EXAMPLE FORMAT FOR BRIEF SUBMISSIONS FOR RISKY BUSINESS

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The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has recently published a draft guidance document entitled *DRAFT: Guidance on the assessment of risks to bees from the use of biocides.* The document describes how to conduct risk assessment for bees and proposes a tiered approach for biocidal actives for the exposure estimation in different scenarios, hazard characterisation and a risk assessment methodology covering both dietary and contact exposure. The document also provides recommendations for higher tier assessment, metabolite risk assessment and biocidal product risk assessment (i.e. for mixtures). For arthropod pollinators other than bees, the document provides an overview of the literature on their ecology and sensitivity together with recommendations for further research.

The report is: ECHA (2023). DRAFT: Guidance on the assessment of risks to bees from the use of biocides. April 2023. European Chemicals Agency.
https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/2324906/echa_bee_guidance_draft_april_2023_en.pdf/f617ba97-889e-594b-fd69-b33e3802d40c?t=1684236108786

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXTENDED PAPERS FOR RISKY BUSINESS

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1. General Format

2-page extended abstracts must not exceed 2 pages. A4 (297 × 210 mm) paper should be used with the following margins. Margins should be as follows: top 20 mm; bottom 20 mm; sides 20 mm; space between columns 8 mm.

Text should be in two columns, as shown in this example. The title should be 16 pt Arial font, all capitals, centred (Title style). Below this should be authors' names as 12 pt Arial, sentence case, spaced 2.5 mm (or 7 pt) beneath the title (with RACTRA/FACTRA post-nominal if applicable, affiliation and ACTRA Executive committee role if applicable).

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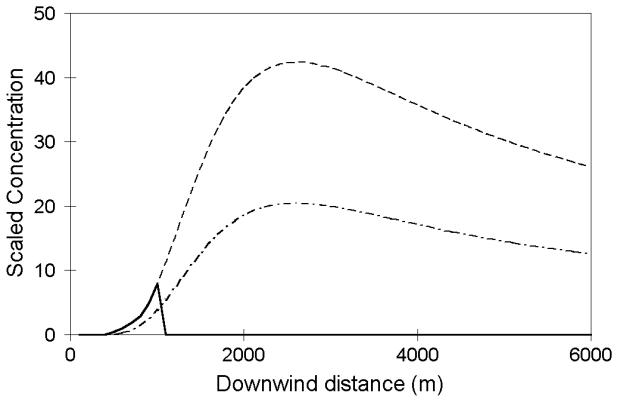

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References

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