

How to Make a Proceedings Paper Submission

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Abstract

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Table 1: Sample table title.

Error type	Example
Take smaller	63 - 44 = 21
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Figure 1: This is a figure.

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