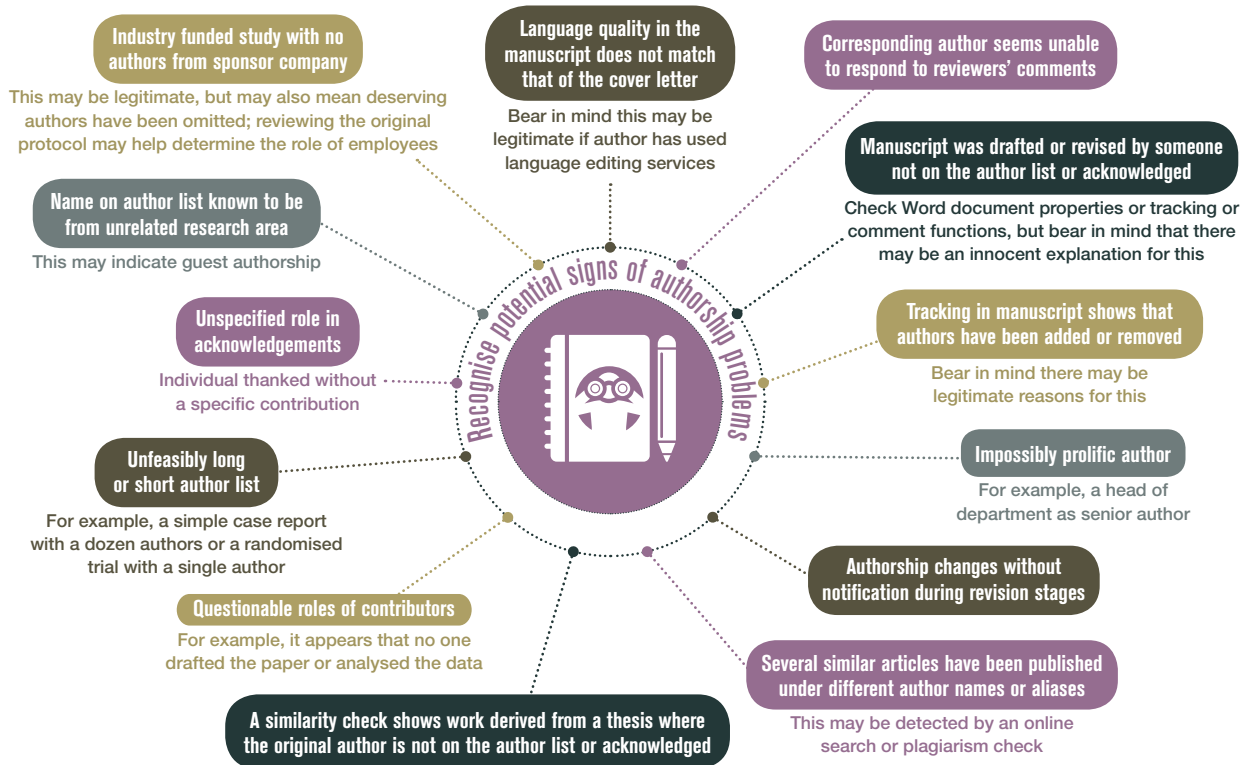
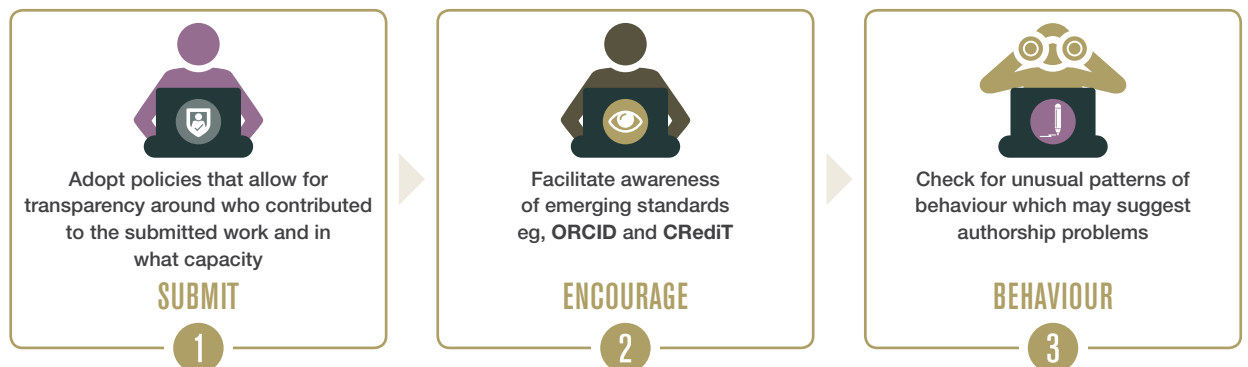


Signs that might indicate authorship problems



Best practice to minimise authorship problems



Authorship policies:

Clear policies (that allow for transparency around who contributed to the work and in what capacity) should be in place for requirements for authorship and contributorship as well as processes for managing potential disputes.

For further details see: publicationethics.org/authorship

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