Interpreting Data: Key Questions for Practitioners - english

I. Introduction

• Understanding the Presenter's Goal:

- What is the presenter's primary goal in sharing this data?
- How does the data contribute to answering research or practical questions?
- **Who** is the intended audience for this data presentation?

II. Data Context and Relevance

• Contextual Understanding:

- What is the background or context of the data presented?
- How does the data relate to the specific context of your practice or field?
- Who are the key stakeholders, and how is the data relevant to them?

• Relevance to Your Practice:

- What impact does the presented data have on your decision-making or practice?
- Why is this data important for your specific role or responsibilities?

III. Assessing the Measures Used

• Evaluation of Effect Sizes:

- Do you understand the effect size measures used in the presentation?
- How do these measures align with the objectives of the analysis?
- Why might these specific effect size measures have been chosen?

• Consideration of Statistical Power and Precision:

- Has the presenter addressed the statistical power and precision of the findings?
- Are there limitations in the data that the presenter has acknowledged?
- How many data points or observations were included in the analysis?

IV. Communicating Effectively

• Clarity in Language:

- Has the presenter minimized the use of technical jargon for clear communication?
- How has the presenter explained complex statistical concepts for broader understanding?
- How has the presenter ensured that the audience comprehends the data?

• Effective Visual Representation:

- Are the visualizations clear, concise, and aligned with the message being conveyed?
- How have visual aids (graphs, charts) been employed to enhance understanding?
- **How** do the visual representations contribute to your understanding?

V. Considering Practical Implications

• Practical Significance:

- Beyond statistical significance, what is the practical significance of the findings?
- How might these results translate into actionable insights for practitioners?
- Why should practitioners, including yourself, care about the findings?

• Application in Practice:

- How can the presented findings be applied in day-to-day work?
- Are there actionable recommendations based on the data?
- How can practitioners, including yourself, implement the insights in their practice?

VI. Addressing Uncertainty and Limitations

• Acknowledging Confidence Intervals:

- Has the presenter provided confidence intervals to convey the level of uncertainty?
- How has uncertainty been communicated and interpreted?
- How confident do you feel in the results presented?

• Understanding Data Limitations:

- What limitations has the presenter mentioned, and how might they impact the interpretation?
- Are there potential biases or confounding factors that have been considered?
- Who might be affected by these limitations?

VII. Conclusion and Next Steps

• Key Takeaways:

- What are the main messages you, as a practitioner, should take away from the data presentation?
- Are there specific actions or next steps for practitioners based on the presented data?
- How/with what resources can practitioners, including yourself, implement the key takeaways?

• Feedback and Iteration:

- How can practitioners, including yourself, provide feedback to improve future data presentations?
- Is there room for iteration and refinement in the presenter's approach to data communication?
- When would be an appropriate time for feedback and improvement?