

Guidelines for publication of research results using HUNT-data

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How to refer to The HUNT Study in publications

HUNT shall be rendered visible in the Methods section and in the title of a publication and the institutes that have contributed to data gathering must be acknowledged. (text suggestions below).

HUNT should be mentioned in the following way in acronyms and abbreviations:

A) Publications including solely HUNT data:

“The HUNT Study” must be part of the title (as long as a journal does not object to this explicitly)

This goes for all publications, regardless of wave of data gathering or adult / Young-HUNT.

B) For publications using HUNT data together with other data sources: whenever possible HUNT should be mentioned in the title, but if this is not possible, HUNT should be mentioned in the Methods section.

C) HUNT should always be mentioned as a keyword when possible

D) HUNT must always be mentioned in acknowledgements / supplement or another suitable place such that it will be clear that HUNT-data are used.

Furthermore:

The correct English term is “The HUNT Study”.

In text in an article, “The HUNT Study” may be abbreviated to “HUNT”, e.g. “Data from HUNT show...”

The different waves of data gathering shall be called “survey”: “The HUNT1 Survey”, “The HUNT2 Survey” etc. No space should be inserted between HUNT and the number.

“The Young-HUNT Study” is the correct name for the combined data set of Young-HUNT, “The Young-HUNT1 Survey” is the correct name for data gathered in wave 1 and so on.

Sub studies in HUNT must be written separately from HUNT, either as a study in “HUNT” or as a word added to HUNT. Examples:

- ”The lung study in HUNT”
- ”The HUNT lung study”.

The construction of new acronyms when reporting on HUNT-data should be avoided.

The above mentioned requirements are the same for Norwegian publications, with these differences: HUNT is to be called “HUNT” or “Helseundersøkelsen i Nord-Trøndelag (HUNT)”. Different waves of data gathering shall be called HUNT1 HUNT2 etc.

Furthermore:

Ung-HUNT (all of Young-HUNT taken together)

Ung-HUNT1, Ung-HUNT2 etc (different waves of data gathering in Young-HUNT)

Sub study example: “lungestudien i HUNT”/Ung-HUNT

Acknowledgements

All publications using HUNT-data, this being from The HUNT1 Survey, the HUNT2 Survey, The HUNT3 Survey, The Young-HUNT1 Survey, The Young-HUNT2 Survey, The Young-HUNT3 Survey, or sub studies, must mention the following units / institutes when describing the origin of the data or methods of the study, or, if no other place is available, in the acknowledgements:

- HUNT Research Centre
- The Faculty of Medicine, NTNU
- Nord-Trøndelag County Council
- Central Norway Regional Health Authority
- Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Text suggestion for acknowledgements

Norwegian: Helseundersøkelsen i Nord-Trøndelag (HUNT) er et samarbeidsprosjekt mellom HUNT forskningscenter (Det medisinske fakultet, Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet NTNU), Nord-Trøndelag fylkeskommune, Helse Midt-Norge og Nasjonalt folkehelseinstitutt.

English: The Nord-Trøndelag Health Study (The HUNT Study) is a collaboration between HUNT Research Centre (Faculty of Medicine, Norwegian University of Science and Technology NTNU), Nord-Trøndelag County Council, Central Norway Health Authority, and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health.

Policy for accessibility of data for reviewing purposes

Some open access journals require that the data on which a study is based be transferred to an outside data repository in order to decrease potential medical/scientific fraud. For HUNT data the following applies (text which can be used in answer to such requests):

The Nord-Trøndelag Health Study (HUNT) has invited persons aged 13 - 100 years to three surveys between 1994 and 2008, and is by now planning a new survey (HUNT4) in 2017. Comprehensive data from more than 125,000 persons having participated at least once and biological material from 78,000 persons are collected. The data are stored in HUNT databank and biological material in HUNT biobank. HUNT Research Centre has been given concession to store and handle these data by the Norwegian Data Inspectorate. The key identification in the data base is the personal identification number given to all Norwegians at birth or immigration, whilst de-identified data are sent to researchers. Due to confidentiality HUNT Research Centre wants to limit storage of data outside HUNT databank, and we have restrictions for researchers for handling of HUNT data files. We have precise information on all data exported to different projects and there are no restrictions regarding data export given approval of applications to HUNT Research Centre.

<http://www.ntnu.edu/hunt/data>