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Collective Authors and Scientific Authorship Policies

What Can We Learn from Retraction Notices?

The authorship policies of scientific journals generally assume an individualistic conception of authorship. They assume that the contributions of individual scientists to a collaborative paper are identifiable and can be stated in author contribution statements that place credit and responsibility on individuals only. We argue that from a purely descriptive point of view the practices of collaborating scientists are at odds with this individualistic conception of authorship. We also argue that from a normative point of view the authorship policies should be changed. Our arguments draw on an examination of 35 years of retraction notices in the journal *Science*.

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