

Reflective questions

What kinds of issue do you think might influence the outcome of such negotiations over dissemination amongst a research team?

Briefly outline some of the criteria you might think relevant to deciding the order in which contributors should be listed as 'authors' on a publishable research paper. What were the reasons for your choices? Is it appropriate to include anyone who did not actually write anything (for example, someone who collected all the data, e.g. a skilled qualitative interviewer)? Is it reasonable that the person who has the most senior position/title (e.g. Professor) be the first name listed even if they did not make the largest contribution?