

Authorship Quiz by Laura King, MA, ELS

Directions: All persons listed as authors should qualify for authorship and should be credited appropriately. Respond to the following questions regarding the crediting of authors. Consult sections 2.2.2 through 2.2.4 (pp 14-15) of the *AMA Manual of Style* for guidance.

1. Authorship should be based on which of the following criteria?

ANSWER:

All of the above.

2. Where in the manuscript should persons who made other contributions but who do not qualify for authorship be listed?

ANSWER:

Acknowledgement.

3. Is it permissible to withhold an author's name from publication per the author's request?

ANSWER:

Only with compelling justification (**Editor's Note:** See §2.2.2, Authorship, p 14 in print.)

4. What does the phrase "for a study group" in bylines mean?

ANSWER:

Not all members of the group meet the qualifications for authorship

5. What does the phrase "and a study group" in bylines mean?

ANSWER:

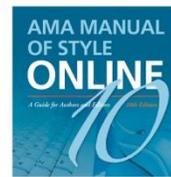
All members of the group meet the qualifications for authorship

6. If a specific subgroup of a larger group is listed as the author, how should the subgroup members be listed?

ANSWER:

As authors.





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7. Are academic degrees below a doctoral degree listed after author names in the byline?

ANSWER:

If the author has a doctorate, degrees at the master's level are not usually included unless the master's degree represents a specialized field or a field different from that represented by the doctorate. If the author's highest degree is a master's degree, then it is listed.

8. Are fellowship designations listed in bylines?

ANSWER:

US fellowship designations are usually omitted, but non-US designations are listed.

9. For authors in the military, is the listing of military titles or academic degrees in the byline preferred?

ANSWER:

Academic degrees.

10. When a study group is mentioned in a byline, reference to the names of the members of the group must appear where in the text?

ANSWER:

Any of the above.

11. What is the procedure when authors request that more than one author be listed as the first author (co-first authors) or as having had contributing equally?

ANSWER:

Authors may provide a publishable footnote explaining the order of authorship. (**Editor's Note:** In the *JAMA* Network journals, this footnote appears as the first line of the Author Contributions section. For example, Author Contributions: Drs Smith and Jones contributed equally to this work.)

