

# AUTHORSHIP ISSUES

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- Author?
- Authors' Issues:
  - Honorary Author
  - Ghost Author
- What can we do?

A Department Chart

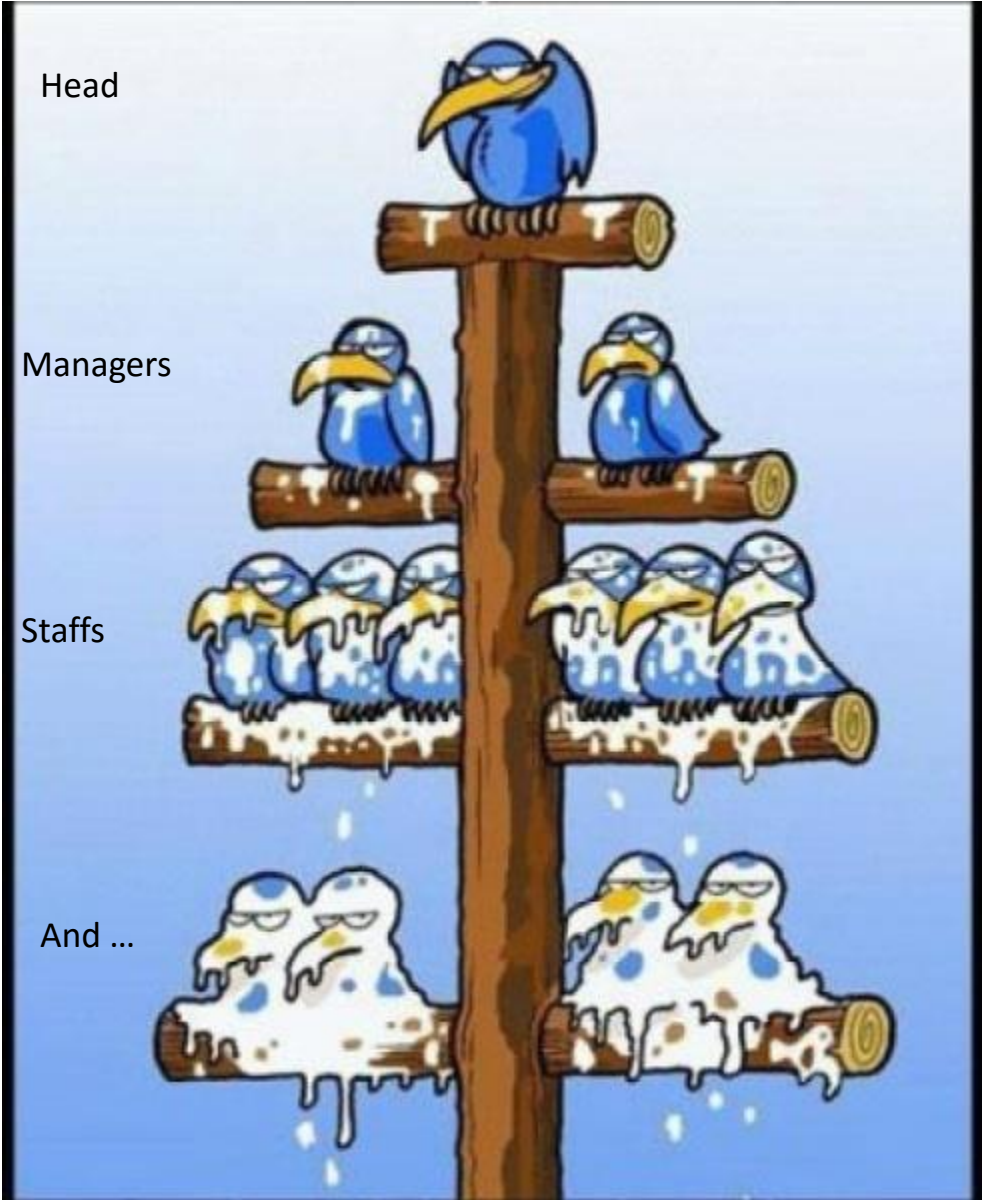
From Maastricht University,

Head

Managers

Staffs

And ...



