

Chapter 5

Discussion



Statistics Solutions

Advancement Through Clarity

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Restate the purpose of your study



Remind the reader of the importance and need for your study



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Introduction

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Make sub headers based on your RQs (if quant) or themes (if qual)



Restate or summarize the finding or theme



Discuss your finding in relation to major previous findings from Chap 2



Note where your findings support or do not support findings of previous studies



Note whether your findings add something novel to the literature



Briefly explain your findings that do not support previous research



Make conclusions based on your findings and discussion

Interpretation of the Findings

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Note and explain any shortcomings or weaknesses that may have affected your results



Discuss the generalizability of your results to the larger population

Limitations

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Discuss how your findings inform practice (be specific)



What do your findings mean for professionals in your field?

Implications for Practice

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Recommendations should be based on findings



Recommendations can sometimes be based on limitations



Findings that do not support previous research warrant further research because that suggests inconclusiveness



Novel findings warrant further research



You can also recommend different types of studies and designs to obtain different kinds of information

Recommendations for Further Research

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Recap major points from the Chapter



Leave the reader with a take home message: most important aspects of your study you want them to remember

Summary

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