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International Standards for Authors

Responsible Research Publication: International standards for authors

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Introduction

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(Kleinert & Wage, 2011)

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- **The research being reported should have been conducted in an ethical and responsible manner and should comply with all relevant legislation.**
- **Researchers should present their results clearly, honestly, and without fabrication, falsification or inappropriate data manipulation.**
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- **Authors should take collective responsibility for submitted and published work.**
- **The authorship of research publications should accurately reflect individuals' contributions to the work and its reporting.**
- **Funding sources and relevant conflicts of interest should be disclosed.**

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