

Survey 5: Authorship

Two months after joining a new research group, you are preparing to submit a manuscript based on work you had completed while in your previous position. Dr. Helix, one of your new colleagues, has just recommended that you include Dr. Spiral, the head of the new research group, as an author on the paper. When you point out that Dr. Spiral had made no contributions to the work, Dr. Helix observes that adding Spiral's name would improve the chances for publication and increase your prospects for advancement within Spiral's research group.

1. Based on this information, should you add Dr. Spiral's name to the manuscript? __ Yes __ No
2. Would adding Dr. Spiral's name as an author be unethical? __ Yes __ No

Please use the scale below to rank the level of your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree

Authorship is appropriate for someone who has approved the final manuscript and

3. provided the idea for a critical experiment. _____
4. provided unique materials, critical to the experiments reported in the paper. _____
5. provided large amounts of unskilled work needed to complete project. _____
6. performed an experiment using specialized equipment. _____
7. provided unpublished data to augment data obtained for the paper. _____
8. provided statistical analysis of data presented in the paper. _____
9. organized the results and wrote the first draft of the paper. _____

Authorship is not appropriate

- 10. for someone who contributed to the work only on a fee-for-service basis. _____
- 11. solely to advance a student's career. _____
- 12. solely to recognize leadership of research group. _____
- 13. solely to increase chances for publication because of name association. _____
- 14. for someone who cannot scientifically defend all data presented in the paper. _____
- 15. for someone who has not read and approved the final manuscript. _____