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Odds Ratio for Group A Compared to Another Group	Interpretations
.25	The odds of the outcome for Group A were 25% of the odds of the other group.
	The odds of the outcome for Group A were 75%
	lower than for the other group.
1.0	The odds of the outcome for Group A were
	equivalent to (the same as) the odds for the other
	group.
	There was no difference between Group A and the
1 5	other group.
1.5	The odds of the outcome for Group A were 1.5 times
	those for the other group.
	The odds of the outcome for Group A were 50%
2.0	higher than for the other group. The odds of the outcome for Group A were 100%
	higher than those for the other group. (technically
	correct, but at the very least confusing?)
	The odds of the outcome for Group A were 2.0
	(twice) those for the other group.
2.5	The odds of the outcome for Group A were 2.5 times
	those for the other group.
	The odds of the outcome for Group A were 150%
	higher than for the other group. (technically correct,
	but at the very least confusing?)