

Authorship and Acknowledgements



Authorship

□ Public *responsibility*

(defend paper)

□ for *content*

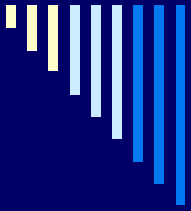
(data, interpretation)



Authorship

1. Substantial contributions to conception and design, or acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data;
2. Drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and
3. Final approval of the version to be published.

NOT Head of department,
data collectors, technicians



Authorship

- ❑ Too strict
 - ❑ Difficult to implement
 - ❑ Conceptual
 - ❑ Room for interpretation
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Authorship

- Define contribution
 - May be published
 - Sequence -- joint decision
 - Get approval from all
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The Ideal Scene

- ❑ Before study starts
 - ❑ Only those involved in all parts
 - ❑ Discuss
 - ❑ Finalize sequence
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Controversies

- ❑ Statisticians
 - ❑ Data collectors
 - ❑ Head of Department
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Authorship: NO

- Provide lab space/instrument
 - Involvement in routine patient care
 - Providing patient samples
 - Routine technical work
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Authorship: NO

- Advice to solve minor problem
 - Proof reading or editing
 - Provide funding
 - Help provided for a fee
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Authorship: YES

- ❑ Significant contribution
 - ❑ Creative contributions
 - ❑ Development of methodologies
 - ❑ Data analysis and interpretation
 - ❑ Long-term guidance and development
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Responsibilities

Secondary authors

- Defend content
 - Agree with conclusions and interpretations
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Responsibilities

Primary author

- ❑ Inform all authors
 - ❑ Identify specific contributions
 - ❑ Understand all work
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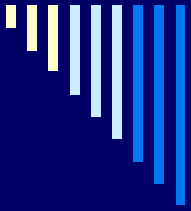
How to do it?

- ❑ Define early
 - ❑ Have clear understanding
 - ❑ Departmental/institutional criteria
 - ❑ Specify contribution
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How to do it?

- ❑ Do not gift authorship
 - ❑ Do not accept gift authorship
 - ❑ Never a one man decision
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Sequence

- First: most work, first draft
 - ? descending order
 - ? alphabetical
 - ? turns

 - Last: leader??
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Does it matter?

Authors

or

Contributors



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All those who have *helped*
in the work at some stage,
but have
not qualified for authorship,
may be included



ICMJE: examples

- ❑ Technical help
- ❑ Writing assistance
- ❑ Department head: support
- ❑ Data collectors
- ❑ Financial/ material help: funding agency
- ❑ ? Statistician

Get permission from each person in writing
