

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

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The article presents an extremely important issue, not only for the quality of publications, but under the ethical concept of professional and academic practice. Two important points are highlighted: authorial inflation and contributions.

First, the increase number of authors in collaborative publications in recent years has a positive significance for knowledge generation, especially in relation to multidisciplinary. Although he has this positive point, the author makes the negative impact of honorary authorship very clear.

Second, scientific contributions encompass a broader discussion. The literature shows several studies on the subject, which are still open. I agree with the author in describing the contributions of each author, in order to identify their contribution^[1]. To support identify and formalize such contributions, I recommend reading the article: *Scientific Contribution List Categories Investigation: a comparison between three mainstream medical journals* ^[2]. In this article the authors show how to use contribution categories to more accurately identify scientific contributions in publications.

Finally, a deepening of the study on the issue of gender authorship^{[3][4]} in the aspects of contributions, according to the ICMJE, is recommended, since this aspect is little explored in this article, presenting important gaps to explain the relation with honorary authorship.

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