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- Authorship should be limited to those who have made a significant contribution to the concept, design, execution or interpretation of the research study.
- Plagiarism constitutes unethical scientific behavior and is never acceptable.
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- Research funders should be listed on all research papers.
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  3. It constitutes plagiarism;
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  2. The author list is incorrect (i.e. a deserving author has been

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3. Other forms of misconduct include failure to meet clear ethical and legal requirements such as misrepresentation of interests, breach of confidentiality, lack of informed consent and abuse of research subjects or materials. Misconduct also includes improper dealing with infringements, such as attempts to cover up misconduct and reprisals on whistleblowers.
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