

Co-Authorship

The topic of co-authorship can be a touchy subject. LISA provides this document to express our views on co-authorship.

Co-authorship is not required for LISA collaboration projects; however, if collaborators perform the work of a co-author, they should receive the credit of co-authorship.

It is important to have a discussion about what work is to be completed and if it qualifies for a co-authorship.

LISA bases their co-authorship guidelines on those of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) which states that “authorship credit should be based on 1) substantial contributions to conception and design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data; 2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and 3) final approval of the version to be published. Authors should meet conditions 1, 2, and 3.”¹

Another authorship guideline is the Galindo-Leal guide for explicit authorship². All individuals who work on a paper are assigned points based on their contribution (see Figure 1). If an individual reaches 25 points, they deserve to be a co-author. Points are per individual and can total over 100 for the entire paper.

Figure 1: Research Activities and Scoring System. Adapted from Galindo-Leal 1996.

Research Activities	Contribution	Pts
Planning	No	0
	Minor	5
	Moderate	10
	Major	20
Executing	No	0
	Minor	5
	Moderate	10
	Major	20
Analyzing	No	0
	Minor	5
	Moderate	10
	Major	20
Interpreting	No	0
	Minor	5
	Moderate	10
	Major	20
Writing	No	0
	Minor	5
	Moderate	10
	Major	20

¹ http://www.icmje.org/ethical_1author.html

² http://www.academia.edu/1323050/Explicit_authorship