# WHO IS AN AUTHOR?

- begins a plan or an idea
- substantive intellectual contributions to a published study
  
- International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE)

# Number of Authors?

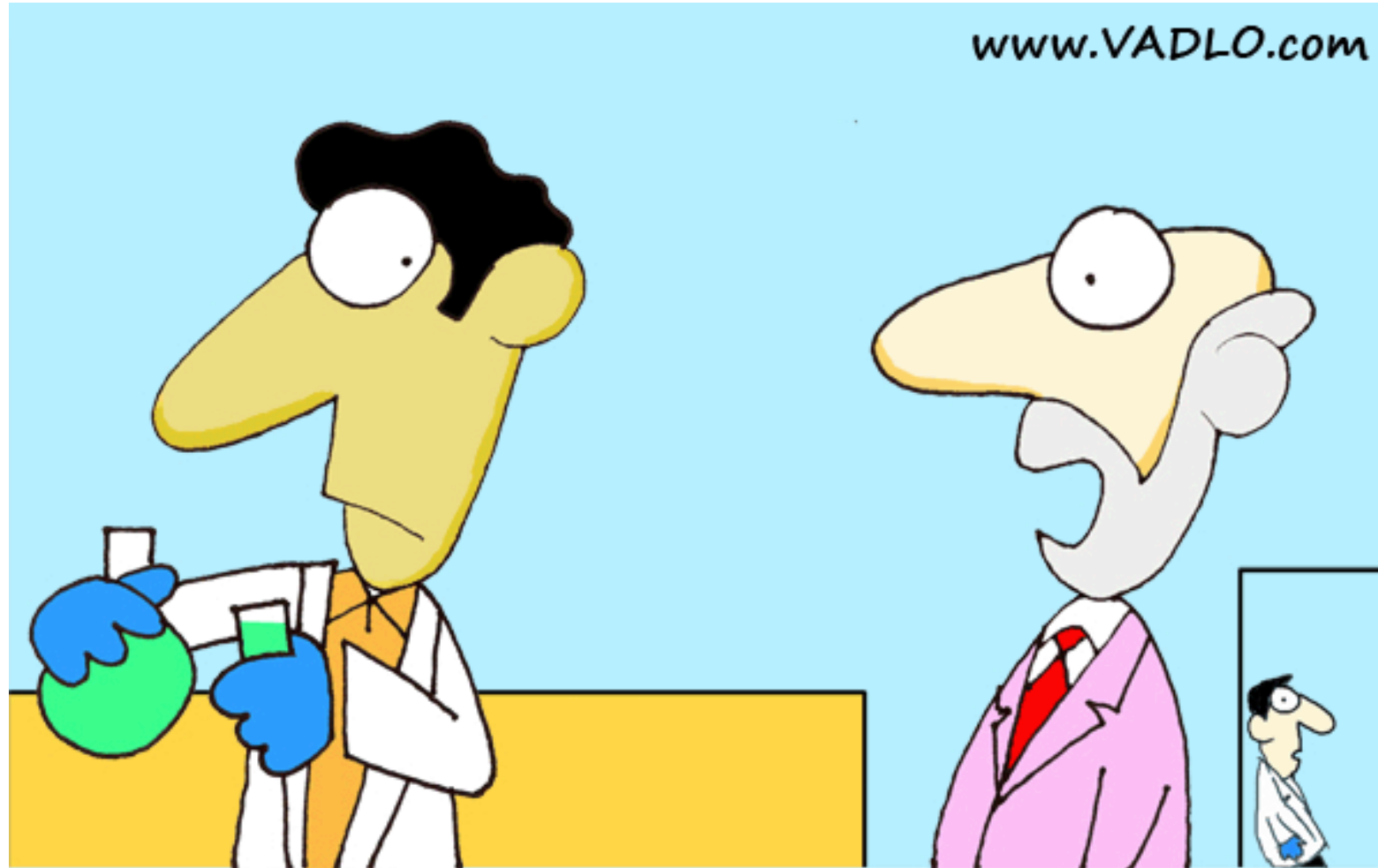
- 1 or 100?

# Places of Authors?

- First / Last
- Corresponding Author

# HONORARY AUTHORSHIP

- “guest” and “gift” authorship
- a tenuous relationship with the manuscript
- Did not work
- Prestige and augment chances of acceptance
- Prevalence: 11-60%
- > 5 authors
- Often gifted to:
  - Departmental head
  - Reviewing or approving manuscript before submission
  - Providing care, recruiting study subjects
  - supervising or recruiting co-authors, and contributing illustrations



“No, it’s my wife’s turn to be the first author  
on **your** paper.”

