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# Acknowledgements

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* Grant support
* Helpful fellow students, lab mates, etc.
* Family support

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I thank Dr. O. Meyer for enlarging my vision of science and providing coherent answers to my endless questions.

Special thanks are owed to my parents, whose have supported me throughout my years of education, both morally and financially.

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* A thorough review of relevant literature
* A clear statement of the research question – the hypotheses and/or goals of the research

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### Section

This is Chapter 1, Section 1.1.

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* A description of methods used, in sufficient detail to enable a reader to understand how the data were gathered and to apply similar methods in another study
* A complete account of the research presented in a systematic manner typical of the field of study

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* Conclusions regarding goals or hypotheses of the thesis that were presented in the Introduction, and the overall significance and contribution of the thesis research
* Comments on strengths and limitations of the thesis research
* Discussion of any potential applications of the research findings
* An analysis of possible future research directions in the field drawing on the work of the thesis

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| AJ | 19 | 420 | 67 | 10 | M | Low |
| DC | 52 | 600 | 98 | 6 | F | High |
| SM | 6 | No responses | NA | NA | F | Unknown |

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| JA | 10 years ago | 9 | Low | 0.25 |
| JB | 12 years ago | 4 | Moderate | 0.75 |
| AJ | Last week | 10 | Low | 0.5 |
| DC | No academic experience | 6 | High | 0.95 |

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The following are appropriate for inclusion in the appendices:

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2. Diagrams of specialized equipment developed
3. Copies of questionnaires or surveys used in the research. Please ensure that personal information (e.g., names or contact information of subjects and/or researchers) is removed and/or blacked out from your questionnaire/survey copies.

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