## **OVERVIEW CC LICENCES**



SHARE DATA ENHANCE REPUTATION FOSTER COOPERATION

### CC licences provide the following modules:

#### BY (= attribution)

The **BY** suffix ensures that you must always be named as author of all works that you make freely available. Apart from that, with **CC BY** you allow third parties to distribute and use your works (study documents, templates of survey instruments, etc.) to the greatest possible extent - i.e. also to modify them or combine them with other works.

#### NC (= non-commercial)

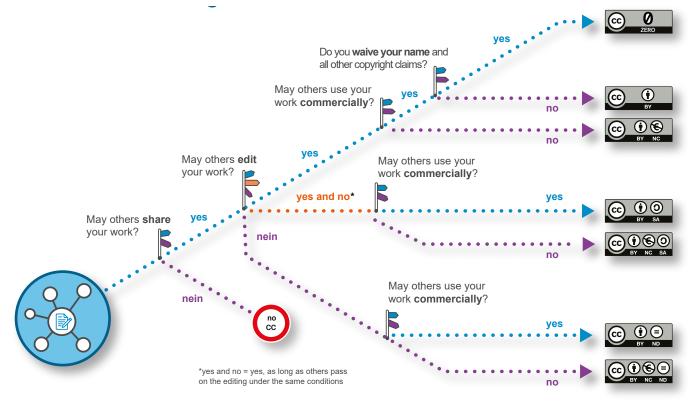
If you do not want your work to be used for commercial purposes, prohibit this by adding **NC** (e.g. **CC BY-NC**). However, this may mean that it is no longer possible to use your work in scientific publications, for example, if they appear in commercial journals.

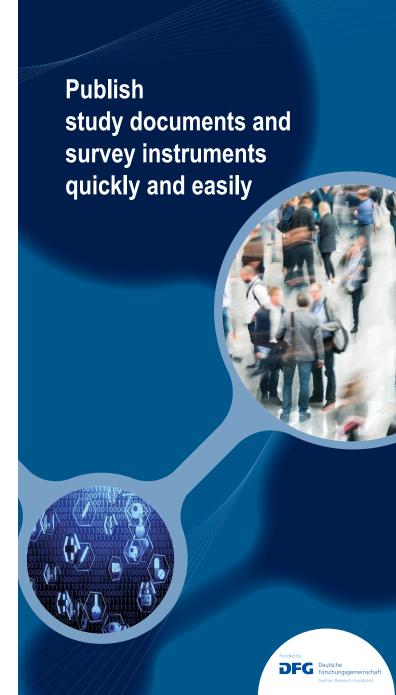
#### SA (= share alike)

With the addition of **SA**, you ensure that new works based on your work are published under the same conditions, i.e. again with the same CC licence (e.g. **CC BY-SA**). This is also referred to as the "Wikipedia principle": all works based on your work are in turn freely available and can be edited by other users. In this way, it can be ensured that works are jointly created and continuously developed by a large number of participants.

#### ND (= no derivatives)

With the addition **ND** you prohibit that your work is edited or adapted without consultation with you. You can select this addition if it is important to you that the integrity of your works (study documents, templates of survey instruments, etc.) is preserved.





## **INITIAL SITUATION**

You are familiar with the publication of scientific results in journals and on conferences. These publications primarily summarize the results obtained and the methods used to achieve them. However, documents on how a research study was conducted are often neither visible nor accessible. Their authors remain unknown. Study protocols, operation manuals, standard operating procedures (SOP), questionnaires, and case report forms (CRF) are very important in this context: only with their help the traceability and reproducibility of the study results can be ensured

In the National Research Data Infrastructure for Personal Health Data (NFDI4Health), we have set ourselves the goal of making precisely these documents accessible and citable thanks to our study hub to advance transparent science. This will also enable their authors to gain a reputation.

### What is NFDI4Health?

The National Research Data Infrastructure for Personal Health Data (NFDI4Health) is a since October 1, 2020 DFG-funded project (Project No 442326535).

Further information: www.nfdi4health.de

The NFDI4Health Task Force COVID-19, funded by the DFG (Project No 451265285), has published the first version of the NFDI4Health study hub¹.

### **OUR OFFER**

Including your study documents in the NFDI4Health study hub provides the following benefits:

### Citability

With the assignment of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) each document can be uniquely referenced worldwide.

### Visibility

With inclusion in our NFDI4Health study hub¹ your work will be transparent and accessible to a wider audience.

### Legal security

The granting of established licensing models clearly regulates the subsequent use, modification and dissemination of your documents.

The authors retain their exclusive rights.

# What is required to be included in the NFDI4Health study hub?

Not much, you send us the document with the required information (authors, title, year of origin, desired CC licence - see infographic). We take care of the rest. Our "Data Publication" team will inform you about the type, scope and time of inclusion in our study hub before publication and about the assigned DOI after publication. Please note that your works must be free of third-party rights. If you need help with this, we will be happy to advise you without obligation. For this, please make an appointment with our team "Data Publication" via the e-mail address studyregistration@nfdi4health.de.

## WHAT ARE LICENCES?

# Open Licences: Creative Commons licences

Study documents are copyrighted works. Authors may allow third parties to use them (i.e. make a copy, redistribute, edit, post online) by signing a licence agreement with them.

However, concluding individual contracts is time-consuming. Therefore, open standard licences have been developed to simplify the distribution of a work free of charge. The best known and most widely used standard licences are the **Creative Commons licences (CC licences)**. CC licences are made up of different modules (licence modules). These licence modules are combined with each other to compile an individual licence according to requirements and to grant the corresponding use. By specifying the licence modules, it is immediately clear how the work is allowed to be used.

### Labelling the work with licence

For the assignment of the terms of use to be valid, the work must be marked with the licence and the licence text must be attached. This is often achieved by linking to the licence text. The Creative Commons help page provides important information on this. We are happy to support you in correctly labelling your works with the respective licences.

Please note: A later withdrawal of the rights granted by a CC licence by rights holders is not possible.



<sup>[1]</sup> https://covid19.studyhub.nfdi4health.de/. Please note that the study hub is under development. We are always grateful for remarks that improve the functionality.