

## Supplementary file 5: Survey results per region

Health research reporting practice per region Total n=198	Perception: Acceptable or does not really matter	Behaviour: Have done this themselves	Occurrence at institution: This happens
<b>Adding the head of department who has not contributed sufficiently</b>			
Sub-Saharan Africa (n=48)	6 (13)	5 (10)	32 (67)
Latin America (n=52)	16 (31)*	14 (27)	40 (77)
South and South East Asia (n=44)	16 (36)*	10 (23)	30 (68)
East Asia (n=36)	24 (67)*	12 (33)	36 (100)
Other (n=18)	7 (39)*	3 (17)	15 (83)
Difference between regions	p<0.001	p=0.178	p=0.003
<b>Adding an expert in the field who has not contributed sufficiently to the research</b>			
Sub-Saharan Africa (n=48)	10 (21)	7 (15)	25 (52)
Latin America (n=52)	16 (31)	14 (27)	39 (75)*
South and South East Asia (n=44)	17 (39)	5 (11)	29 (66)
East Asia (n=36)	17 (47)	11 (31)	34 (94)*
Other (n=18)	4 (22)	5 (28)	13 (72)
Difference between regions	p=0.083	p=0.109	p=0.001
<b>Acknowledging a biostatistician for assistance with data analysis (as opposed to listing as an author)</b>			
Sub-Saharan Africa (n=48)	29 (60)	21 (44)	35 (73)
Latin America (n=52)	37 (71)	31 (60)	45 (87)
South and South East Asia (n=44)	33 (75)	25 (57)	39 (89)
East Asia (n=36)	19 (53)	16 (44)	32 (89)
Other (n=18)	14 (78)	10 (56)	15 (83)
Difference between regions	p=0.146	p=0.211	p=0.204
<b>Omitting an author who has contributed substantially to the research</b>			

Sub-Saharan Africa (n=48)	1 (2)	0 (0)	15 (31)
Latin America (n=52)	0 (0)	3 (6)	20 (38)
South and South East Asia (n=44)	1 (2)	0 (0)	17 (39)
East Asia (n=36)	1 (3)	1 (3)	21 (58)
Other (n=18)	0 (0)	0 (0)	8 (44)
Difference between regions	p=0.784	p=0.546	p=0.153
<b>Text-recycling (using one's own work from a previous publication in another)</b>			
Sub-Saharan Africa (n=48)	7 (15)	2 (4)	18 (38)
Latin America (n=52)	27 (52)*	10 (19)	35 (67)*
South and South East Asia (n=44)	9 (20)	4 (9)	26 (59)*
East Asia (n=36)	13 (36)*	4 (11)	29 (81)*
Other (n=18)	1 (6)	2 (11)	10 (56)
Difference between regions	p<0.001	p=0.015	p=0.001
<b>Translating a text without acknowledging the original source</b>			
Sub-Saharan Africa (n=48)	1 (2)	1 (2)	8 (17)
Latin America (n=52)	4 (8)	1 (2)	20 (38)*
South and South East Asia (n=44)	3 (7)	0 (0)	14 (32)
East Asia (n=36)	1 (3)	1 (3)	23 (64)*
Other (n=18)	0 (0)	1 (6)	9 (50)*
Difference between regions	p=0.478	p=0.105	p<0.001
<b>Copying an idea without acknowledgement of the original source</b>			
Sub-Saharan Africa (n=48)	0 (0)	0 (0)	9 (19)
Latin America (n=52)	6 (12)	2 (4)	25 (48)*
South and South East Asia (n=44)	4 (9)	0 (0)	18 (41)*
East Asia (n=36)	8 (22)	3 (8)	25 (69)*
Other (n=18)	2 (11)	0 (0)	8 (44)*

Difference between regions	p=0.022	p=0.013	p<0.001
<b>Not declaring previous financial reimbursement from a company involved in a research project</b>			
Sub-Saharan Africa (n=48)	2 (4)	0 (0)	11 (23)
Latin America (n=52)	4 (8)	1 (2)	21 (40)
South and South East Asia (n=44)	3 (7)	2 (5)	18 (41)
East Asia (n=36)	11 (31)*	1 (3)	22 (61)*
Other (n=18)	5 (28)*	1 (5)	8 (44)
Difference between regions	p=0.001	p=0.02	p=0.013
<b>Not declaring a spouse's link to a company involved in a research project</b>			
Sub-Saharan Africa (n=48)	6 (13)	0 (0)	6 (13)
Latin America (n=52)	10 (19)	1 (2)	15 (29)
South and South East Asia (n=44)	12 (27)	0 (0)	11 (25)
East Asia (n=36)	14 (39)*	2 (6)	19 (53)*
Other (n=18)	5 (28)	0 (0)	5 (28)
Difference between regions	p=0.062	p=0.043	p=0.002

\*Indicates significant difference compared to Sub-Saharan Africa