

MB2018 Style Guide



Introduction

Submissions for posters and papers (in general sessions and in symposia) must follow this style guide. If accepted, your paper will be published in the Conference Proceedings. Abstracts for tutorials, demonstrations, workshop proposals, and symposium proposals can be in free text.

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The conference language is English. It is the responsibility of the authors to write correct clear English, the conference organization will not edit the abstracts. Active (not passive) voice is preferred and the text should be comprehensible for participants for whom English is not their first language, and are from other scientific disciplines. If the standard of the English of the abstract is insufficient, it will be returned to the author to be rewritten. You may use any English dialect (US, British, etc), as long as it is consistent. Briefly define or explain all technical or specialist terms that may be unfamiliar to all readers.

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If your work presented at Measuring Behavior includes experiments on animals or suffering to human subjects, please include a statement indicating which authorized ethical committee has approved the experiments. The methods should be described in sufficient detail to allow assessment of the standard of welfare concerning the research's subjects. The paper will not be accepted if it does not meet these criteria.

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Reference examples:

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