

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

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This editorial discusses an important ethic topic in biomedical journals, which has attracted an increasing attention in recent years. Indeed, some articles have been even retracted because of honorary authorship. Recently, a few articles have reported the survey results on ghost or honorary authorship in nuclear medicine, ophthalmology, anaesthesia and pain medicine, and contemporary anaesthesia. Among the corresponding authors who responded to the surveys 40.0%-57.2% believe the presence of honorary authorship in scientific publications in these fields, with the rate of self-perceived honorary authorship being as high as 13.5%. This important message addressed and a strategy to deal with this critical issue should also be raised.

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