

## Authors and contributors

Authorship gives recognition and credit for work done, accountability for reported research, confers moral and legal rights (copyright) and plays an important role in shaping academic careers. However, authorship issues remain a common concern faced by editors as reported by COPE.

The minimum recognised requirements for authorship for BJD are that authors are making a substantial contribution to the research and being accountable for the work undertaken.

BJD operates its policy for Authorship and Contributors in line with COPE recommendations – see <https://publicationethics.org/resources/discussion-documents/authorship> and in line with the guidance provided by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors as shown in <https://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/defining-the-role-of-authors-and-contributors.html>.

BJD requests authors to confirm, on submission, that they and their co-authors meet the requirements for authorship and provide an ORCID (ORCID is a nonproprietary alphanumeric code to uniquely identify authors and contributors of scholarly communication as well as ORCID's website and services to look up authors and their bibliographic output - <https://orcid.org/>). In addition each author on the submission is asked to explain how they contributed to the work using the CRediT (Contributor Role Taxonomy).

Upon receipt of a submission BJD confirms receipt to all authors listed on the submission.

If a manuscript is submitted with a deceased author listed, or an author passes away while the manuscript is being peer reviewed, then a footnote or similar is added to the published article to indicate this.

In cases where authors wish to change their name following publication, BJD will update and republish the paper and redeliver the updated metadata to indexing services. Our editorial and production teams will use discretion in recognizing that name changes may be of a sensitive and private nature for various reasons including (but not limited to) alignment with gender identity, or as a result of marriage, divorce, or religious conversion. Accordingly, to protect the author's privacy, we will not publish a correction notice to the paper, and we will not notify co-authors of the change. Authors should contact the journal's Editorial Office with their name change request.

To manage authorship disputes, editors should refer to the flowcharts from COPE and "How to spot authorship problems." Authorship disputes will often need to be referred to institutions if the authors cannot resolve the dispute themselves.