



Given the absence of critical evaluation, how should readers interpret differences in signal quality, reliability, or suitability for clinical versus experimental use among devices with similar specifications?

1. Escrever um parágrafo explicando que especificações técnicas semelhantes não garantem desempenho igual.
2. Agrupar os dispositivos em categorias de uso:
  - pesquisa experimental;
  - uso clínico/translacional;
  - uso exploratório/educacional.
3. Criar uma tabela indicando:
  - tipo de uso recomendado por categoria;
  - existência ou não de validação independente.
4. Orientar o leitor sobre como interpretar os dados apresentados.  
→ *Onde: Results, Discussion*

#### RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

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### R1C3.

#### STATUS - Encarregado

How do the authors address the potential bias introduced by manufacturer-provided specifications, particularly for parameters such as sampling rate, resolution, and wireless performance?

1. Identificar nas tabelas quais dados vêm de:
  - fabricantes;
  - artigos científicos.
2. Marcar claramente quando o dado é apenas declarado pelo fabricante.
3. Acrescentar no texto que:
  - esses dados não substituem testes independentes;
  - servem apenas para comparação técnica básica.
4. Criar um parágrafo em Limitations sobre esse viés.  
→ *Onde: Methods, Tables, Limitations*

#### RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

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### R1C4.

#### RESOLVIDO - claudio

Could the authors clarify how latency, jitter, and throughput, which are discussed conceptually in the context, could be quantitatively integrated into the comparative framework to support real-time or closed-loop applications?

1. Explicar de forma simples: 1. O que é latência; 2. Por que ela é importante para BCI e neurofeedback.
2. Classificar os dispositivos em: 1. Adequados para tempo real; 2. Potencialmente adequados; 3. Não adequados.
3. Criar uma tabela com essa classificação.
4. Relacionar explicitamente com aplicações em loop fechado.



→ *Onde: Results, Tables*

## RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

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### Additional Questions Reviewer 1

#### R1AQ1.

##### STATUS - Encarregado

Does the paper contribute to the body of knowledge? The manuscript provides a systematic, market-orientated review of portable and wireless devices for EEG and fNIRS brain monitoring currently available worldwide. The collection of 96 devices and the quantification of their adoption in research through DOI-indexed publications represent an original and valuable resource for neuroscientists, biomedical engineers, and clinicians. The work offers an evidence-based mapping of the commercial landscape of neurotechnologies, thereby filling a recognised gap between engineering specifications and practical research implementation.

1. Deixar explícito no Abstract e na Introduction qual é a contribuição original do artigo.

2. Acrescentar um parágrafo dizendo claramente que o artigo:

- reúne 96 dispositivos comerciais;
- conecta especificações técnicas com uso real em pesquisa;
- preenche a lacuna entre engenharia e aplicação prática.

3. Reforçar que o número de artigos DOI-indexados é usado como indicador de uso na literatura, não de qualidade do dispositivo.

4. Incluir uma frase de síntese na Discussion explicando por que esse mapeamento é útil para pesquisadores e clínicos.

→ *Onde: Abstract, Introduction, Discussion*

## RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

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#### R1AQ2.

##### RESOLVIDO - claudio

Is the paper technically sound? The methodology follows PRISMA-ScR guidelines, is transparently registered in the OSF, and utilises several high-quality databases. Technical descriptions of EEG and fNIRS systems are generally accurate and detailed. However, the review does not critically evaluate signal quality, validation protocols, or performance trade-offs between different devices, which limits the interpretability of technical comparisons. Furthermore, latency, jitter, wireless throughput, and multimodal synchronisation are discussed descriptively but are not operationalised consistently within the comparative framework.

1. Manter a descrição metodológica (PRISMA-ScR e OSF), pois está correta.

2. Acrescentar um parágrafo explicando que o foco do artigo é comparação técnica e de adoção, não validação clínica.

3. Criar uma subseção em Limitations abordando: ausência de testes diretos de qualidade de sinal; dependência de dados fornecidos por fabricantes.

4. Tornar explícito que latência, jitter e sincronização são discutidos como critérios aplicacionais, não como medições experimentais.

5. Ajustar o texto para evitar interpretações de que os autores testaram os dispositivos.

→ *Onde: Methods, Discussion, Limitations*



# Reviewer 2

## R2C0.

### STATUS - Encarregado

The manuscript appears to address a research topic in brain-computer interfaces, neurophysiology, and multi-modal biosignal analysis, as evidenced by extensive references to EEG, EMG, fNIRS, cognitive workload datasets, and deep learning-based signal processing. A comprehensive catalog and technical mapping of 96 brain-monitoring devices (125 if variants included), using PRISMA methodology and OSF registration. This topic is highly relevant and aligns well with the scope of the IEEE Access Journal. However, some concerns regarding your manuscript need to be addressed as follows:

1. Manter o escopo geral do artigo (catálogo + mapeamento técnico).
2. Tornar explícito que o foco é mapeamento técnico e adoção, não validação clínica direta.
3. Reforçar no texto que o artigo é um scoping review orientado à tomada de decisão, não um benchmark experimental.

→ *Onde: Introduction, Discussion*

### RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Text...

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## R2C1.

### STATUS - Felipe e Eduarda

The Introduction effectively contextualizes EEG/fNIRS relevance, but the research problem is not tightly framed. The text implies lack of standardization and difficulty selecting devices but does not explicitly state the research question nor hypothesis.

1. Inserir no final da Introduction:

- uma pergunta de pesquisa explícita, por exemplo:
- “How can commercially available portable EEG/fNIRS devices be systematically compared to support informed selection for neuroscience and neurorehabilitation research?”

