

Summary Post

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Abi is ethically obligated to present unbiased findings, including both positive and negative results, as data manipulation or selective reporting is considered misconduct and can harm public health and trust (Bharati & Batra, 2021; Santini et al., 2018). Abi must ensure his work does not intentionally mislead others, even though he cannot control how his results are used by others. If Abi suspects the manufacturer will only advertise positive results, he should consider including a disclaimer or discussing the full range of findings in his report.

Misrepresenting data can lead to legal consequences under consumer protection laws if false claims result in consumer harm (Gelman & Hennig, 2017). Socially, it can erode public trust in research and damage professional credibility. Abi should seek guidance from institutional review boards or professional bodies and consider whistleblowing if he believes public health is at risk.

Abi must comply with relevant data protection and privacy regulations, such as the Data Protection and Privacy Act in Uganda and standards set by the European Data Protection Supervisor, especially if personal data is involved in his research (The Republic of Uganda, 2019; European Data Protection Supervisor, n.d.).

Abi's actions should prioritize public safety and contribute positively to society, aligning with principles of professional codes of ethics like those of ACM and BCS. Upholding research integrity, transparency, and public well-being is crucial in his decision-making process (ACM,

2018; BCS, 2022). Accurate communication of new research findings is crucial in the context of scientific progress (Korte et al., 2017).

Overall, Abi must maintain integrity, transparency, and ethical responsibility in his research and reporting, considering the broader impact on society and adhering to professional and legal standards.

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