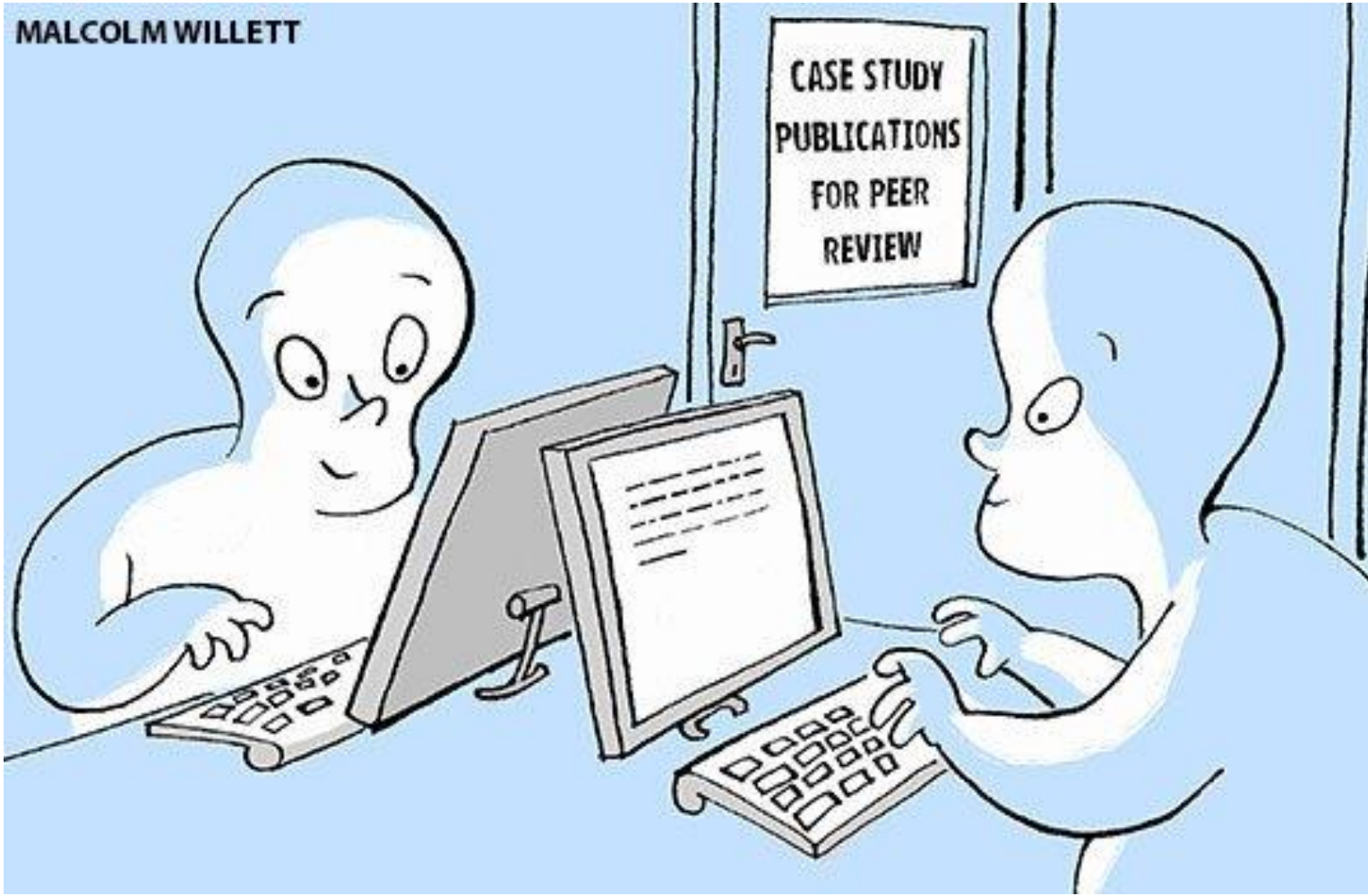


# GHOST AUTHORSHIP

- Participate in research, data analysis, and/or writing of a manuscript but **are not named** or **disclosed** in the author byline or acknowledgments.
- Who:
  - Junior colleague
  - Author's personal editor

Pharmaceutical or device company (75% of industry-sponsored trials )

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# What Shall We Do?

## **Academic Institutions:**

- 1) Approved Proposals
- 2) Respect to a difference: Worked OR didn't Work

# What Shall We Do?

## **Government Agencies:**

Stop Funding to Institutions without Strict Formulations against Authorship issues

# What Shall We Do?

## Journals

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