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## Timely Publication

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### Description

A scenario that covers ethical issues that arise when a supervisor does not review a doctoral student's manuscript.

### Body

#### Graduate Student

Cory has been a graduate student in Prof. Harried's lab for the past 6 years and expects to graduate soon. Cory is waiting for Harried to review and critique a manuscript before Cory submits it for publication. Cory submitted the manuscript to Harried over a year ago, and repeatedly has asked Harried about it. The manuscript is still sitting on Harried's desk. Other labs around the country have been working on this sort of problem. If the manuscript isn't sent out soon, someone else is likely to publish the same findings first.

#### Post Doc

Cory has been a post-doc in Prof. Harried's lab for the past 2 years and expects to go onto another postdoc position before trying for an academic position. Cory is waiting

for Harried to review and critique a manuscript before Cory submits it for publication. Cory submitted the manuscript to Harried over a year ago, and repeatedly has asked Harried about it. The manuscript is still sitting on Harried's desk. Other labs around the country have been working on this sort of problem. If the manuscript isn't sent out soon, someone else is likely to publish the same findings first.

- What, if anything, can Cory do?
- What difference, if any, does it make that Cory is a graduate student or a post doc?

## Notes

Caroline Whitbeck introduced methods and modules for discussing numerous issues in responsible conduct of research at a Sigma Xi Forum in 2000. Partial funding for the development of this material came from an NIH grant.

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