

Did I overlook a key piece of information? Or were you just testing to see if your readers are paying attention?

Of course, this raises another question: Are journal editors and their staff (and peer reviewers) now going to be expected to review the authors' contributions and decide whether each of the proposed authors should be listed, or will this responsibility fall to the group of proposed authors (an honour system)?

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[The editor of *CMAJ* responds:]

A tip of our hat to Bart Harvey — we missed that one. Attila Lorincz did in fact meet the revised authorship criteria of the Vancouver Group.¹ However, he neglected to inform us that he participated in the design and analysis of the study as well as providing a critical review of the manuscript,² thus qualifying him for authorship.

We will be more vigilant; editors can and should raise questions when they suspect that authorship criteria have been violated. But, as Harvey suggests, the main responsibility for ensuring that the authorship criteria are met lies with the authors.

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man papillomavirus DNA testing and repeat Papnicolaou test in women with low-grade cervical cytologic abnormalities: a randomized trial. *CMAJ* 2000;163(6):701-7.

Corrections

Because of an autohyphenation problem, some readers may have been misled by a URL that appeared in a recent On the Net column.¹ The correct URL for Healthy PalmPilot is www.healthypalmpilot.com.

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Staff Barootes attended medical School at the University of Toronto. Incorrect information appeared in a death notice in the Sept. 19 issue.¹

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