

LIFE Study Guidance for the End of Study Publications Process.

With the end of the LIFE Study on November 30, 2017, support for data analysis from DMAQ will also come to an end as will the support for the study's P&P process. The purpose of this note is two-fold: 1. to encourage those with an outstanding analysis proposal to work quickly to complete their work while resources are still available, and 2. to outline how the P&P process will work going forward.

### **1. The Current P&P Process is Ending**

**a. The P&P process is now closed to new analysis plans.** The study resources will be devoted to wrapping up work that is currently in the DMAQC and P&P queues. We expect that there are sufficient resources to wrap-up the manuscripts currently in the system, but priority will be given to those manuscripts furthest along in the publications process.

b. The writing groups of all analysis plans currently in the system should expect to follow current P&P procedures, even if the final versions of the manuscripts are completed after November 30<sup>th</sup>. The P&P committee has volunteered to provide final review and approval to completed manuscripts until at least June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018.

c. Papers that were submitted to a journal before November 30<sup>th</sup> but, based on peer-review, require additional analyses should expect to have help from DMAQC for requested revisions in most circumstances.

### **2. Future Publications Process**

a. At some time in the future, LIFE study data will be available as public access datasets directly from the NIA web-site. Our current best guess is that this will happen in the summer of 2018. At that time, investigators will be free to download data and pursue analyses according to the instructions / policies posted on the site. We will update the group as more information on this becomes available. We ask that LIFE investigators taking advantage of these resources inform other LIFE investigators about planned manuscripts to avoid duplicate publications and overlap.

### **3. Interim P&P process - Avoiding gaps in study productivity. The P&P recommends the following process for new proposals initiated after August 2017 until the public access datasets are available.**

a. The DMAQC will distribute DVDs with final de-identified LIFE datasets to the site PIs to support analyses at the sites. Site PIs will be responsible that analyses using LIFE data are in compliance with local IRB rules.

**b. We encourage all LIFE investigators and collaborators to continue to follow the spirit of the LIFE P&P process.** Specifically, if new ideas are developed, we ask that an e-mail be circulated with the title of the planned paper along with a statement of the research question and what data will be used giving the LIFE site PIs a chance to nominate investigators from their sites as collaborators. We also expect that initiating authors will respect the feedback received during this process.

c. There will be no formal LIFE review of analysis plans or presentations, but all authors should be sure to include the official acknowledgement list that is available through the P&P section of the LIFE web-site, including the funding sources for the study.