German Lab Guidelines for Authorship


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   Substantial contribution to project conception and design

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   Data collection

   OR

   Data analysis and interpretation

   AND

   Drafting part or all of the manuscript

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   Critically revising the manuscript for important intellectual content

   AND

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