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Please use as little formatting as possible. Specifically,

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- Page Standard (top and bottom margin: 2.5 cm; left and right margin: 2 cm)
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- 3.
- 3.1
- 3.1.1

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- Zusammenfassung
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- 2. …
- …
- X. Conclusion
- Notes
- References

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Related arguments can be found in Meier and Miller (1992: 94–102).
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  While there is no consensus on the terms “agent” and “agency”, most biosemioticians appear to agree that core attributes of an agent include goal-directedness, self-governed activity, processing of semiosis and choice of action (Tønnessen 2015: 139–140).

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5.8 Filmography
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