

A questionnaire about attitude regarding authorship among researchers

This questionnaire is part of research which aims to understand the researchers' opinions and identify the obstacles related to the ICMJE authorship guideline. Answering this questionnaire is entirely voluntary. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete this questionnaire. No name or identifiable information will be asked. If you have no time or feel uncomfortable to answer, you can refuse to do so. Answering this questionnaire automatically means that you consent us to use your data from this questionnaire for analysis; your answer will be used for research purpose only.

Please fill out your general information.

Age years

Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

Nationality _____

Please choose which classification best describes your current professional affiliation.

☐ Instructor, post-doctoral researcher, fellowship, or graduate student

☐ Assistant Professor, Associate Professor

☐ Full Professor

☐ Others: please specify, _____

Please choose which classification best describes your research field.

☐ Health and biomedical sciences

☐ Humanities and social sciences

☐ Others: please specify, _____

Experiences as an author/co-author in academic or scientific journals years

Approximate number of indexed publications in academic or scientific journals articles

The following is the authorship criteria which are adopted by several scientific journals to keep authors' best practice and ethical standards in publications.

	ICMJE 2015 Criteria	GPP3 Guidance
1	Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work	A substantial contribution is an important intellectual contribution, rather than technical assistance, without which the work, or an important part of the work, could not have been completed or the manuscript could not have been written and submitted for publication. Simply collecting data (e.g., enrolling many patients) would not necessarily be considered a qualifying criterion for authorship. Some examples of what might represent a substantial intellectual contribution include actively guiding the scientific or medical content of the publication or presentation, statistical analysis and interpretation, crafting of the discussion, and developing the protocol.
2	Drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content	This criterion refers to revisions beyond minor corrections for grammar, language, formatting, or layout. The key is sustained intellectual contribution, the provision of substantial comments, and approval of the final version. Although preferred, it is not always feasible or necessary for authors to comment on every stage of manuscript development.
3	Final approval of the version to be published	To give final approval, it is necessary to have carefully read the entire manuscript from start to finish.
4	Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved	Each author is accountable for the work and should have confidence in the integrity of the other authors' contributions. Each author should be able to identify who wrote each section.

ICMJE = International Committee of Medical Journal Editors; GPP3 = Good Publication Practice 3 guideline

Based on your experiences with academic or scientific publications, please answer the following questions truthfully and accurately.

1. Do you agree with the four criteria for authorship stipulated by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors?

Criterion	Agreement with criterion		
	Yes	No	Undecided
1. Conception and design, or analysis and interpretation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Drafting the article or revising it critically	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Final approval of version to be published	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All four criteria must be met	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Have you ever experienced conflict over authorship issues in an article for which you were a principal author?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the situation(s) that most closely resembles the conflict you experienced?

- ☐ Conflict relating to academic competition
- ☐ Conflict relating to political or power issues in your institute
- ☐ Conflict arose with somebody who has agreement or relationship with you or your institute
- ☐ Conflict relating to intellectual passion
- ☐ Conflict arose with somebody who shares the area of interest
- ☐ Conflict arose with somebody who provided academic/scientific advice
- ☐ Others, please specify, _____

3. Have you ever included the name of a scientist, researcher, or medical doctor who did not meet the authorship criteria to the list of authors in your publications?

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, please specify, if possible, the reason(s) why you included their names in your publication(s): _____

4. Have you ever omitted the name of a scientist, researcher, or medical doctor who met the authorship criteria from the list of authors in your publications?

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, please specify, if possible, the reason(s) why you omitted their names from your publication(s): _____

5. Has your name ever been omitted from an article even though you substantially contributed to the work and you felt that you should have been included as a co-author?

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, what were your contributions to the study where you were not named as an author?

(Please tick all that apply)

☐

Conceived the research idea

☐

Designed the study

☐

Conducted the literature review

☐

Critically reviewed the study proposal

☐

Obtained the research grant

☐

Collected data

☐

Provided materials used in the study

☐

Provided access to research subjects

☐

Provided technical help

☐

Provided statistical advice

☐

Validated data

☐

Analyzed and interpreted data

<input type="checkbox"/> Provided academic/scientific advice	<input type="checkbox"/> Was the head of department/unit
<input type="checkbox"/> Prepared diagrams/figures/tables	<input type="checkbox"/> Drafted the manuscript
<input type="checkbox"/> Revised the manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Provided writing assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Formatted and proofread paper	
<input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify, _____	

6. Have you ever been approached to be named as an author although your contribution did not meet the authorship criteria?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, did you refuse the request?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please specify, if possible, the reason(s) why you did or did not do so: _____

7. Have you ever experienced any of the following?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Coauthored a paper that contained a guest (or honorary) author	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Found that your name was put on a manuscript without your permission	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unfair distribution of credit in a paper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others, please specify, _____			