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The inventorship issue in the context of AI is not really new. Computer modeling for drug compounds has been known for years. Lead compounds are presented in the minds of the inventors by human intervention of the computer programmer. Similarly, my understanding is that AI requires a person to present data to the AI computer; thus, a result of the inventors human intervention/conception. Olusegun Falana v. Kent State University and Alexander J. Seed, 669 F.3d 1349 (Fed. Cir. 2012) address substantial contributors in the making of the invention that didn't necessary conceive the claimed invention. It's not really for the patent office to decide these issues on a hypothetical basis. It's for courts to decide. I see no need to add entities as inventors. These opinions are my own opinions, and I am not writing on behalf of nor do they reflect the opinions of my employer.

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