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In all cases, writing group opportunities will be offered to individuals meeting criteria for authorship as outlined above.

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	Tertiary Methodology papers that use study data and Single-Site Substudies	Secondary papers that use study data (e.g., papers that pool data across multiple studies)	Study Protocols and all papers coming out of a particular study (e.g., secondary aims; secondary analyses using data from one study)	Main results papers
Criteria for corporate authorship	N/A	Involved in writing the study grant, protocol, and/or measurement plan....	...plus EITHER scientific contributions in developing or operationalizing an aspect of the study. OR High level managerial work for the overall study...	... plus participated in study development, maintenance, enrollment, follow up, data management, and analysis as part of job responsibilities.
Authors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Writing group determined on case by case basis and approved by Pubs Comm - "And/or METRC" (but no corp author listing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study PI - Study Co-PI - Other Key Investigators - MCC PI - Project Director - Study Statistician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study PI/Co-PI - Other Key Investigators - MCC PI - Project Director - Study Statistician - Protocol Committee Members - Site PIs - Key RCs/staff at PI site - Study Manger - Study analyst - Other MCC faculty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study PI/Co-PI - Other Key Investigators - MCC PI - Project Director - Study Statistician - Protocol Committee Members - Site PIs - Key RCs/staff at PI site - Study Manger - Study analyst - Other MCC faculty - All participating site AIs and RCs - Other MCC staff (e.g., IT staff, RAs) - Staff with substantial involvement in conducting lab work, building infrastructure, etc.