

Acknowledgment and Co-Authorship Guidelines – SCS EPR Lab

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- designs an EPR experiment (often a pulse sequence, or more) for you
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where specifically on page 3, item number 11, it states (highlights mine):

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Authors should appropriately recognize the contributions of technical staff and data professionals.

Other contributions should be indicated in a footnote or an “Acknowledgments” section. An administrative relationship to the investigation does not of itself qualify a person for co-authorship (but occasionally it may be appropriate to acknowledge major administrative assistance). ... The author who submits a manuscript for publication accepts the responsibility of having included as co-authors all persons appropriate and none inappropriate. The submitting author should have sent each living co-author a draft copy of the manuscript and have obtained the co-author’s assent to co-authorship of it.

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