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연구윤리 란?

연구의 전 과정(연구의 계획, 수행, 보고)에서 바람직한 연구 수행에 필요한 윤리적 원칙 또는 행위 규범들의 체계; 따라서 모든 학문분야의 연구자들은 연구윤리에 대해 올바르게 이해하고 연구활동을 실천해야 함.

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- 의심스런 연구수행(Questionable Research Practice, QRP)
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Was it ethical to award Fritz Haber the Nobel Prize?

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Fritz Haber (1868-1934) 1918년 노벨화학상 수상자

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Human gene-edited baby





NOV 26-28, 2018

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CRISPR-baby scientist fails to satisfy critics

He Jiankui gives talk about controversial genome-edited baby claim, but ethical questions remain.

NEWS: A Chinese scientist claims that twin girls have been born whose genomes' were edited (CCR5, father with HIV) as embryos.

Southern University of Science and Technology said in a statement on 26 November that it was unaware of his experiment.

Legal issue: Making gene-edited babies goes against guidelines released by China's health ministry in 2003, but does not break any laws.

Ethical argument: Author claimed that the embryo was just a single cell when CCR5 was edited.



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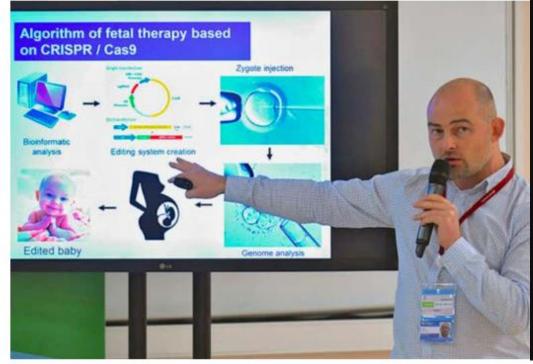
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Exclusive: Five couples lined up for CRISPR babies to avoid deafness



HEALTH 4 July 2019



Target the GJB2 gene (rationale): to prevent children inheriting a form of deafness caused by mutations in *GJB2* gene. In western Siberia, many people have a missing DNA of this gene.

Denis Rebrikov wants to use CRISPR gene editing to prevent children inheriting a form of deafness







Human gene editing

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Russian 'CRISPR-baby' scientist has started editing genes in human eggs with goal of altering deaf gene



Denis Rebrikov plans to soon publish his experiments to repair genes in human eggs. Credit Andrey Rudakov/Bloomberq/Getty

Denis Rebrikov also told *Nature* that he does not plan to implant gene-edited embryos until he gets regulatory approval.

[Nature News 574, 465-466 (2019)]

David Cyranoski

Rebrikov say that he will not move forward without approval from the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation. He quoted that Lenin said "yesterday was too early, tomorrow it will be too late".















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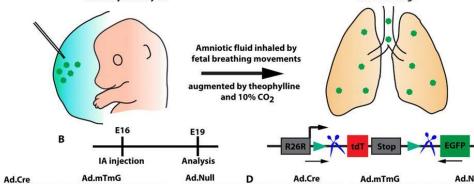
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[CRISPR-Cas9 vector delivery in utero] A CRISPR-Cas9 vector injected into amniotic fluid **CRISPR-Cas9** delivered into at embryonic day 16 the fetal lungs



[Science Translational Medicine, Apr 2019]

Gene-edited CRISPR mushroom escapes US regulation



Highlight: USDA will not regulate a mushroom genetically problem:

- 1. [gene-editing] alterations are small enough and indistinguishable from naturally occurring organisms
 - 2. How one can detect the differences?
 - 3. International conflict (regulation)

Scientists struggle to detect the unauthorized sale of mimic natural mutations.

Heidi Ledford

To feed its 1.4 billion, China bets big on genome editing of crops



By Jon Cohen | Jul. 29, 2019, 8:00 AM

Main issues in plant (crop) science with CRISP-CAS9

Different views on GMO crop bet. Europe vs. USA (Brazil, Argentina and Australia)

Now in China and other countries

What then (for us)?

Our own stance what to do with the regulation International regulation for imports and exports

Who does what?

