

AN AUTHORSHIP DECLARATION

1. Publication and authorship*:

- list of references and financial support should be noted;
- no plagiarism, no fraudulent data;
- same research is forbidden to publish in more than one journal.

* **Permissions Guidelines.** *Written permission from the copyright holder is requested for reproducing any text, tables, or figures from previously published work. Permissions must be submitted together with the manuscript, and the publication from which the material is taken must be noted in the references list.*

Copyrights. *When the manuscript is accepted, the copyrights are transferred to the Studia Biologica publisher at Ivan Franko National University of Lviv. No paper presenting the same information can be published elsewhere. If a part of contribution has appeared or will appear elsewhere, the author must specify the details in the comments of their submission. Simultaneous submission of manuscripts to different journals at the same time is not acceptable. Published manuscripts may be published elsewhere only with the written permission of Studia Biologica journal. Authors should name the funding organization in the accepted version of the manuscript and acknowledge all financial supports and any other personal connections.*

Conflicts of Interest. *All authors of the submitted manuscript must recognize and disclose any existing conflict of interest, or potential conflict of interest, that may bias their work.*

Scientific Misconduct. *Research misconduct which includes fabrication of data, falsification of data, plagiarism, and unethical treatment of research subjects should be avoided, and special statement on that regards should be presented together with the manuscript. The "research misconduct" means any actions that involve purposeful manipulation of the scientific record such that it no longer reflects observed truth, or mistreatment of research subjects. If the editorial staff suspects misconduct by the authors or reviewers to both published and unpublished papers, it will ask the employers of the authors or reviewers, or other appropriate body to investigate the appearing case, or it will conduct the investigation by itself. The editorial staff will make all reasonable attempts to get an acceptable resolution of the problem.*

2. Author's responsibilities*:

- authors are obliged to participate in peer review process;
- all authors have significantly contributed to the research;
- statement that all data in article are real and authentic should be presented;
- all authors are obliged to provide retractions or corrections of mistakes.

*Transparency:

- the authors should read and understand the Instructions to Authors;
- authorship statement explaining who did what should be provided;
- funding information is necessary to be noted;
- competing interest should be declared;
- permission should be obtained for use of copyrighted material from other sources (including the Web);
- documentation should be provided for any citations to unpublished work (e.g. articles in press/personal communications);
- information about previous submissions to other journals (e.g. name of journal, reviewer comments) is necessary to be noted;
- confirmation that the manuscript has been submitted solely to your journal and is not published, in press, or submitted elsewhere, should be presented in the Letter to the Editor.

3. Directions to Author(s):

- statements of each individual's contribution to the research and publication is required;
- checklists should be used to prevent ghost authorship (see PLoS: <http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pmed.1000023#s4>);
- all authors should sign an authorship declaration and submit it with publication;
- all authors should be included in communications (e.g. acknowledging receipt of a submission) not just the corresponding author;
- authorship should be clearly specified;
- details of ethical approval and informed consent for studies in humans should be provided;
- for randomised controlled trials registration number of the trial and the name of the trial registry should be noted;
- details of approval for animal experimentation should be provided.

4. Publishing ethics issues*:

- monitoring/safeguarding publishing ethics will be carried out by the editorial board;
- guidelines for retracting articles are noted;
- the integrity of the academic record should be maintained;
- compromising intellectual and ethical standards should be precluded from business needs;
- publication of corrections, clarifications, retractions and apologies will be performed when needed.

* Institutions where the paper authors work should:

- inform journals about cases of proven misconduct that affect the reliability or attribution of work that they have published;
- respond to journals if they request information about issues, such as disputed authorship, misleading reporting, competing interests, or other factors, including honest errors, that could affect the reliability of published work;
- initiate inquiries into allegations of research misconduct or unacceptable publication practice raised by the journal;
- have policies supporting responsible research conduct and systems in place for investigating suspected research misconduct.

We, Author(s) (or Corresponding Author) _____
(family name)

of the publication _____
(title of publication)

agree with all statements of the **Authorship Declaration**

(Sign)

Date