

GNIOS Study Authorship Policy

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- Involvement in drafting or critically revising the manuscript for intellectual content.
- Approval of the final version to be published.
- Accountability for the integrity and accuracy of the work, including addressing any questions or concerns about its content.

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