

A tool to help you assess your publication potential – for current or future research



Please read each statement, then rate how strongly you agree or disagree (tick the circle)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
1. My research focuses on an important question	<input type="radio"/>				
2. My research is novel	<input type="radio"/>				
3. My research can be trusted	<input type="radio"/>				
4. I can report my research clearly and concisely	<input type="radio"/>				
5. I have the time and skills required to publish my research	<input type="radio"/>				
6. I have chosen a journal that is likely to be interested in my research	<input type="radio"/>				
7. I have read, understood, and can meet the journal's Instructions to Authors	<input type="radio"/>				

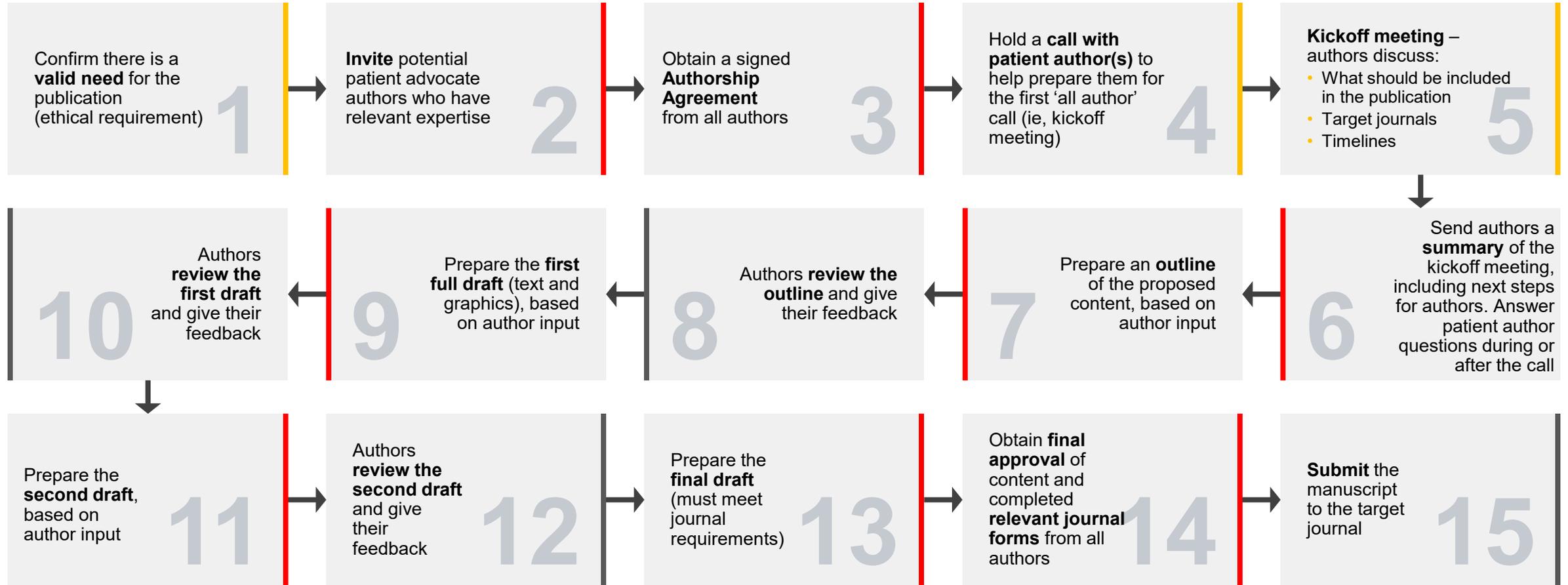
Process for preparing a publication



Time estimate – about 6 months from **starting** the publication process

■ Author/writer task ■ Author task ■ Writer task

If a professional medical writer is not available, authors will need to complete the writer's tasks



Have you dedicated enough time to prepare your publication?

Checklist: Evidence-based recommendations for successful patient authorship¹ – share with research teams



Before manuscript preparation

1. Ideally, **involve patients in the question formulation stage** (eg, involve patients in publication planning to ensure publications address unmet needs that are relevant and important to patients)
2. **Identify patient author candidates** who are interested in contributing, have relevant expertise (eg, lived experience), and can meet authorship criteria (ie, no guest authorship); document consented contact details for patient authors in publication management software
3. Clarify and **document author and contributor roles and responsibilities** (eg, signed authorship agreements should help ensure expectations are clear and understood; patient involvement should be substantial; archive signed agreements)
4. **Ensure support for patient authors** from nonpatient authors, especially the primary author and publication guarantor
5. **Appoint a designated contact person for patient authors** to reach out to with queries (eg, a Certified Medical Publication Professional who has publication expertise, project knowledge, and time to support patient authors)
6. **Identify relevant publication and patient involvement guidelines** that will be followed (eg, CONSORT, GRIPP2, GPP3)
7. **Check that funding facilitates patient author involvement** (eg, upfront payment of travel expenses for author meetings and conference presentations, translator fees if necessary)
8. **Prepare a publication timeline** that facilitates patient author involvement (eg, early delivery of materials to review; contingency time for unexpected unavailability – illness, employment, other commitments)
9. Consider **providing a publication induction guide and training for patient authors** (eg, plain language summary of GPP3, glossary of publication terms, overview of publication process)
10. Consider how to proactively and systematically **evaluate the effect of patient involvement** (eg, document feedback via publication management software; administer patient authorship experience tools)



Before you start your research and before you start writing, please consider and share these recommendations with your team. Try to answer 'yes' to as many as possible!