Week 4 Post-Lab

BIOE 320 Systems Physiology Laboratory

A student, curious about the differences in alpha wave RMS amplitude between eyes closed and eyes open, conducted an experiment using EEG equipment. First, they recorded the alpha wave RMS amplitude in 8 of their classmates, asking them to keep their eyes closed. Then, they recorded the alpha wave RMS amplitude in another 8 of their classmates, asking them to keep their eyes open. The resulting data can be found here. Conduct the necessary statistical test to determine if there is a difference between the eyes open and eyes closed states.

- 1. State the appropriate statistical test to be performed.
- 2. State an appropriate α value, i.e. the acceptable Type I error rate, you would like to use.
- 3. Calculate the test statistic based on the data and the statistical test you have chosen. Show all work.
- 4. Based on your calculated test statistic and selected α value, make a statistical conclusion.
- 5. List two possible ways the student could improve upon their experimental design to increase the statistical power of their findings.