

Biostatistics Z620 Grading Rubric

| Component | Score | Qualities |
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| Method Selection | 6 | ✓ Selection of a reasonable and appropriate method for analyzing the data. |
| | 3 | ✓ Selection of a method with moderate flaws with respect to the data or selecting multiple methods where one would suffice. |
| | 0 | ✓ Selection of an inappropriate method for analyzing the data or selecting many methods, only some of which are appropriate. |
| Implementation | 4 | ✓ Carry out the chosen method correctly. |
| | 2 | ✓ Minor problems in implementing the chosen method. |
| | 0 | ✓ Major problems in implementing the chosen method. |
| Reporting the method | 2 | ✓ Clear description of the statistical methodology. |
| | 1 | ✓ Some lack of clarity in the description of the statistical methodology. |
| | 0 | ✓ Major problems in clarity. Report does not clearly describe which statistical methodology was employed. |
| Communication | 2 | ✓ Clearly re-state the research question, use lay language, include graphics where appropriate to make your point visually, and write a coherent report. |
| | 1 | ✓ Being accurate but too technical and/or failing to provide useful visual aids. |
| | 0 | ✓ Being inaccurate in your language or your graphics and/or failing to write a coherent report. |
| Brevity | 2 | ✓ Write to the point without rambling. |
| | 1 | ✓ Writing about miscellaneous tests that you conducted before reaching your final approach to the data. |
| | 0 | ✓ Writing about irrelevant tests and/or writing about things other than the question at hand. |
| Reporting the Results | 4 | ✓ Summarizing the obtained results accurately in an appropriate paragraph or table. Technical statistical results appropriately placed between parentheses. |
| | 2 | ✓ Reprinting Minitab or other software output verbatim without regards to readability. Reporting some extraneous results. |
| | 0 | ✓ Reporting inaccurate results from your implementation of your analysis. Reporting many extraneous results. |
| Interpretation | 3 | ✓ Interpret the conclusions accurately, on the scale of the original data, for a lay reader. |
| | 2 | ✓ Minor problems with interpreting the data on the original scale for lay readers. |
| | 1 | ✓ Moderate problems with interpreting the data on the original scale for lay readers. |
| | 0 | ✓ Major problems with interpreting the data on the original scale for lay readers. |
| Inference | 3 | ✓ Valid discussion of the nature of the data (observational or experimental) and the populations to which the conclusions apply. |
| | 2 | ✓ Minor problems with understanding the limitations of the data. |
| | 1 | ✓ Moderate problems with understanding the limitations of the data. |
| | 0 | ✓ Major problems with understanding the limitations of the data. |
| Grammar | 2 | ✓ Use complete, grammatically correct sentences. |
| | 1 | ✓ 3-5 problems with grammar. |
| | 0 | ✓ More than 5 grammatical errors. |
| Spelling | 2 | ✓ Use correct spelling. |
| | 1 | ✓ 3-5 spelling errors. |
| | 0 | ✓ More than 5 spelling errors. |

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| A+: 30 | B+: 25 | C+: 20 | D: 15 |
| A: 27-29 | B: 22-24 | C: 17-19 | F: <15 |
| A-: 26 | B-: 21 | C-: 16 | |