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# Introduction

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| Figure 1. Modified Research Model |

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| Table 1. A Sample Table | | |
|  | Treatment 1 | Treatment 2 |
| Setting A | 125 | 95 |
| Setting B | 85 | 102 |
| Setting C | 98 | 85 |

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