

How to Write the Results

This section should present the study's findings in **6-8 paragraphs (~1,000 words or ~30-40%** of manuscript text) for all outcomes discussed in the Methods section. Results should be **described in a clear, concise format and flow in a logical sequence using a combination of text, tables, and figures**. Data listed in tables should not be simply repeated in the text, but major findings and themes should be described for readers. All tables and figures should be directly referenced in the text. Be sure to state the statistical significance (e.g., P value) of all findings and provide numerators and denominators for all percentages. Most Results sections are structured as follows, although complex information may require the use of subheadings to organize study results in a logical manner:

- **First and Second Paragraphs** should describe **characteristics of the study population**, including demographics, clinical conditions, and relevant procedures, testing, or imaging. Table 1 should be referenced here.
 - The first set of analyses examined the impact of ...
 - The correlation between X and Y was tested using ...
 - T-tests were used to analyze the relationship between ...
 - The average scores of X and Y were compared in order to ...
 - In order to assess Z, repeated-measures ANOVAs were used.
 - Nine items on the questionnaire measured the extent to which ...
 - Table 1 presents the summary statistics for...
- **Third and Fourth Paragraphs** should focus on results for the **primary study outcomes** and feature important information in Tables 2 & 3.
 - The table below illustrates some of the main characteristics of the ...
 - The results of the correlational analysis are shown in Table 1.
 - What stands out in the table is ...
 - Strong evidence of X was found when ...
 - A significant positive correlation was found between X and Y.
 - No increase in X was detected.
 - No difference greater than X was observed.
 - No significant differences were found between ...
- **Final Paragraphs** should describe results for **secondary study outcomes** and any other findings. Table 4 and any remaining figures should be presented here.
 - Interestingly, the X was observed to ...
 - This result is somewhat counterintuitive.
 - A comparison of the two results reveals ...
 - Turning now to the experimental evidence on ...
 - Overall, these results indicate that ...
 - In summary, these results show that ...
 - In summary, for the informants in this study, ...
 - Together these results provide important insights into ...