

Citation Guidelines

For EuroQol Instruments

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INTRODUCTION

EuroQol asks that all instruments, including [Experimental versions](#), be cited correctly in any research output.

RESEARCH REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

If you are reporting results using an official EuroQol instrument, please refer to the instrument's full name and version number as found in the footer, e.g. English (UK) EQ-5D-5L Paper Self-Complete v#.#.

If you are using an Experimental EuroQol instrument, please refer to the cover page of the version provided for specific citation instructions. If you cannot find the necessary citation information, please email rd@euroqol.org to request this.

RESEARCH ABSTRACTS

Note that correct naming of the instruments is required in research abstracts; however, version numbers and language specification are optional.

OFFICIAL VERSIONS

It is important to note that official instruments must be referred to by the official instrument name only:

- **EQ-5D-5L**
- **EQ-5D-3L**
- **EQ-5D-Y-5L**
- **EQ-5D-Y-3L**

Do *not* expand, modify, or otherwise alter the official names listed above. For example, do not add words such as 'EuroQol 5-Dimension EQ-5D-5L' or 'European 5-Dimension 5-Level'. Please also ensure that all components of the EuroQol instruments are referred to appropriately (for example, EQ VAS, not EQ-VAS).

Some journal editors (or others) may request a "full name" for the official EuroQol instrument named listed above. However, some EuroQol instruments do not have full names, and such terminology is inconsistent with the official nomenclature. In these situations, we recommend politely pushing back against the request, citing the [nomenclature paper](#) and the relevant information provided on our [website](#).

Only the official instrument names as stated above should be used.

EDITORIAL PROOFS OF MANUSCRIPTS

The proof review stage of publication can be a good time to carefully check whether EuroQol instruments are appropriately cited and the wording used complies with recommendations in the [nomenclature paper](#). If you have any queries about appropriate nomenclature, please feel free to contact us through the [EuroQol Support Form](#).