually accessible by electronic means, and in respect of which a substantial investment has been made by Hartwig in obtaining, verifying and/or presenting its contents.

Institution: the party (or in case of a multi-center request: parties) who is a contractual party to the Agreement.

ICMJE: the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors.

Publication: any publication or other form of communication of results, including but not limited to articles, abstracts, presentations, reports or other outputs that is based on, involves and/or mentions Hartwig Data obtained from the Hartwig Medical Database.

Publication Policy: this publication policy, as amended from time to time.

Principal Investigator: the relevant principal investigator of a Research Project.

Researcher(s): the individual(s) involved in conducting the Research Project and authorized to access and use the Hartwig Data, including the Applicant where the Applicant itself is involved in the Research Project.

Research Project: the research project that involves the use of Hartwig Data.

2. Purpose and Scope

- 2.1 Hartwig is a non-profit organization with the mission to improve cancer patient care. We support treatment decisions through a combination of innovative software, clinical data analyses, and molecular diagnostics. This enables patients to timely receive the right treatment while generating valuable data that supports research and the continuous improvement of care.
- 2.2 Hartwig is committed to facilitating cancer research. This Publication Policy ensures recognition of the contributions of patients, Hartwig and its collaborators, and thereby the patients who made their data available for research.
- 2.3 This Publication Policy applies to any Publication that is based on, involves and/or mentions Hartwig Data obtained from the Hartwig Medical Database and/or any statistical information based on Hartwig Data from the Hartwig Medical Database.
- 2.4 Any Applicant and/or Researcher(s) that is allowed to access and use any Hartwig Data from the Hartwig Medical Database and/or has obtained statistical information based on the Hartwig Data, shall comply with this Publication Policy regarding any Publication.

3. Publication Requirements

- 3.1 A Publication shall not include any Hartwig Data in original or raw form, but only research information and/or statistical information that were compiled by using the Hartwig Data. Institution acknowledges and agrees that in any event a Publication shall not contain any personal data, nor shall Institution attempt to identify, or assist any third party in identifying, any individual from the Hartwig Data.
- 3.2 Institution is not allowed to provide the Hartwig Data in original or raw form to any third party in connection with a Publication for purposes of verification, review or any other purpose. Any party that wishes to receive access to the Hartwig Data in original or raw form for purposes of verifying the results of the Research Project shall be referred to Hartwig.

4. Acknowledgements

- 4.1 Institution acknowledges that the Hartwig Medical Database and the Hartwig Data contain data obtained from collaborators such as medical institutions, medical centers and/or research or studies performed by third parties and agrees to properly acknowledge the contribution of these medical institutions/centers or other third parties.
- 4.2 Hartwig and its partners' efforts should be acknowledged in any Publication as the entity from which the Hartwig Data and/or the statistical information based on the Hartwig Data using the following statements:

In the data/methods section:

All underlying data used in this study that falls under access control is available from Hartwig Medical Database [DOI:] approved by the independent data access board of Hartwig Medical

Foundation and shared under DAR-XX [DAR specific DOI:XX]. The clinical and genomic data stored in the Hartwig Medical Database are collected with consent for research and data linkage with the Netherlands Cancer Registry (NCR).

Note: the DOIs should be included as a regular citation.

In the acknowledgements section:

We acknowledge, Hartwig Medical Foundation, Dutch hospitals, the Center of Personalized Cancer Treatment, the Netherlands Cancer Institute (Antoni van Leeuwenhoek hospital) and Netherlands Comprehensive Cancer Organisation (IKNL) for data collection and sharing.

- 4.3 The Institution shall contact the Principal Investigator in an early phase of the preparation of the Publication and the Institution shall provide the Principal Investigator with a copy of the proposed Publication at least 2 weeks prior to publication of the Publication (for example prior to submission to a peer-reviewed journal or online publication).
- 4.4 In case a Publication refers to specific ID's in the Hartwig Medical Database, the Institution and the Principal Investigator shall ensure that the Hartwig pseudonyms will be used to minimise privacy risks, using the following format: H000001 for molecular data or D000001 for patient/clinical data.
- 4.5 The Institution agrees to discuss and process any comments or questions of the Principal Investigator regarding the use of the Hartwig Data in good faith.

5. Ethical Standards on Publications and Authorship

- 5.1 Institution shall comply with the recognized ethical standards concerning publications and authorship, including the Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals established by the ICMJE.
- 5.2 Specifically, Institution shall comply with the applicable standards, guidelines and best practices regarding the use and disclosure of AI-assisted technologies in the writing, editing or preparation of Publications, including, without limitation, relevant guidance incorporated in the Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals established by the ICMJE¹.

6. Post-Publication Requirements

- 6.1 Institution shall provide Hartwig with a copy of a Publication within 1 month after the official date of publication.

7. Miscellaneous

- 7.1 Institution acknowledges that Hartwig may use AI-assisted technologies to support the internal review and procedures related to any Publications, for example to check compliance with this Publication Policy.

¹ The official and most current document is freely available to the public on the ICMJE website: <https://www.icmje.org/recommendations/>.

- 7.2 Adherence to this Publication Policy is a responsibility of any Institution, Applicant and/or Researcher(s) allowed to access and use any Hartwig Data from the Hartwig Medical Database and/or who has obtained statistical information based on the Hartwig Data, and failure to comply with this Publication Policy will be considered a breach under the Agreement by Institution.
- 7.3 In case of questions regarding this Publication Policy, Hartwig may be contacted at dataaccess@hartwigmedicalfoundation.nl.