

MVLS Shared Research Facilities

Publication Policy



As an academic core unit, the **MVLS Shared Research Facilities (SRF)**, in common with other universities, follows the internationally established guidelines stipulated by journals and the publication houses. We therefore have a publication policy.

1. All publications resulting from the use of SRF equipment hire must acknowledge the specific facility, e.g.

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A conserved metabolic signature associated with response to fast-acting anti-malarial agents

2. Where users have had significant input from a particular member staff or staff have generated additional **data personally, this staff member should be acknowledged by name, alongside the facility if applicable, e.g.**

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 - a. contributing to **conception** and **design** of the experiment.
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