2. Acrescentar uma frase explicando por que escolher dispositivos é um problema real.

3. Deixar claro que o artigo não testa hipóteses, mas responde a uma questão de mapeamento e comparação.

→ *Onde: Introduction*

### RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

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## R2C2.

### STATUS - Eduardo

It would be advisable to include explicit search syntax for each database, a screening flow diagram with reasons for exclusion, and a statement addressing risk-of-bias and data verification limitations

1. Criar uma subseção em Methods com strings de busca completas para cada base (copiar do protocolo OSF).
2. Incluir um fluxograma PRISMA com números de exclusão por motivo (duplicata, falso positivo, etc.).
3. Acrescentar um parágrafo chamado “Risk of bias and data verification” explicando:

- uso de dados de fabricantes;
- ausência de verificação independente.

→ *Onde: Methods, Figures*

## RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

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## R2C3.

### STATUS - Encarregado

The literature review presents a broad range of references, including EEG and cognitive-fatigue datasets and IoT neurotechnology applications. However, the discussion remains largely descriptive rather than analytical. It lacks a comparison matrix or critical synthesis that clearly connects gaps in prior work to the current research. Additionally, key state-of-the-art contributions are missing, such as recent developments in EEG Transformers, neural ODE-based models (2024–2025), biosignal foundation models (e.g., BMCL-23), and advances in federated learning for bio-signal processing.

#### 1. Criar uma subseção nova em Discussion: “Relation to recent advances in biosignal processing”

- Inserir referências (sem aprofundar demais) sobre:
  - EEG Transformers;
  - modelos fundacionais de biossinais;
  - aprendizado federado em EEG.
- Explicar claramente:
  - por que esses avanços não foram o foco do artigo;
  - como eles dependem da escolha do hardware.

→ *Onde: Discussion*

## RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

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## R2C4.

### RESOLVIDO - claudio

The current contribution is ambiguous. The manuscript does not articulate what is new beyond other published surveys (e.g., wireless EEG surveys, multimodal neurotech reviews).

1. O que exatamente este artigo faz que outros surveys não fazem?
2. Em que dimensão ele é diferente (escopo, método, dados, resultado)?
3. Por que ele não é “apenas mais um survey de EEG wireless / multimodal”?

→ *Onde: Introduction, Conclusion*

## RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

We thank the reviewer for this important comment. To clarify the novelty of the contribution, we revised the Introduction to explicitly contrast this work with existing wireless EEG and multimodal neurotechnology surveys. While prior reviews typically focus on signal processing methods, experimental paradigms, or limited subsets of devices, the present study provides a large-scale, device-level mapping of commercially available EEG and fNIRS systems. The revised text highlights the unique integration of technical specifications, application-oriented criteria (including proxy-based closed-loop readiness and







The abstract states: "2,087 studies explicitly reported the use of brain devices... resulting in a true positive rate of 55.79%." The term "true positive rate" is typically used in classification/diagnostic contexts (sensitivity = TP/(TP+FN)). In a literature search, this terminology is confusing. What constitutes a "false negative" in your search strategy? Are you referring to the precision of your search query (relevant papers / total retrieved papers)? Please clarify this metric. If you mean that 55.79% of the screened papers were relevant (i.e., actually used brain devices), use standard systematic review terminology such as "inclusion rate" or "relevance rate." **Provide a PRISMA flow diagram showing the exact numbers at each screening stage.**

1. Substituir completamente o termo true positive rate por "inclusion rate" em todo o artigo.
2. Inserir na seção Methods uma definição formal:
  - Inclusion rate = (nº de estudos que realmente usaram o dispositivo) / (nº total de registros recuperados).
3. Deixar claro que:
  - não há "false negatives";
  - trata-se de eficiência da estratégia de busca, não métrica diagnóstica.
4. Garantir que o fluxograma PRISMA mostre:
  - registros recuperados;
  - excluídos por falso positivo (nome ambíguo, menção sem uso);
  - incluídos finais.

→ *Onde: Abstract, Methods, Results, PRISMA Figure*

## Response To Reviewers

We agree with the reviewer that the term true positive rate is inappropriate in the context of a literature search. The manuscript has been revised to replace this term with inclusion rate, which is consistent with systematic review terminology. The inclusion rate is now explicitly defined in the Methods section as the proportion of retrieved records that explicitly applied the named brain device as an experimental or clinical tool, reflecting the precision of the device-specific search queries, rather than sensitivity or recall. The Abstract and Results sections were updated accordingly to report that 2,087 of 3,741 unique records met the inclusion criteria, yielding an overall inclusion rate of 55.79%. A PRISMA flow diagram has also been added to report the number of records retrieved, duplicates removed, records screened, and studies included at each stage.

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## R3C2.

### STATUS - claudio

The manuscript states that 96 devices were "tracked in the market" but does not describe the market survey methodology. How were the 96 devices identified? Was there a systematic search of manufacturer websites, regulatory databases (e.g., FDA, CE marking), or commercial catalogs? Were devices from China, India, or other non-Western markets included? **Requirement:** Add a dedicated subsection in the Methods describing the device identification protocol. Include: 1. Search terms used (e.g., "wireless EEG," "portable fNIRS"); 2. Databases/sources consulted (e.g., Google Scholar, manufacturer websites, ResearchGate equipment lists); 3. Inclusion/exclusion criteria (e.g., "commercially available as of August 2025," "wireless only"); 4. A supplementary table listing all 96 devices with manufacturer, model number, and year of market entry.

1. Criar uma subseção nova em Methods chamada: "Device identification and market survey protocol"
2. Descrever claramente:





