

# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE FOURTH NORTH AMERICAN CONGRESS ON BIOMECHANICS (NACOB 2008)

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## INTRODUCTION

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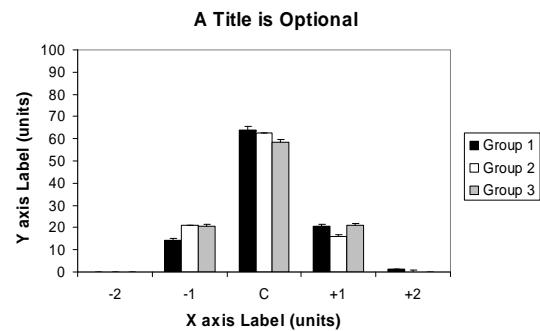
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Height (m)	2.1 (0.3)	2.2 (0.4)
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