

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

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This short article discusses an important ethical issue in research, namely the unwarranted multiplication of authorship of an article, or even of any written document. As the author rightly reminds us, there are at least four criteria that must be met for an individual to be considered the author of a text such as; 1) having contributed intellectually to the design of the research and ideally to the collection or analysis of the data (when empirical data are collected), 2) having written the text at least in part or ideally having revised it several times, 3) being in agreement with the final version of the text, and 4) being able to defend the ideas put forth in the text. All of these criteria must be met in order for a person to be considered the author of a text, because if they are not met, the very concept of authorship becomes meaningless. Conflicts of interest in research are numerous. They must be managed properly, otherwise the research enterprise and its credibility are affected.