

Review of: "Honorary Authorship in Biomedical Journals: The Endless Story"

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The paper discusses a phenomenon which is both scientifically and ethically relevant.

It might be published as a letter to the Editor, not yet as an original article, due to its lack of depth in literature and commentaries.

It might be interesting to analyse the concept itself of "honorary authorship": what does it really mean "honorary"? What is the real relationship between "honor" and a scientific publication?

Another interesting subject to introduce would be the difference between biomedical and bioethical articles. For example, a biomedical article might be written by a physician whose professional work is usually carried out through other colleagues (team members). From this point of view, their names could rightfully appear in the paper. Instead, it would not be in the case of a bioethical article, which is generally the result of the viewpoint of a single researcher or maybe of few authors.