**Appendix 2. Vancouver Principles**

The Vancouver Protocol is internationally recognised as the standard for determining authorship on publications and is now applied across all disciplines in the world’s top universities (<http://icmje.org>). The principles are simple and states that to be credited as an author each and every author on a publication must have contributed in the following way:

* Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work

AND

* Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content

AND

* Final approval of the version to be published

AND

* Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

In addition to being accountable for the parts of the work he or she has done, an author should be able to identify which co-authors are responsible for specific other parts of the work. In addition, authors should have confidence in the integrity of the contributions of their co-authors.