Equity in global health research in the new millennium: Trends in first-authorship for Randomised Controlled Trials among Low and Middle Income Country researchers 1990-2013

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Developing the research capacity of Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs) has been shown to be one of the key ways that international health programs and health research can create sustained benefit in these countries. The aim of this study was to examine trends in first-authorship for researchers from LMIC institutions (LMIC first-authors) over the period 1990-2013. This study is the first to our knowledge that has tracked trends in LMIC first-authorship. The study highlights gains in equity in global health research in the years post-2000. The findings suggest that more inclusive policies by international funders are important to enabling LMIC researchers to develop the research agenda.

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