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Thinking points:

- 1. Genome editing vs. Gene cloning vs. Stem cell research vs. Transplantation
- 2. Science and/or Ethics?
- 3. Clear cut: How much is too much?
- 4. Regulation: okay, but in what and how?



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Resources to deal with authorship problems















Author by definition

"Authors are individuals identified by the research group to have made substantial contributions to the reported work and agree to be accountable for these contributions. In addition to being accountable for the parts of the work he or she has done, an author should be able to identify which of their coauthors are responsible for specific other parts of the work. In addition, an author should have confidence in the integrity of the contributions of their co-authors. All authors should review and approve the final manuscript."

Authorship by definition

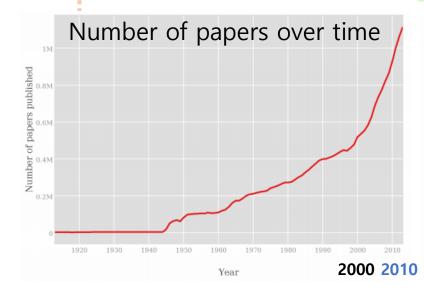
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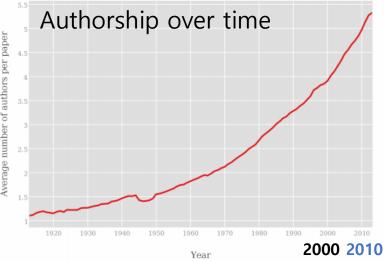


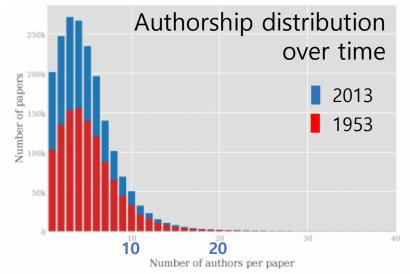


Researchers decide who will be an author and what order they will be listed in <u>before they even conduct experiments</u>, and that the group <u>revisits the author list as a project evolves</u>.

Authorship trend

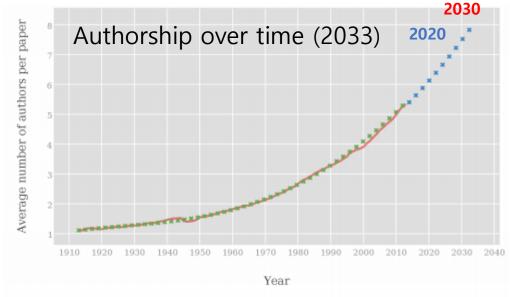






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Robert Aboukhalil, The rising trend in authorship, The Winnower. 2014. DOI: 10.15200/winn.141832.26907.



WHY publish?

WHY publish (as results of academics' communicate and their scholarly work)?

- 1. To establish **priority** for their discoveries
- 2. To build their **reputation** among their peers
- Authorship is a primary basis that employers use to evaluate academic personnel for employment, promotion, and tenure.

Not easy

YES: A researcher who comes up with an <u>experimental design and analyzes the data</u> may be considered an author, even if she or he had little role in composing the text describing the results. NO: According to some standards, even <u>writing the entire article would not constitute authorship</u> unless the writer was also involved in at least one other phase of the project.

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More South Korean academics caught naming kids as co-authors

The practice was probably used to improve the children's chances of securing a university place.

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South Korea's education ministry has been investigating papers that have high-school students named as co-authors. Credit: Kim Hong-Ji AUNI/REUTERS

Mark Zastrow

Unjustified authorship is considered research misconduct in South Korea.

The ministry and universities have now identified a total of 794 publications with child co-authors, of which 549 have been reviewed, the education minister Yoo Eun-hae said in a statement on 17 October. Of those, the ministry found that 24 papers had unjustified authorship.

Authorship highlight

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Authorship issues



- The role of author
 - ✓ The first, corresponding author
 - ✓ Ghost, gift, honorary
- The principle of authorship
- Number of authors and group author
- Authorship in the different area

First author in by-lines [주저자]

- Usually junior scientist.
- Make the greatest contribution to the work.





Corresponding author [교신저자]

- Responsible for receiving reviewers' comments, the proofs, reprints, coordination of revisions and integrity of the whole work.
- Correspondence should include precise postal and electronic addresses, phone & fax.
- Valid and active email is a must.

