

List of Authors in Scholarly Publications: Does it Matter?

Dear Editor,

The article "List of authors in scholarly publications: Sequence and what value?" is interesting and is of current value as many young authors will be trying to publish their research work and wondering about the sequence of authors. A student who has completed a thesis work, has done maximum work pertaining to that field or the faculty under whose guidance and stewardship the work has been carried out should be the first author is a tricky question. Out of different methods for listing authors' name, "Evidence Based Credit Method" seems to be best.^[1] Nowadays, many journals including those published by Medknow group follow this method. As suggested by the article, research should be collaborative, and the impact and integrity of the research should carry more value and individual credit.^[1] We believe that giving equal credit to each author will increase responsibility and creditability.^[2]

The need of the hour is to assess different methods of listing authors in a scientific publication systematically and evaluate a universally acceptable method. This will definitely help authors to list contributors in a proper manner and avoid undue controversy.

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