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**ANNEX1: DEFINITIONS OF CONTRIBUTION TYPES**

**Conceptualization:** Ideas, formulation or evolution of overarching research goals and aims.

**Methodology:** Development or design of methodology; creation of models.

**Software:** Programming, software development; designing computer programs; implementation of the computer code and supporting algorithms; testing of existing code components.

**Validation:** Verification, whether as a part of the activity or separate, of the overall replication/ reproducibility of results/experiments and other research outputs.

**Formal analysis:** Application of statistical, mathematical, computational, or other formal techniques to analyze or synthesize study data.

**Investigation:** Conducting a research and investigation process, specifically performing the experiments, or data/evidence collection.

**Resources:** Provision of study materials, reagents, materials, patients, laboratory samples, animals, instrumentation, computing resources, or other analysis tolos.

**Data Curation:** Management activities to annotate (produce metadata), scrub data and maintain research data (including software code, where it is necessary for interpreting the data itself) for initial use and later reuse.

**Writing - Original Draft:** Preparation, creation and/or presentation of the published work, specifically writing the initial draft (including substantive translation).

**Writing - Review & Editing:** Preparation, creation and/or presentation of the published work by those from the original research group, specifically critical review, commentary or revision – including pre-or postpublication stages.

**Visualization:** Preparation, creation and/or presentation of the published work, specifically visualization/ data presentation.

**Supervision:** Oversight and leadership responsibility for the research activity planning and execution, including mentorship external to the core team.

**Project administration:** Management and coordination responsibility for the research activity planning and execution.

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