

Presenting Results

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Methodology

- Is the method described so that replication is possible
- Describe the population
- Sample size and selection procedure
- Power of the study
- Data collection method
- Response rate



Results

- All data required to fill in the picture
- Exclude data which does not relate to or expand upon the topic

- Statistical assumptions
- Not just the p-value



Tables and Graphs (1)

- Are they necessary?
- Are they self-explanatory?
- Combining of tables
- Clearly labeled axes in figures
- Correspondence between graphs and text



Tables and Graphs (2)

- Must be clear
- More information than a sentence
- Graphic shows trend/pattern better than a table
- Either a table or a graph
- Must have a title and a number
- Sequential Numbering
- Quote number in text to refer to table/graph



Tables and Graphs (3)

- Check if tables/graphs should be in body or appendix
- Text should not give content of table in prose
- Measure of central tendency and dispersion usually only referred to in text
- Statistic and p-value given in last row of table or underneath
- Discussed in text but not repeated



Discussion

- Purpose is to draw together the data and tie it in to the literature
- Compare to other findings
- Refer to limitations
- Make recommendations
- No results in Discussion section
- No new ideas introduced in Discussion section