

Summary Post

Thank you Nikolaos and Ali for your thoughtful and detailed responses to my initial post. Both of you strongly reinforce the central concern that Abi's situation is not only about obvious data fabrication but also about the equally serious problem of selective reporting and suppressed results.

Nikolaos emphasises that presenting only favourable outcomes fundamentally distorts the evidential basis for decision making, aligning this with ethical statistical principles that require accuracy, transparency, and the obligation to communicate all observed results without omission (Berenson, Levine and Szabat, 2019; Malički *et al.*, 2023; BCS, 2021). He also argues that if Abi anticipates misuse or selective dissemination, he is justified in insisting on full disclosure or distancing himself from any misleading report.

Ali develops the argument by stressing that manipulation can occur through rejecting unwanted analyses or shaping interpretations to suit sponsors, which undermines public trust and professional credibility (Arar and Saiti, 2022; Kousholt and Juhl, 2023). By situating Abi's dilemma within wider governance structures and external pressures, Ali highlights that ethical responsibility is not optional but structurally constrained, and supports the view that Abi may need to dissociate his name from any dishonest report to preserve integrity (Kwame and Petrucca, 2024).

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