Last author in by-lines [마지막 저자]

- Mostly and often corresponding author.
- Usually senior scientist.
- Guarantor of the integrity of the whole research work who guide throughout research and writing.
- Sometimes Head of the unit.
- Sometimes 'guest' or 'gift' author.

Ghost author [유령저자]

- Authors who made substantive contribution to the design, execution, revisions, meet the authorship criteria but not listed as co-authors.
- Representatives of pharma industry.

Gift author [선물저자]

- Authors who do not meet the authorship criteria but listed as co-authors.
- Often senior scientist, head of the department, those who provided funding (child co-author).

Honorary (guest) author [명예저자]

- Occurs when a person is listed as an author who has not provided any significant assistance to the study.
- It happens when a senior member or supervisor is listed on research undertaken in their department, even if he or she has not actually contributed to the study.
- Sometimes, honorary authorships are given in order to curry favor or enhance the credibility of the paper.

• What's the problem?

- ✓ It takes some of the credit away from those who did the work, while giving credit and prestige to those who have done nothing.
- ✓ Additionally, if there is a problem found in the research, an honorary author might be seen as culpable.





Authorship issues



- The role of author
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The principle of authorship: Who did what and how much

✓ A handshake isn't enough to seal the deal; researchers should keep author agreements in writing.



Bud Abbott and Lou Costello made disagreements about order in baseball the stuff of comedy legend. Credit: GETTY

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Authorship: Who's on first?

Amber Dance

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When scientists collaborate on an experiment and a paper, it can be hard to decide who gets the credit and how much.

The principle of authorship: Who did what and how much

Equal authorship

- No clear definition.
- Those who equally contributed to the study.
- Usually <u>first and second authors</u>, and/or <u>the last two authors</u>.
- Numbers share the equal authorship is increasing as collaboration (between different areas) increased.
- Some cases for the promotion or job; question on how to count.

The principle of authorship: Who did what and how much

- ✓ Creativity / conceive [idea]
- ✓ Grant
- Design
 - IRB/IACUC
 - Statistics
- Performing experiments
 - Results
- ✓ Discussion
- ✓ Writing (draft, correction)
- ✓ Revision, rebuttal
- ✓ Agreement on publication







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Number of authors

- No regulations.
- Multi-authorship requires disclosures over contributions.
- Order is dependent on authors; their contributions are resolved at the start.
 - ✓ Types of order: <u>descending</u> order of contribution, <u>alphabetical</u> listing or <u>random</u> order.

Number of authors

A physics paper with **5,154 authors** has, as far as anyone knows, broken the record for the largest number of contributors to a single research article. Only the first <u>nine pages</u> in the 33-page article, published on 14 May, 2015 in *Physical Review Letters*, describe the research itself including references. The other <u>24 pages list the authors</u> and their institutions.

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* A complete list of collaborators in the RECOVERY trial is provided in the <u>Supplementary Appendix</u>, available at NEJM.org.

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Authorship in the **Natural Sciences**

PNAS: "authorship should be <u>limited to those who have contributed substantially</u> to the work" and "authors are <u>strongly encouraged to indicate their specific contributions</u>"

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U.S. National Academies: "an author who is <u>willing to take credit for a paper must also</u> <u>bear responsibility for its contents</u>. Thus, unless a footnote or the text of the paper explicitly assigns responsibility for different parts of the paper to different authors, the authors whose names appear on a paper must share responsibility for all of it."

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Authorship in Mathematics, Theoretical computer science and High energy physics

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In other branches of knowledge such as <u>economics</u>, <u>business</u>, <u>finance or particle physics</u>, it is also usual to sort the authors alphabetically.

Wikipedia

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Authorship in Social sciences

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1. American Psychological Association. (2001). Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (5th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. p. 350.

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Authorship in **H**umanities

Neither the Modern Languages Association <u>nor</u> the Chicago Manual of Style <u>define</u> requirements for authorship (because usually humanities works are <u>single-authored</u> and the author is responsible for the entire work).

1. "Information Statements". Committee on the Profession. American Mathematical Society.

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Authorship in Medicine (ICMJE)

- 1. Conception and designor acquisition of dataor analysis and interpretation
- 2. Drafting or revising

3. Final approval

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Minor modification from ICMJE recommendation

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THUS, many authors - especially those in the middle of the by-line - do not fulfill these authorship criteria.

