

Guideline to authorship of manuscripts submitted to *Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine* journal

All authors of papers submitted to DHM must have contributed importantly to the research or clinical study. In December 2019, the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors released an updated version of *Recommendations for the conduct, reporting, editing and publication of scholarly work in medical journals*.¹ The ICMJE recommends that authorship be based on the following four criteria:

- “1. *Substantial* contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
2. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
3. Final approval of the version to be published; AND
4. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

In addition to being accountable for the parts of the work he or she has done, an author should be able to identify which co-authors are responsible for specific other parts of the work. In addition, authors should have confidence in the integrity of the contributions of their co-authors.

All those designated as authors should meet all four criteria for authorship, and all who meet the four criteria should be identified as authors. Those who do not meet all four criteria should be acknowledged.”¹

Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine follows these recommendations. A key element of these criteria is the first word “*Substantial*”. What this term means is subject to various interpretation. The ICMJE states further that “*If agreement cannot be reached about who qualifies for authorship, the institution(s) where the work was performed, not the journal editor, should be asked to investigate.”¹* Authors are strongly encouraged to read the full text of the ICMJE recommendations.

Submissions to DHM must be accompanied by a completed proforma cover letter (available at www.dhmjournal.com/)

Reference

1 *Recommendations for the conduct, reporting, editing and publication of scholarly work in medical journals*. International Committee of Medical Journal Editors; 2013. Available from: <http://www.icmje.org/icmje-recommendations.pdf>

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