

authorship scenarios

Consider each of the examples below. Do you agree with the authorship decisions made in each case? Why or why not?

Appropriate answers to each case will vary depending on circumstances. These examples are intentionally vague and meant to be used as a foundation for discussion and learning.

A student develops an experimental assay for their project. That same assay is later used in another project. The student is not included as an author on this additional project.

YES

NO

UNCERTAIN

Two students assist a professor in conducting a study. While they contribute equally, the professor lists the more senior student as 1st author because s/he is on the job market.

YES

NO

UNCERTAIN

A student assists a professor in conducting interviews and then transcribing those interviews. The student is not granted authorship.

YES

NO

UNCERTAIN

A professor asks a student to format a few tables and then adds them to the journal submission as an author.

YES

NO

UNCERTAIN

At the start of a project, 3 collaborators determined authorship order. After a year of work the paper is submitted for review. The reviewers request a great deal of additional analysis which was conducted by the 3rd author. This collaborator is moved to 2nd author given the amount of work that was involved.

YES

NO

UNCERTAIN

A student completes his/her dissertation. Upon graduation they plan to submit their dissertation for publication. They include all committee members as co-authors.

YES

NO

UNCERTAIN

A student completes his/her/their dissertation. Upon graduation they submit the dissertation for publication and do not include their dissertation chair.

YES

NO

UNCERTAIN