**Formatting your paper for the 15th International Symposium on Fire Safety Science**

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**Abstract**

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**Keywords:** fire chemistry; modeling; suppression

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* Each have maximum 85 characters including spaces
* Cover main findings

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Fig. 1. Figure captions should concisely describe the image.

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Table 1. Table captions should concisely describe the content in the table.

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| **Sample type** | **Time-to-ignition**  **[s]** | **Critical heat flux for ignition**  **[kW m-2]** |
| Sample A | 140 (± 9) | 25 (± 1.1) |
| Sample B | 283 (± 16) | 28 (± 1.5) |
| Sample C | 316 (± 5) | 29 (± 1.2) |

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**4. Conclusions**

The main conclusions of the study may be summarized here.

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