

On the Title Page

Authors must include a publishable statement for each author, disclosing all professional financial relationships from the period of conception of the study or work until publication of the manuscript. Such associations include association with the makers of products that compete with the one studied. Payments for conducting or publicizing the study should be disclosed. Authors are requested to list financial relationship disclosure (conflict of interest) and acknowledgment of assistance with manuscript preparation on the title page.

The list below is the format we require for the title page.

The component parts of the statement are:

1. Author Contributions
2. Funding/Support
3. Role of the Sponsors
4. Financial Disclosure of the Authors
5. Acknowledgment

A template to use in preparing your statement is provided below. Please note that the only author who can make changes in the description of his or her contributions is the author involved. If one author wishes to make changes to the contributions described by another author, that other author must provide written permission for such changes.

Author Contributions: Dr(s) _____, _____, _____ had full access to all of the data in the study and take responsibility for the integrity of the data and the accuracy of the data analysis. *Study concept and design:* _____, _____, _____ (list the last names of the authors). *Acquisition of data:* _____, _____, _____ (list the last names of the authors). *Analysis and interpretation of data:* _____, _____, _____ (list the last names of the authors). *Drafting of the manuscript:* _____, _____, _____ (list the last names of the authors or, if written by a medical writer, provide the name of the writer or the company performing the writing in an acknowledgment). *Critical revision of the manuscript for important intellectual content:* _____, _____, _____ (list the last names of the authors). *Statistical analysis:* _____ (list

the last name of the author or, if reviewed by a statistician who is not an author, provide the name plus affiliation of the statistician in an acknowledgment). *Obtained funding:* _____, _____, _____ (list the last names of the authors). *Administrative, technical, or material support:* _____, _____, _____ (list the last names of the authors). *Study supervision:* _____, _____, _____ (list the last names of the authors).

Financial disclosure should be divided as follows:

- Relationships relevant to this manuscript
- All other relationships

Funding/Support: This study was supported in part by _____, _____, _____.

Role of the Sponsors: The sponsors had no role in the design and conduct of the study; in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data; or in the preparation, review, or approval of the manuscript.

Financial Disclosure: If the authors have no relevant financial interests to report, list "None reported."

OR

Drs _____, _____, _____ serve as consultants to _____. Dr _____ is employed by _____. (Use the Financial Disclosure Checklist that appears immediately below to assist you in preparing this section.)

Acknowledgment: We are indebted to _____, _____, _____.

All Financial Interests (including pharmaceutical and device products):

1. Employment _____
2. Consultancies _____
3. Honoraria _____
4. Speakers bureau _____
5. Stock ownership or options _____
6. Expert testimony _____
7. Grants _____
8. Patents _____
9. Patent applications _____
10. Royalties _____
11. Donation of medical equipment _____

Authorship Responsibility, Financial Disclosure, Acknowledgment, and Copyright Transfer/Publishing Agreement

Each author must read and sign (1) the statement on authorship responsibility, criteria, and responsibility; (2) the statement on financial disclosure; *either* the copyright transfer/publishing agreement or the federal employment statement. In addition, the *corresponding* author must sign (3) the acknowledgment statement. If necessary, photocopy this document to distribute to coauthors for their signatures. Submit manuscripts to <http://manuscripts.archdermatol.com>.

Manuscript Title and Name of Corresponding Author _____

Your name (print or type) _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

1. Authorship Responsibility, Criteria, and Contributions. Each author should meet all criteria below (A, B, C, and D) and should indicate general and specific contributions by reading criteria A, B, C, and D and checking the appropriate boxes. In addition, collate the contributions of each author (from item D below) and place this on the title page of the manuscript.

- A. I certify that
- the manuscript represents original and valid work and that neither this manuscript nor one with substantially similar content under my authorship has been published or is being considered for publication elsewhere, except as described in an attachment; and
 - if requested by the editors, I will provide the data or will cooperate fully in obtaining and providing the data on which the manuscript are based for examination by the editors or their assignees; and
 - for papers with more than 1 author, I agree to allow the corresponding author to serve as the primary correspondent with the editorial office, to review the edited typescript and proof, and to make decisions regarding release of information in the manuscript to the media, federal agencies, or both; or, if I am the only author, I will be the corresponding author and agree to serve in the roles described above.

B. I have given final approval of the submitted manuscript.

- C. I have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for (check 1 of 2 below)
- part of the content.
 - the whole content.

D. To qualify for authorship, you must check at least 1 box for each of the 3 categories of contributions listed below. I have made substantial contributions to the intellectual content of the paper as described below.

1. (check at least 1 of the 3 below)
- conception and design
 - acquisition of data
 - analysis and interpretation of data
2. (check at least 1 of 2 below)
- drafting of the manuscript
 - critical revision of the manuscript for important intellectual content
3. (check at least 1 below)
- statistical expertise
 - obtaining funding
 - administrative, technical, or material support
 - supervision
 - no additional contributions
 - other (specify) _____

Signature _____

Date Signed _____

2. Financial Disclosure (select relevant items).

I certify that all my affiliations (relationships) with or financial involvement (eg, employment, consultancies, honoraria, speakers bureau, stock ownership or options, expert testimony, grants or patents received or pending, royalties, or donation of medical equipment) with any organization or entity with a financial interest in or financial conflict with the subject matter or materials discussed in the manuscript are completely disclosed below or in an attachment.

I certify that all financial and material support for this research and work are clearly identified on the title page of the manuscript and financial relationships are separated into those relevant to the subject matter or materials discussed in this manuscript and all professional financial relationships during the period from inception of the work until its publication.

OR

I have no financial interest in this manuscript and no affiliations (relationships) to disclose.

Your Signature

Date Signed

3. Acknowledgment Statement.

Authors should obtain written permission from all individuals named in the acknowledgment, since readers may infer their endorsement of data and conclusions. The corresponding author must sign the following statement:

- I certify that all persons who have made substantial contributions to the work reported in this manuscript (eg, data collection, writing or editing assistance) but who do not fulfill the authorship criteria are named along with their specific contributions in an acknowledgment in the manuscript.
- I certify that all persons named in the acknowledgment section have provided me with written permission to be named.

Your Signature

Date Signed

Copyright Transfer/Publishing Agreement. In consideration of the action of the American Medical Association (AMA) in reviewing and editing this submission (manuscript, tables, figures, videos, audio, and other supplemental files for publication), the author(s) undersigned hereby transfer(s), assign(s), or otherwise convey(s) all copyright ownership, including any and all rights incidental thereto, exclusively to the AMA, in the event that such work is published by the AMA.

Your Signature

Date Signed

Federal Employment. I was an employee of the US federal government when this work was conducted and prepared for publication; therefore, it is not protected by the Copyright Act, and copyright ownership cannot be transferred.

Your Signature

Date Signed

Please return all copies to June K. Robinson, MD, Editor,
Archives of Dermatology, Department of Dermatology, Northwestern
University Feinberg School of Medicine, 132 E Delaware Pl #5806,
Chicago, IL 60611 USA; phone: e-mail for appointment;
fax: (312) 943-7752; e-mail: archdermatol@jama-archives.org.