

55 Appendix C: Examples of Name Change Policies

In compliance with COPE policies, publishers and associations have created their own procedures to seamlessly change an author's name without impacting publication or citation metrics or revealing personal information. Below are examples from Springer Nature, Wiley, Taylor & Francis, and Elsevier

Springer Nature publishes the *Journal of Informetrics*

- Comprehensive across all relevant search systems and across the version of records and associated metadata;
- Silent so that readers will not be aware that a correction to an author's name has been made, with authors given the option of the change being silent or flagged;
- Inclusive as to allow name changes for various reasons — principally to serve the needs of transgender scholars but also other reasons such as religious reasons;
- Cascaded without unnecessary burden on authors to update abstracting and indexing sites, <https://group.springernature.com/gp/group/media/press-releases/springer-nature-introduces-trans-inclusive-name-change-policy/19305714>

As part of this policy, biographical information, including pronouns and author photographs, will be corrected as needed to reflect the change.

Wiley, publisher of JASIST, the *Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology*

“Author name changes after publication

In cases where authors wish to change their name following publication, Wiley will update and republish the paper and redeliver the updated metadata to indexing services. Our editorial and production teams will use discretion in recognizing that name changes may be of a sensitive and private nature for various reasons including (but not limited to) alignment with gender identity, or as a result of marriage, divorce, or religious conversion. Accordingly, to protect the author's privacy, we will not publish a correction notice to the paper, and we will not notify co-authors of the change. Authors should contact the journal's Editorial Office with their name change request.”

<https://authorservices.wiley.com/ethics-guidelines/index.html#5>

Taylor & Francis publisher of the *Journal of the Australian Library and Information Association*, as posted on Facebook. To see the policy, click on [Author Services](#) and scroll down to Author name changes.



JALIA's new policy on name changes is completely in line with the COPE guidelines and vision for a more trans-inclusive publishing world. Have a look here!

“Author name changes on published articles:

There are many reasons why an author may change their name in the course of their career and wish to update their published articles to reflect this change, without publicly announcing this through a correction notice, Taylor & Francis will update Journal articles where an author....**See more**

Cell Press and Elsevier

A final example is Cell Press, a part of the Elsevier family. All Elsevier publications have the same process. Cell created its own policy statement on diversity and equity in the design of research before Elsevier policy, and a link to a required questionnaire.

Cell journal's editorial, New at Cell press: The inclusion and diversity statement Sweet, D.J. (7 Jan 2021), DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2020.12.019>

Cell Press Inclusion and Diversity Form, https://els-jbs-prod-cdn.jbs.elsevierhealth.com/pb/assets/raw/shared/forms/landDstatement_form.pdf

Elsevier's Inclusive author name change policy, <https://www.elsevier.com/about/policies/inclusive-author-name-changes>

Elsevier Inclusion and Diversity Questionnaire:

<i>Inclusion and diversity relating to authorship and attribution:</i>	Yes	No	Prefer not to disclose
One or more of the authors of this paper self-identifies as an underrepresented ethnic minority in their field of research or within their geographical location.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One or more of the authors of this paper self-identifies as a gender minority in their field of research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One or more of the authors of this paper self-identifies as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One or more of the authors of this paper self-identifies as living with a disability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One or more of the authors of this paper received support from a program designed to increase minority representation in their field of research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
While citing references scientifically relevant for this work, we also actively worked to promote gender balance in our reference list.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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