

Viewpoint guidelines

Purpose of viewpoint

The Viewpoint section of the website provides a space for coalition members to share short pieces that provide an expert opinion or a perspective on an issue related to COVID-19 clinical research in low-resource settings.

Viewpoint pieces should be concise and focus on a specific topic, in line with the Coalition's mission to advocate and collaborate for the advancement of COVID-19 research driven by the needs of low-resource settings, and to strive for equitable access to proven solutions in the global response to the pandemic. Pieces should be backed by evidence but do not need to contain unpublished or original data. Viewpoints can focus on existing issues, be a reflection on authors' experience and research, quote fundamental notions and prevalent concepts, propose hypotheses, or discuss the implications of an innovation or policy.

Format & submission

Authors are invited to provide an **informative and thought-provoking title** to their Viewpoint. Authors may also wish to include a brief summary outlining the key points that are presented in their Viewpoint (about 150 words). The length of the Viewpoint **should ideally not exceed about 1000 words**, though longer pieces will be considered. Viewpoints submitted in languages other than English may be reviewed in translation, and if published will also be published in English.

Authors may use a picture, chart or other graphic element to illustrate their Viewpoint and will be asked to provide the source for appropriate reference or credit.

Authors can submit their Viewpoint to info@covid19crc.org with the subject heading VIEWPOINT.

Authorship and co-signatories

Viewpoints co-authored by coalition members should consider regional representation among the author group as appropriate to the topic of the Viewpoint and to coalition membership and mission, as well as gender.

Authors may ask other members of the coalition to support their Viewpoint as co-signatories. Co-signatories are listed after authors as an indication of support for the position outlined in the Viewpoint. Authors are asked to inform the secretariat if they would like to include co-signatories. If needed, the secretariat can help to circulate the Viewpoint with a form to gather signatures, for example, via topic-specific working groups.

Review process

Viewpoints will be reviewed by members of the Steering Committee and secretariat. Pieces are likely to be accepted for publication on the coalition's website if they are in line with the guidelines provided above.