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CRITERION	HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE	SOPHISTICATED (100% SCORE)	COMPETENT (75% SCORE)	NOT YET COMPETENT (50% SCORE)
1. Title page	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content & format substantially correct. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor content or format errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major content or format errors.
2. Introduction: statement of problem	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interesting and testable problem identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor content or format errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major content or format errors.
3. Introduction: univariate hypothesis & literature review	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testable hypothesis clearly stated. Thorough literature review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testable hypothesis but not clearly stated. Incomplete literature review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypothesis not testable. Incomplete literature review.
4. Introduction: bivariate hypothesis & literature review	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testable hypothesis clearly stated. Thorough literature review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testable hypothesis but not clearly stated. Incomplete literature review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypothesis not testable. Incomplete literature review.
5. Introduction: multivariate hypothesis & literature review	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testable hypothesis clearly stated. Thorough literature review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testable hypothesis but not clearly stated. Incomplete literature review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypothesis not testable. Incomplete literature review.
6. Methods: data definition	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational definitions provided for all variables. Any recodes clearly reported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor content or format errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major content or format errors.
7. Methods: data selection	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An accurate description given of the target population, the sample size, and the sampling error margin and confidence level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor content or format errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major content or format errors.
8. Methods: data analysis	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurate description of frequency & crosstabulation analyses and of measures of statistical association and statistical significance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor content or format errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major content or format errors.

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9. Findings: accuracy of univariate analysis	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Univariate analysis is consistent and accurate. • No errors made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis is generally consistent and accurate. • Some errors are made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis is too often inconsistent or inaccurate. • Enough errors are made to distract a knowledgeable listener.
10. Findings: accuracy of bivariate analysis	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bivariate analysis is consistent and accurate. • No errors made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis is generally consistent and accurate. • Some errors are made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis is too often inconsistent or inaccurate. • Enough errors are made to distract a knowledgeable listener.
11. Findings: accuracy of multivariate analysis	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multivariate analysis is consistent and accurate. • No errors made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis is generally consistent and accurate. • Some errors are made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis is too often inconsistent or inaccurate. • Enough errors are made to distract a knowledgeable listener.
12. Implications: substantive conclusions	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content & format substantially correct. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor content or format errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major content or format errors.
13. Implications: methodological conclusions	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content & format substantially correct. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor content or format errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major content or format errors.
14. References: format & content	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content & format substantially correct. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor content or format errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major content or format errors.
15. Presentation: spelling, grammar, punctuation, & syntax	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All presentation errors flagged by word processor corrected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only minor presentation errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major presentation errors.
Total points possible	80			