

Editorial

Scientific Publications: Very much Essential

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the second issue of IJOPRD! I hope the first issue of the Journal was informative.

It has been said that a scientific experiment is not complete until it has been published and is available to the scientific community. Publication in a top-level peer-reviewed journal requires most importantly the identification of a clear scientific objective, supported by good data and strong methodology, a well-written paper that conveys a clear message and a little luck. Another important task in composing a manuscript for publication is the decision of authorship. Important requirements for authorship outlined by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors include substantial participation in experimental conception and design, data collection and analysis, significant writing or revision of the article and final approval for submission of article.¹ The increasing tendency across scientific disciplines to write multiauthored papers² makes the issue of the sequence of contributors' names a major topic both in terms of reflecting actual contributions and in *a posteriori* assessments by evaluation committees. The 'sequence-determines-credit' approach (SDC). The sequence of authors should reflect the declining importance of their contribution.²⁻⁴ The 'first-last-author-emphasis' norm (FLAE). In many labs, the great importance of last authorship is well established. It suggest that the first author should get credit of the whole impact, the last author half and the credit of the other authors is the impact divided by the number of all authors.⁵ Hence, whatever the protocol is followed, the quality of the manuscript should be uphold.



This issue brings you manuscript from treatment of gingival pigmentation to maxillofacial prosthesis. I wish you a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year 2012.

Happy reading

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ramesh Chowdhary'.

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