

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

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The paper introduces some relevant topics, starting from different publication rates between male and female researchers in biomedical field up to its main topic. It is rooted in past literature, with several citations. The topic of honorary/guest authorship is well introduced and described across the paper, also describing disadvantages; the paper ends with a meaningful policy suggestion which is a relevant plus.

Nevertheless, I find that the paper in its present stage could be a good editorial or introduction to the topic, but still lacks the completeness a scientific paper needs. Given the relevance of the paper's subject, and its good overall quality, my suggestion is that the author – if interested in that – should deepen and widen his effort, as the paper is worthwhile of being expanded, and the topic to be deepened. The suggestion to exploit quantitative data to this end is rather obvious, though being able to highlight honorary authorships could be a difficult task. Concentrating on the specific field of biomedical journals could drive to an interesting research effort. Otherwise, as above stated, the paper has anyway relevance per se as an introduction to the topic.