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To my opinion it is ethical to suggest analyzing correct data in two ways that lead to different results, when the results are critically discussed side by side. It would be unethical to only focus on the favorable result or to only focus on the non-favorable result. Therefore, Abi is obligated as a professional researcher to provide both analyses. But not only ethics require statisticians to provide both results, also the Legal framework for European statistics Article 2 -1(a)& (b) does require this, since the results should be impartial and objective. Besides the legal misconduct Abi would also likely face professional consequences from fellow colleagues that could critic her work and find obvious if not deliberate mistakes to falsify the outcome to a favorable result. Also, by providing only positive results and allowing the product to go to market it could have an impact on society by harming customers. (Eurostat 2010)

Abi is not responsible for the actions any following party takes with the results since Abi also does not have that ability to change those actions. If the results from the company get partially released to falsify the result of the analysis Abi conducted and to present the product better than it is, Abi can seek legal actions against the company, since the results were not disseminated in a neutral way, which must be done as per Legal framework for European statistics Article 2 -1 (b). (Eurostat 2010)

Eurostat (2010) Legal framework for European statistics – The Statistical Law Available from <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-statistical-books/-/ks-31-09-254> [Accessed 12.03.2022]

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