Some medical journals have abandoned the strict notion of author, with the flexible notion of contributor.

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- Sauermann et al. (2017). Authorship and contribution disclosures. Science Advances. 3 (11): e1700404.
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Authorship in Medicine

Who are the authors

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3. Analysis or interpretation of the data

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Authorship in **M**edicine

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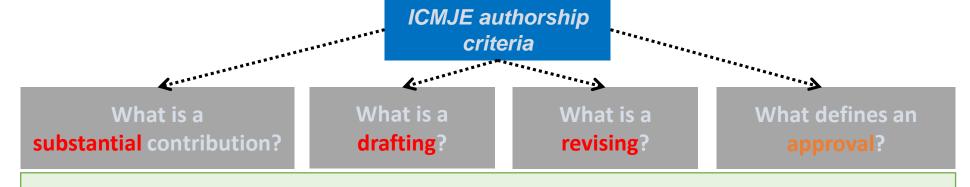
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- 2. IACUC, IRB (consent form)
- 3. Research (Lab) note
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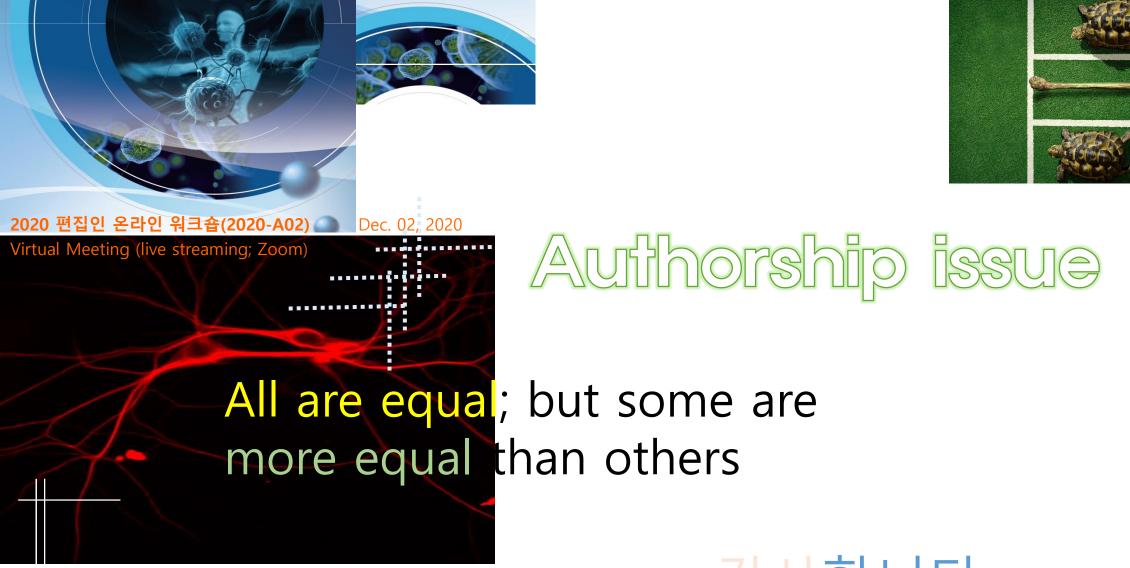
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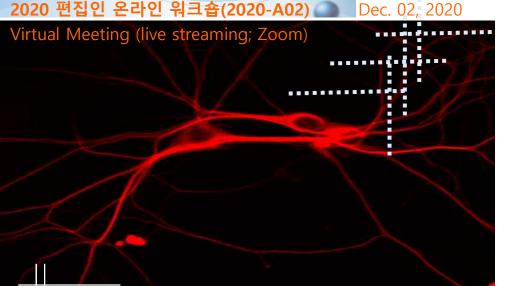
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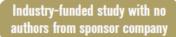


Authorship issue: Supplementary



How to recognize potential authorship problems

Signs that Might Indicate Authorship Problems



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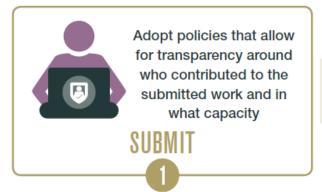
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