# Formatting Instructions for CCN 2026 Extended Abstracts

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**Abstract**

The abstract should be identical to the text version submitted in the web form and should not exceed 300 words. CCN has an interdisciplinary audience. Hence a good abstract should (a) give context about what the problem is and why it matters (b) give the contents and explain what was done and what was found (c) give a clear conclusion including what we learned and how it changes the way we think about the universe. And because Konrad is writing this, he can not avoid shamelessly plugging his writing guide: doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1005619. See you at CCN.

## General Formatting Instructions

The text, tables and figures of a CCN extended abstract submission can be no longer than 2 pages. If needed, references may extend onto additional pages.

The text of the paper should be formatted in two columns with an overall width of 7 inches (17.8 cm) and length of 9.25 inches (23.5 cm), with 0.25 inches between the columns. Leave two line spaces between the last author listed and the text of the paper. The left margin should be 0.75 inches and the top margin should be 1 inch. Use 10 point Modern with 12 point vertical spacing, unless otherwise specified.

The title should be in 14 point, bold, and centered. The title should be formatted with initial caps (the first letter of content words capitalized and the rest lower case).

Indent the first line of each paragraph by 1/8 inch (except for the first paragraph of a new section). Do not add extra vertical space between paragraphs.

## Structure

We recommend a clear structure, typically including an introduction, followed by sections such as methods and results for experimental work (which may be substituted e.g. for theoretical work), and concluded with a discussion.

## First Level Headings

First level headings should be in 12 point, initial caps, bold and centered. Leave one line space above the heading and 1/4 line space below the heading.

### Second Level Headings

Second level headings should be 11 point, initial caps, bold, and flush left. Leave one line space above the heading and 1/4 line space below the heading.

**Third Level Headings** Third level headings should be 10 point, initial caps, bold, and flush left. Leave one line space above the heading, but no space after the heading.

## Formalities, Footnotes, and Floats

Use standard APA citation format. Citations within the text should include the author's last name and year. If the authors' names are included in the sentence, place only the year in parentheses, as in Newell and Simon (1972), but otherwise place the entire reference in parentheses with the authors and year separated by a comma (Newell & Simon, 1972). List multiple references alphabetically and separate them by semicolons (Chalnick & Billman, 1988; Newell & Simon, 1972). Use the "et al." construction only after listing all the authors to a publication in an earlier reference and for citations with four or more authors.

### Footnotes

Indicate footnotes with a number[1] in the text. Place the footnotes in 9 point type at the bottom of the column on which they appear. Precede the footnote block with a horizontal rule.[2]

### Tables

Number tables consecutively. Place the table number and title (in 10 point) above the table with one line space above the caption and one line space below it, as in Table 1. You may float tables to the top or bottom of a column, or set wide tables across both columns.

### Figures

Make sure that the artwork can be printed well (e.g. dark colors) and that the figures make understanding the paper easy. Number figures sequentially, placing the figure number and caption, in 10 point, after the figure with one line space above the caption and one line space below it, as in Figure 1. If necessary, leave extra white space at the bottom of the page to avoid splitting the figure and figure caption. You may float figures to the top or bottom of a column, or set wide figures across both columns.

[1] Sample of the first footnote.

[2] Sample of the second footnote.

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Table 1: Sample table title.

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| 0 - N = N | 70 - 47 = 37 |
| 0 - N = 0 | 70 - 47 = 30 |

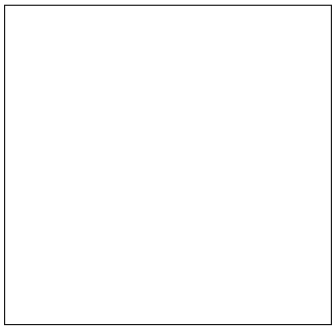

Figure 1: This is a figure spanning a single column.

## Math

Display equations should be set out from the text and numbered for easy reference:

$$P(H|D) = \frac{P(D|H)P(H)}{P(D)} \ . \tag{1}$$

# Supplementary Materials

An "**Acknowledgments**" section may appear before the references to include author contributions. Use of automated tools (such as generative AI) must be disclosed in this section, describing the tools used and their role (e.g., drafting, editing, code generation). Technical appendices are not permitted for extended abstracts.

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Use a first level section heading, "**References**", as shown below. Use a hanging indent style, with the first line of the reference flush against the left margin and subsequent lines indented by 1/8 inch. Below are example references for a conference paper, book chapter, journal article, dissertation, book, technical report, and edited volume, respectively.

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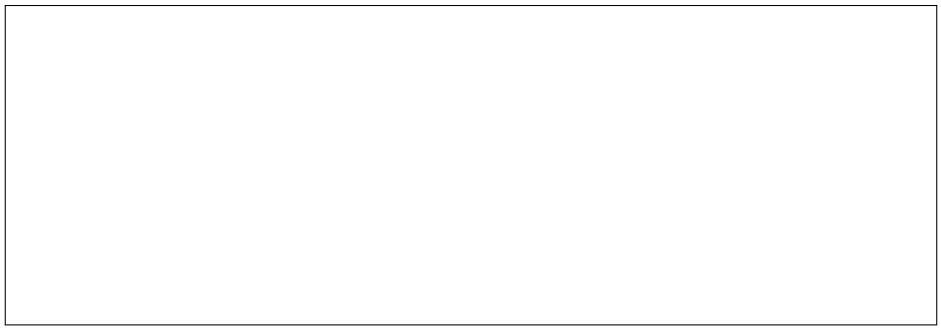

Figure 2: This is a figure spanning both columns.


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