

The Scientific Authorship Policy: The Vancouver Statement

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Mindfulness for the publication of the article, it has led researchers to bring their name to articles that have not played a significant role. Certainly, the most authoritative criteria about the writing of articles is the Vancouver Statement, which was established by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE). Accordingly, other types of authorship such as honorary, guest, gift, and ghost authorships, are not acceptable and ethical. As a result, corresponding author should pay enough attention to the clarification of authors and non-authors contributions based on Vancouver criteria and affirm that all listed authors deserved authorship. In addition, to avoid any ambiguity and conflict, it is even better to make an agreement about the order of authors prior to conducting the tests. In summary, this article wants to inform the scientific societies about crucial criteria for authorship and ask them to put their efforts to enrich and flourish the ethical authorship policies among researchers.

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