ROR is a community-led project to develop an open, sustainable, usable, and unique identifier for every research organization in the world. The ROR MVR (minimum viable registry) launched in January 2019 and currently has more than 91,000 research organizations, all with unique ROR IDs.

The scope of ROR is the affiliation use case—to unambiguously identify which organizations are affiliated with which research outputs.

The MVR started with seed data from the GRID database. The project team is developing policies and procedures for curating records going forward.

**Benefits of ROR IDs:**
- Community-governed and open infrastructure
- Crosswalks to other organization IDs (GRID,ISNI, Crossref Funder ID, Wikidata)
- Easy to implement

**Use ROR IDs to:**
- Track outputs & funding impact
- Link researchers & research outputs with affiliations
- Send affiliations to PubMed, Europe PMC, Crossref, DataCite, etc.

**ROR Project Milestones**
- 2016: OrgID working group forms with 17 different organizations; approves registry requirements
- January 2018: Launch of ROR MVR at community meeting
- January 2019: Community meeting and steering organizations identified & tasked with drafting MVR proposal
- Design & implement curation model

**ROR IDs in the institution-id tag: a natural fit for JATS**

ROR IDs can easily be implemented in JATS in the existing institution-id tag.

**JATS metadata from BMC Public Health**

```
<institution-wrap>
  <institution id="391368">BMC Public Health</institution>
</institution-wrap>
```

**JATS metadata from Crossref and DataCite**

```
<organization id="3590">BMC Public Health</organization>
```

**Additional metadata**
- Other fields to come (e.g., city/state, related records, etc.)

**ROR record (https://ror.org/03yrn5c26)**

- California Digital Library
- WEBSITE: http://www.cdlib.org/
- OTHER IDENTIFIERS:
  - GRID: grid-463323.3
  - ISNI: 000000009787356
  - Wikipedia: Q5204447

**Affiliation lookup**

When affiliations are collected in submission systems and other platforms, the affiliation string can be matched to a ROR ID with an API call.