CHECKLIST FOR PAPERS BASED ON
THE NORWEGIAN MOTHER AND CHILD COHORT STUDY (MoBa)

All papers using MoBa data and biological material must be sent to MoBa for approval. This is not a scientific review, but the manuscript will be revised to protect confidentiality as needed; to ensure that MoBa is described correctly and that mandatory references are included; and that the analyses are in accordance to the stated research questions of the collaboration agreement. MoBa will provide advice and feedback to authors where they feel this may be helpful. The NIPH and MoBa do not take responsibility for the scientific content of the manuscript.

Below is a checklist of requirements for MoBa manuscripts along with accompanying notes either explaining these requirements and/or containing the appropriate text for insertion. Our goal is to evaluate all papers within two weeks. A signed and completed checklist should be included with each paper submitted for approval to dataaccess@fhi.no.

CHECKLIST FOR MoBa PAPERS (please fill in electronically)
Name of author(s):
Title of paper:
MoBa project no.:
Data Version of MoBa File used:
I have analysed the research questions described in the collaboration agreement
I have a Norwegian co-worker
The paper is within the general aim of MoBa (1)
I have included an acknowledgements section (3)
I have included the standard text of MoBa in both Abstract and Material and Methods (4)
I have included the appropriate reference(s) for the MoBa Study (5)
I will include MoBa and/or The Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study as keywords (6)
I have returned the syntax file that I have used to MorBarnData@fhi.no (7)
I have not published the effect(s) of confounder/covariate variables (8)
I will let MoBa know when the paper is accepted for publication (9)
I will send an electronic copy of the final paper (10)
I will co-operate with MoBa about media coverage (11)
I will provide a short popular summary of this paper, if required (11)

Signature: ________________________________________________________________

Date/Place: ______________________________________________________________

*References for approvals obtained for MoBa;
The Norwegian Data Inspectorate (01/4325)
The Regional Committee for Medical Research Ethics (S-97045, S-95113)
NOTES

1. **General aim of MoBa**
   The enrolled families have consented to participate in the MoBa cohort study. The paper must be within the aim of the study, which is to find causes of diseases. Additional aims are to detect early signs of diseases and to describe the development of diseases. A broader discussion of aims and methods is given in Magnus P et al. Cohort profile: The Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study. Int J Epidemiol 2006; 35: 1146-50 and Magnus P et al. Cohort Profile Update: The Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study. Int J Epidemiol 2016; 1-7.

2. **Title**
   It is preferable that The Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study are included in the title, or the sub title of the publication.

3. **Acknowledgements section**
   MoBa prefers that the author includes an acknowledgement section regarding our funders and thanks to the participating families who have contributed with data and biological specimens. The suggested text can be included as is or in a modified form;

   *The Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study are supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services and the Ministry of Education and Research, NIH/NIEHS (contract no N01-ES-75558), NIH/NINDS (grant no.1 U01 NS 047537-01 and grant no.2 U01 NS 047537-06A1). We are grateful to all the participating families in Norway who take part in this on-going cohort study.*

4. **Suggested standard text of MoBa for use in “Abstract” and “Material and Methods”**
   **Abstract:** This study is based on the Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study (MoBa).

   **Material and Methods:** The Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study (MoBa) is a prospective population-based pregnancy cohort study conducted by the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. Participants were recruited from all over Norway from 1999-2008. The women consented to participation in 41% of the pregnancies. The cohort now includes 114,500 children, 95,200 mothers and 75,200 fathers. The current study is based on version (to be filled in) of the quality-assured data files released for research on (to be filled in).

   **If blood samples were used in the current study:**
   *Blood samples were obtained from both parents during pregnancy and from mothers and children (umbilical cord) at birth.*

   **Approvals:**
   The establishment and data collection in MoBa has obtained a licence from the Norwegian Data Inspectorate and approval from The Regional Committee for Medical Research Ethics

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The Regional Committee for Medical Research Ethics (S-97045, S-95113)
The current study was approved by The Regional Committee for Medical Research Ethics (to be filled in)

5. References for MoBa


If biological material is used: Liv Paltiel, Anita Haugan, Trine Skjerden, Kari Harbak, Siri Bækken, Nina Kristin Stensrud, Gun Peggy Knudsen and Per Magnus. The biobank of the Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study – present status *Nor J Epidemiol* 2014; 24 (1-2): 29-35


Other available publications about MoBa, if relevant:


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The Regional Committee for Medical Research Ethics (S-97045, S-95113)
6. **Keywords**
To ensure that the study is identified in scientific papers as being based on data and biological material from MoBa, the MoBa prefers that the author uses the acronym MoBa and The Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study as keywords.

7. **The syntax file used in the manuscript**
The manuscript must be accompanied by a syntax file showing how the study population was selected and how the main variables were defined. The syntax will only be used to reproduce the results or to comment on them in a letter to the editor of the journal in which the manuscript is published. The syntax shall be sent to MorBarnData@fhi.no including project title, MoBa reference number as well as the manuscript title. Stored syntax files will be treated confidentially, and cannot be distributed to others without a written permission from the sub-study PI.

8. **Confounder effects**
MoBa has a restrictive policy when it comes to publishing the direct effects of confounding variables, in order to avoid infringement on other sub-studies. Such information should not be published, but can be submitted to referees/editors if required.

9. **The final paper**
Once your paper is accepted for publication, please send a copy of the manuscript in PDF format to mobaadm@fhi.no.

10. **Media coverage of MoBa publications**
MoBa encourages media coverage of MoBa papers where it is appropriate to increase knowledge of the study as well as to show the participating families and other relevant target groups that the study generates valuable results. All contact with the journalists should be based on results accepted for publication in scientific journals, or as printed abstracts at scientific conferences, and it should be made clear that the results are from The Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study. If you want assistance with media relations, please contact MoBa’s communication officer. Please send a copy of the press release or media coverage to MoBaadm@fhi.no. Press releases can be made public on the NIPH website www.fhi.no/moba together with the publication list of MoBa papers.

11. **Brief popular science summary of the accepted article**
MoBa may request you to make a brief popular summary of the paper to be used for communication and dissemination purposes and send it to mobaadm@fhi.no (if required).

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