



Identification in Publication

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Introduction

It should be easy to associate scholarly works to their respective authors. Ambiguity of a researcher is always unwished for. It is a setback if an author is not traceable to his publications. This occurs when the names are similar, a name has multiple parts, double surnames (post marriage), single word names (Malaysian), etc.

The issue is further complicated when the authors have not initially submitted their proper names (first, middle and last name). Some authors do not know how their name will be cited while others may not be sure about their middle and last name since the most spoken name is the first name. There are many cases where the name of the author appears differently with different publishers. Changing the appearance of a name, as cited, post publication takes a lot of valued time of the journal and reflects poorly.

We hereby, present a few examples where authors requested to change their citation post publication.

Case 1*

Author name as submitted - Anim Erani Zeydi

Appeared as- Zeydi AE

1. Author/s Names in full in the correct order: while writing the author names please write in following format. First Name, Middle Name and Surname (If you use abbreviations then these will be reflected as such if the article is published. So please avoid these if you don't want them to be quoted).	First Name	Middle Name	Surname Name
	Anim Erani Zeydi		

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- On communicating with the author he informed that his correct family name is Erani Zeydi (not Zeydi). Zeydi AE is incorrect

- Corrected as: Erani Zeydi A

Case 2*

Authors name as submitted- Vishwa L Sundarao G

Appeared as- L V, G S

1. Author/s Names in full in the correct order: while writing the author names please write in following format. First Name, Middle Name and Surname (If you use abbreviations then these will be reflected as such if the article is published. So please avoid these if you don't want them to be quoted).	First Name	Middle Name	Surname Name
	Vishwa		L
	Sundarao		G

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On communicating with the authors it was found that the full names were: Lakshminarayana Vishwa and Gopalnath Sundarao

- Corrected as: Vishwa L Sundarao G

Case 3*

Author name as submitted - Direkvand-Moghadam Ahmed

Had 5 publications in JCDR, with the name appearing in 3 different ways - Ahmed DM/ Moghadam AD/A DM

We had to make errata files for all the three publications.

Case 4*

Author name as submitted - Ciah Dh
Appeared as- Dh C

Author never told us the first name or the last name. He just wanted his name to appear as Ciah Dh in the citation.

*Author names have been changed for the purpose of confidentiality.

Conclusion

The authors should be diligent while submitting their names to a journal. For the sake of easy identification, unique Author Identifiers (AUID) such as Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID), International Standard Name Identifier (ISNI), Virtual International Authority File (VIAF) should be encouraged. Using such identifiers will help in proper indexing so that the authors can get full credit of their publications.

The idea behind presenting this case series is to popularise and make the author identifiers known among the budding journals/publishers and researchers as well.