

# Nested Knowledge Authorship Policy

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3. The Nested Knowledge developers should be recognized in a statement such as the following, "The authors acknowledge Karl Holub, Stephen Mead, Jeffrey Johnson, and Darian Lehmann-Plantenberg for their design and support of the Nested Knowledge meta-analytical software."

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