Appendix C

APPENDIX C: GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Acknowledgement That which credits the contribution made by the work cited

citation

Conflict of interest A situation or relationship in which professional, personal or

financial considerations could be seen by a fair-minded person

as potentially in conflict with independence of judgement

Contributorship Concept developed (1997) by Richard Smith (former editor of

> the BMJ) to replace authorship credits by listing the contribution made by each person to the project

Convenience citation Selecting citations which are easy to find

> Copyright The legal right granted to an author, publisher, or distributor

> > to exclusive publication, production, sale, or distribution of a

scientific work

Corporate authorship Where the name of the project is given, along with a separate

> acknowledgement describing the contributors and the corresponding author (as an alternative to long author lists in

multi-authored reports)

Critical citation When the citing piece points to what is considered a flaw in

some research publication

Discovery paper One which first puts forward a new concept

Divided publication When information from a single research study is divided for

publication in two or more papers

Documentation One which maps how e.g., a political debate, a historical

> citation process or specific concept has developed and been defined

Duplicate publication Re-publication of the same information in two different places

> Fabrication Presenting data in a research report that have not been

> > obtained in the manner, or by the methods, described in the

report

Fractionally divided Reporting in a single paper only a fraction of the data that have

publication been or will be reported in their entirety in another paper

Ghost authorship The failure to include as co-author of a work a person who

satisfies the criteria for authorship (e.g., a science writer

employed by a drug company)

Gift authorship Awarding authorship credit because of a person's power or

prestige rather than for substantial contribution to the work

Grey literature Unpublished matter such as conference presentations,

submitted articles, in-house papers or reports

Guarantor (in authorship credits) the person who takes responsibility for

the contents and integrity of the work as a whole

Honorary authorship See 'gift authorship'

ISI database Web of Science Institute of Scientific Information

bibliographic database

Journal Impact The average number of citations in ISI-indexed journals in a

Factor (ISI) given year to articles published in a journal during the

preceding two years

LPU Least publishable unit (see 'divided publication')

Misappropriation Illicitly presenting or using in one's own name an original

research idea, plan or finding disclosed in confidence

Partial repetitive Repeatedly publishing parts of the same information in

publication modified form

PI Principal investigator

Plagiarism To present someone else's work as one's own

Referential citation When a piece of work is cited for what it contributes to the

field

Repetitive Repeatedly publishing the same information two or more times

publication (e.g., in journal articles and book chapters)

Reputation citation Citing a piece of work with a view to enhancing one's own

reputation or that of a colleague

RPU Repeating publishable unit (see 'repetitive publication')

Self-citation Citing one's own work

Self-plagiarism To copy and present one's own text or article without properly

attributing its original source

Verification citation That which allows the reader to check the source for accuracy

Viewpoint citation When a piece of work is cited because it supports a given

hypothesis or idea