

AUTHORSHIP PRACTICES TO AVOID CONFLICTS

Every field of study experiences conflicts with determining authorship on published papers

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Implementing the following suggestions may help avoid potential authorship disputes:

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Establish written authorship agreements with all members of the lab and other collaborators before preparing a manuscript or before starting a project.

DOCUMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Authors should list their substantial contributions to the design of the study; the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data; and the contribution to the writing of the final paper.

BE CONSISTENT

Have clearly written expectations for authorship on publications and follow them.

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As the project progresses, the authorship agreement may need to be revisited.

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