

Sample manuscript showing specifications and style

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ABSTRACT

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1. INTRODUCTION

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Center the paper title at the top of the page in 16-pt. bold. Only the first word, proper nouns, and acronyms are capitalized. Keep titles brief and descriptive. Avoid starting with articles or prepositions, e.g., “The study of ...,” “On the” Spell out acronyms unless they are widely known. The list of authors immediately follows the title, in 12-pt. regular, with each line centered. Omit titles or degrees such as Dr., Prof., Ph.D., etc. The list of affiliations follows, with clear notation for each author's affiliation.

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Type each section heading on a separate line in 11-pt. bold capitals, centered. Number sections sequentially, except for the Acknowledgements and References. Typical headings are 1. Introduction, 2. Methodology, 3. Data, 4. Results, and 5. Conclusions. Only the first word, acronyms, and proper nouns in a subsection heading are capitalized.

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1.6 Table format

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2. MATHEMATICAL EQUATIONS

An illustration of a math reference in a paragraph sentence would be $\alpha g \frac{\rho}{s}$ and is not usually numbered. The steps of a mathematical argument can be numbered using a right-aligned tab for clarity, for example

$$\alpha = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 2ac}}{2a} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\rho = \sum (x - x')^2 \quad (2)$$

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