

Formatting Instructions for CCN 2026 Proceedings

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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 proceedings submission can be no longer than 8 pages. This is including figures, tables, but excluding references and the supplement.

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 number¹ 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.

¹Sample of the first footnote.

²Sample of the second footnote.

Table 1: Sample table title.

Error type	Example
Take smaller	63 - 44 = 21
Always borrow	96 - 42 = 34
0 - N = N	70 - 47 = 37
0 - N = 0	70 - 47 = 30

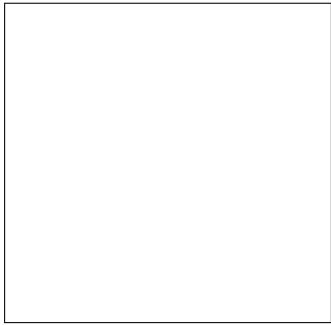


Figure 1: This is a figure spanning a single column.

84 Math

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

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

87 Supplementary Materials

88 An “**Acknowledgments**” section may appear before the
89 references (and may extend to a 9th page) to include au-
90 thor contributions. Use of automated tools (such as gen-
91 erative AI) must be disclosed in this section, describing
92 the tools used and their role (e.g., drafting, editing, code
93 generation). A technical “**Appendix**” may start on a new
94 page after the references.

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96 CCN’s reviewing process is double-blind, and it is the
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98 Do not include any identifying information, such as au-
99 thor names, affiliations, or acknowledgments, in the ab-
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101 own work, ensure anonymity to maintain double-blind re-
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103 et al. [1]...” instead of “In our previous work [1]...”). If
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124 the same format for unpublished references as for pub-
125 lished ones. Alphabetize references by the surnames of
126 the authors, with single author entries preceding multiple
127 author entries. Order references by the same authors by
128 the year of publication, with the earliest first.

129 Use a first level section heading, “**References**”, as
130 shown below. Use a hanging indent style, with the first
131 line of the reference flush against the left margin and
132 subsequent lines indented by 1/8 inch. Below are ex-
133 ample references for a conference paper, book chapter,
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Figure 2: This is a figure spanning both columns.

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