

Citing the AO Spine RECODE-DCM Research Priorities

Progress in DCM is urgently required. To focus studies on the questions that matter most, we have identified the top research priorities. When we align our efforts and work collaboratively toward solutions, we can progress much faster.

To address the priorities, researchers require awareness of them. **Please help to raise awareness among researchers by ensuring that all new DCM studies cite the research priorities correctly.** This will help the worldwide DCM community to build on the solid foundation established by AO Spine RECODE-DCM.

I'm writing a publication about DCM. How should I cite and acknowledge the research priorities?

Please indicate that your research aligns with a research priority by including a within-text citation of **both** the *Editorial overview* **and** the *specific review of the priority* as detailed below.

If multiple priorities are relevant, please include all.

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| Editorial | Overview of AO Spine RECODE-DCM | https://doi.org/10.1177%2F21925682211035379 |
| Priority 1 | Raising Awareness aospine.org/recode/raising-awareness | https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211050927 |
| Priority 2 | Natural History aospine.org/recode/natural-history | https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211036071 |
| Priority 3 | Diagnostic Criteria aospine.org/recode/diagnostic-criteria | https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211030871 |
| Priority 4 | Assessment and Monitoring aospine.org/recode/assessment-and-monitoring | https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211063854 |
| Priority 5 | Biological Basis aospine.org/recode/biological-basis | https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211057546 |
| Priority 6 | Perioperative Rehabilitation aospine.org/recode/rehabilitation | https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211050925 |
| Priority 7 | Novel Therapies aospine.org/recode/novel-therapies | https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211052920 |
| Priority 8 | Socio-Economic Impact aospine.org/recode/socio-economic-impact | https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211039835 |

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| Priority 9 | Imaging and Electrophysiology aospine.org/recode/imaging-techniques | https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211057484 |
| Priority 10 | Individualizing Surgery aospine.org/recode/individualizing-surgery | https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211062494 |

Proposed wording to acknowledge a research priority:

“This research aligns with the AO Spine RECODE-DCM top research priority [name of priority, e.g. *Individualizing Surgery*] selected by people living and working with DCM. For further information on how this process was conducted, why this question was prioritised, and global updates on currently aligned research, please visit [aospine.org/recode/individualizing-surgery](https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211062494).” [Please include relevant URL from table above.]

If multiple priorities are relevant:

“This research aligns with the AO Spine RECODE-DCM top research priorities, selected by people living and working with DCM. For further information on how this process was conducted, why these questions were prioritised, and global updates on currently aligned research, please visit [Please include relevant URLs from table above.]

I’m peer-reviewing a publication about DCM. How do I raise awareness of the research priorities?

If you recognise that a researcher’s work aligns with a research priority, please include in your review an endorsement, for example:

“This study aligns with a current research priority, as identified by AO Spine RECODE-DCM ([aospine.org/recode](https://doi.org/10.1177/21925682211057484)), an international James Lind Alliance research prioritisation process including the view of 429 individuals from 68 different countries and across 17 different healthcare disciplines.

How do I recognise the research priorities’ methodology?

The methodology behind AO Spine RECODE-DCM is detailed in the following open access publication:

Davies BM, Khan DZ, Mowforth OD, *et al.* **RECODE DCM (REsearch Objectives and Common Data Elements for Degenerative Cervical Myelopathy): A Consensus Process to Improve Research Efficiency in DCM, Through Establishment of a Standardized Dataset for Clinical Research and the Definition of the Research Priorities.** *Global Spine Journal* 2019;9(1_suppl):65S-76S. doi:10.1177/2192568219832855

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