

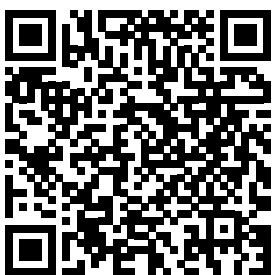
SWAT DISSEMINATION

Prompt publication of SWAT findings is crucial to enable researchers to have up-to-date evidence to assess relevant recruitment or retention strategies.

Publication of results may allow for a meta-analysis to be undertaken to provide a statistically powered assessment of the evidence, thus expanding the current, limited evidence base.

Writing up a SWAT publication

- The findings of a SWAT may be detailed within the host trial publication or in a standalone dedicated publication.
- For timely & detailed dissemination of SWAT results, it may be beneficial to publish them as a standalone publication to prevent delays in making their results public.
- Publishing the results of the SWAT before the main trial publication should not be problematic as SWATs will rarely compromise any host trial publications.
- SWAT Reporting Guidelines have been developed to help to facilitate easy publication of findings. These are currently available on request from: trial-forge-swat-centre@york.ac.uk



Identifying a journal that will publish a SWAT

- Reporting SWATs in platforms such as **F1000 Research** can be a simpler, and quicker, alternative to traditional journals. This platform has set up a SWAT collection.
- The costs of platform publication are often calculated based on word count and so may also offer an affordable alternative for open-access publication.
- Some journals have previously published a number of SWATs and so may be more likely to accept SWAT reports.
- SWATs might be reported in a preprint server whilst under review by a conventional journal.
- SWAT publications which summarise a larger body of work, i.e., a meta-analysis of several SWATs in an area, may be accepted by larger journals.

Accessing funds to disseminate SWATs

- Depending on the funding of the host trial there may be options to fund open access publication e.g., NIHR Open Access Funding.
- Where funding is not available, it may be helpful to consider academic institutional arrangements with journals for fee free publication.