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**EXPERIMENTS ON THE EFFECT OF FOCUS ON CONDITIONAL PERFECTION AND THE INFLUENCE OF
THE PARADIGM**

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This contribution tests whether Conditional Perfection (CP, Geis & Zwicky 1971) can be analyzed as a quantity implicature (QI) arising from exhaustive interpretation (von Fintel 2001) and whether this is dependent on focus, as Schulz & van Rooij's (2006) account of exhaustive interpretations suggests.

According to the theory of Schulz & van Rooij, CP only arises if the antecedent of the conditional is focused. Within an experiment, these predictions were confirmed. Participants' answers signaled that CP occurred in 89.2% of cases when the antecedent was focused and in 16.3% of the cases when the consequent was focused. These results can be related to Zondervan (2009), who examined the implicature associated with *or* and who did not find such a clear partitioning (77% versus 51%). I investigate in a follow-up experiment whether the different results were due to the experimental paradigms (truth-value judgment task versus felicity judgment task) or to different properties of *or* and *if*. The results suggest that the differences are indeed due to different properties with respect to focus and not due to the paradigm.

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