

Dear Editor,

Regarding our paper “Unifying the Effects of in and out-of-plane constraint on the fracture of ductile materials”, MPS 103956, we would like to request for an amendment to the list of authors. We, the authors, confirm that Dr Ahmet Cinar assisted with carrying out the synchrotron experiment and performed reconstructing the tomography data. He was also responsible for performing digital volume correlation analysis on some of the reconstructed data. Subsequently, he analysed the image stacks of which Figure 4a is a direct result. Subsequently, after small modifications to the code he originally developed, we calculated the crack mouth opening displacements shown in Figures 5, and 6 thus we believe he had a substantial contribution these figures. Unfortunately, I, the corresponding author, overlooked adding his name to the list of authors at submission. Following discussion about his contributions, we have decided that his name should have been added to the paper as an author. I therefore contacted Elsevier during the production process to amend the list of authors but it appears that it was too late as I did not receive a response. Upon consultation with the journal manager, we were advised that the only way possible to change the list of the authors is to justify it and obtain permission from the editor. We therefore appreciate it if you could allow adding Dr Cinar’s name to the paper. After requested amendment is implemented, the list of the authors will be as follows:

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Thank you so much for your help and consideration.

Yours faithfully,



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