

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

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The short work 'Honorary Authorship in Biomedical Journals: The Endless Story' describes the problem of unfair co-authorship in publications, namely in biomedical study. The work touches on important issues: the motives of unfair co-authorship, the problem of its detection and consequences of this phenomenon. With that, no one from the mentioned issues is not disclosed properly. It seems that this work is in its initial stage.

This work may be developed as a reviewer paper or as research work. If it is a review paper, I would recommend providing a deep literature review. Such work may cover the following questions: the reasons and tendency of unfair co-authorship, the problems of unfair co-authorship, the methods for its detection, the distribution of this phenomenon by fields. It should be described if biomedical studies provide some unique features of this phenomenon.

For research work I would recommend to formulate hypotheses and test it on real bibliometric data.