



Steven Sloman,
Editor in Chief, *Cognition*

Dear Dr. Sloman,

Please find enclosed a manuscript entitled “Extremely Costly Intensifiers Are Stronger Than Quite Costly Ones” for consideration as a full article in *Cognition*. My coauthor for this work is Noah Goodman (Stanford University).

It is an open question to what extent iconic, pragmatic, and other factors affect the mapping of word forms to meanings. As a particular example, in our paper we show that there is a relationship between the length and infrequency of an intensifying degree adverb and the strength with which it intensifies the adjective it modifies. We show how pragmatic inference could be responsible for such a relationship, and include as an appendix a Bayesian model of how such a pragmatic inference might occur. This work has implications for how people use and understand words and would be useful information for researchers in cognitive science, psychology, linguistics, and for the general public.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript for publication in *Cognition*. I will be the corresponding author and will assume responsibility for informing my co-authors of all progress through the review process. If you have any questions or require any clarifications about this work, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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