

# Module 1 Assignment: “You Make the Call”<sup>1</sup>


## Instructions.

The characters that you learned about in the “What is Authorship?” video were a subset of a larger team in a popular ethics case entitled “You Make the Call” (Zigmund & Fisher, 1998). Now we’d like you to think about those additional team members and whether or not each of them deserve authorship.

## Part 1. Who gets authorship?

Considering the descriptions provided in the graphic below, make a list of team members that you would include as authors on the manuscript and provide a brief explanation (one or two reasons) detailing why you think each individual deserves authorship credit. (Space to respond provided on page 2.)

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 <p><b>Lab Chief</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• contributed to experiment design</li><li>• contributed to analysis &amp; interpretation of data</li><li>• edited several drafts of the manuscript</li></ul>	 <p><b>Program Director</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• obtained salary, supply, &amp; equipment funding for the project</li></ul>	 <p><b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• inspired the research topic</li><li>• contributed to research design</li><li>• assisted with analysis &amp; interpretation of data</li></ul>	
 <p><b>Graduate Student</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• proposed the experimental design</li><li>• conducted the experiments</li><li>• conducted analysis &amp; interpreted data</li><li>• wrote first draft &amp; edited subsequent</li></ul>	 <p><b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• performed some of the sample analyses</li></ul>	 <p><b>Lab Tech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• trained in techniques required</li><li>• conducted all surgical procedures</li><li>• conducted some biochemical analyses</li></ul>	
 <p><b>Animal Caretaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• provided specialized care to ensure survival of study animals</li></ul>	<h2>Who deserves authorship credit?</h2>		 <p><b>Colleague</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• shared a tool of his own design that was central to the experiments &amp; not otherwise available</li></ul>

Zigmund, M., & Fischer, B. (1998). "You Make the Call" case study. [Shared with attendees of survival@pitt.edu training, January, 1998]. Stock photos sourced from Unsplash free repository ([www.unsplash.com](http://www.unsplash.com)). Photography credit attribution from right to left: (Row 1) National Cancer Institute; Humberto Chavez, Alex Robinson; (Row 2) LinkedIn Sales Solutions; Nicole Wolf, National Cancer Institute; (Row 3) Ben Mater, Austin Distel.

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Part 1 response.

## Part 2. Who does not get authorship?

Provide a brief explanation (one or two reasons) detailing why you do not think the remaining team members warrant authorship credit. Would you acknowledge their contributions in another way? If so, how?

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