

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

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This short note presents the position of the authors related to honorary authorship and ethical behavior of researchers in biomedical journals.

To summarize, the main statements of the authors are:

1. Honorary authorship is due to the fact that it helps juniors to get more publications and thereby have faster promotions and probably better employment opportunities.
2. Honorary authorship is due to the fact that it helps scientists more advanced in their careers in getting more scientific recognition and possible financial gains.

Most of the content of the note is supported by bibliographic references. However, some statements need more authoritative and or precise sources (see, for instance, [12] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geoffrey_Chamberlain. Last accessed Feb 1, 2021). Furthermore, given the current availability of large repositories of scientific papers, a more extensive data analysis to support and validate the hypotheses of the authors is required.

Finally, it is not clear if the position of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) is also the position of the authors. I think so, but this has to be explicitly declared.