

Columbia LINCS Center Publication Guidelines

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The Columbia LINCS Centers

The Columbia LINCS Computational and Experimental Centers, and any future/continuing Columbia LINCS projects, are part of the [LINCS Consortium](http://www.lincsproject.org/) (<http://www.lincsproject.org/>). They participate in the computational and experimental screening of candidate drug compounds against a variety of cell types, and using a variety of methods and assays. Data from the Columbia LINCS Centers may be made available prior to publication, including through the LINCS Query and Display Component in geWorkbench (www.geworkbench.org), the Columbia LINCS Data Portal, or through other modes of dissemination (e.g. website). The guidelines below explain how such data may be used and any restrictions on publications by others based on unpublished Columbia LINCS data.

The following publication guidelines are based directly on current [TCGA Publication Guidelines](http://cancergenome.nih.gov/publications/publicationguidelines) (version of Sept. 13, 2013), which can be seen here: <http://cancergenome.nih.gov/publications/publicationguidelines>.

Use of Columbia LINCS Data in Publications Prior to Initial Columbia/LINCS Analysis Publication

The Columbia LINCS Centers do not consider the deposition of data into the Columbia LINCS Data Portal as the equivalent of publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Therefore, although the data are available to others, the producers consider these data as unpublished and expect that the data will be used in accord with standard scientific etiquette and practices concerning unpublished data.

Specifically, both LINCS and non-LINCS investigators using Columbia LINCS data that have not met a freedom-to-publish criterion per LINCS policy are asked to provide the Columbia LINCS Centers with an abstract summarizing the findings and use of Columbia LINCS data. Authors will receive feedback on whether the Columbia LINCS Centers request that the findings be submitted in coordination with any Columbia LINCS paper or whether the submission can occur independent of a Columbia LINCS publication. This assessment may also apply to submission of manuscripts to journal editors. This request can be made via email to Seema Dhindaw at sd2751@c2b2.columbia.edu.

Please check the website http://wiki.c2b2.columbia.edu/workbench/index.php/LINCS_Query for specific information about publication status of Columbia LINCS data.

Use of Columbia LINCS Data for Research Purposes other than Publication

There are no restrictions on the use of Columbia LINCS data for legitimate research purposes not involving publication or public presentation. For example, researchers may use Columbia LINCS data in research grant applications or proposals at any time, regardless of whether the initial Columbia LINCS analysis has been published.

LINCS Program Attribution in Publications and Presentations

Columbia LINCS requests that authors who use data from the Columbia LINCS Centers acknowledge the LINCS program and the Columbia LINCS Centers in their work by properly referencing the Columbia LINCS dataset. Inclusion of the LINCS program or the Columbia LINCS Centers in the authorship list is not required. However, collaborators seeking to add Columbia LINCS researchers or the LINCS Network to the list of authors should share the manuscript with the Columbia LINCS Center for approval prior to submission. Manuscripts may be submitted to Seema Dhindaw at sd2751@c2b2.columbia.edu for review. Authors are also encouraged to recognize the contribution of the appropriate research groups via the acknowledgements section in their publication. Similarly, the Columbia LINCS Center requests that journal editors and reviewers attempt to ascertain if the Columbia LINCS Centers are cited and if appropriate acknowledgements are made.