A Concise, Specific Title That States What Was Measured

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ABSTRACT

Objectives: State the question the paper answers, in one or two sentences. Say what is unresolved, not what is generally important.

Methods: Name the data, the study site or setting, and the analysis. Give the scale – how many hours, observations, or subjects – because reviewers calibrate on it.

Findings: Report the actual numbers, with direction and magnitude. "Observability rose from 0.39 to 0.63" is informative; "observability improved substantially" is not.

Novelty: Say what this paper does that prior work did not. Be specific enough that a reviewer could check the claim against the literature.

Practical Applications: Say who could act on this and what they would do differently. Agencies, operators, and standards bodies are the usual audiences.

Keywords: keyword one; keyword two; keyword three; keyword four

INTRODUCTION

Open with the problem, not with the field. Cite in Chicago author–date style, which is what `trb.bst` produces: parenthetical (Doe and Roe 2024), or in-text as Roe (2023) showed.

Numbers go through `siunitx` so they format consistently: 35 m, 40,793 frames, and ranges as 0.34–0.43. Type `\num{40793}` without the comma and let the package insert it – `\num{40,793}` can be read as a decimal marker and render "40.793", wrong by a factor of 1000 in a way that looks plausible.

RELATED WORK

Group prior work by what it establishes, not by author. End the section by naming the specific gap this paper fills, so the contribution claim in the abstract has something to attach to.

METHODOLOGY

Describe the method so it could be reimplemented. Equations are numbered automatically:

$$y = f(x;\theta) + \varepsilon \tag{1}$$

Refer back to them as Equation 1.

RESULTS

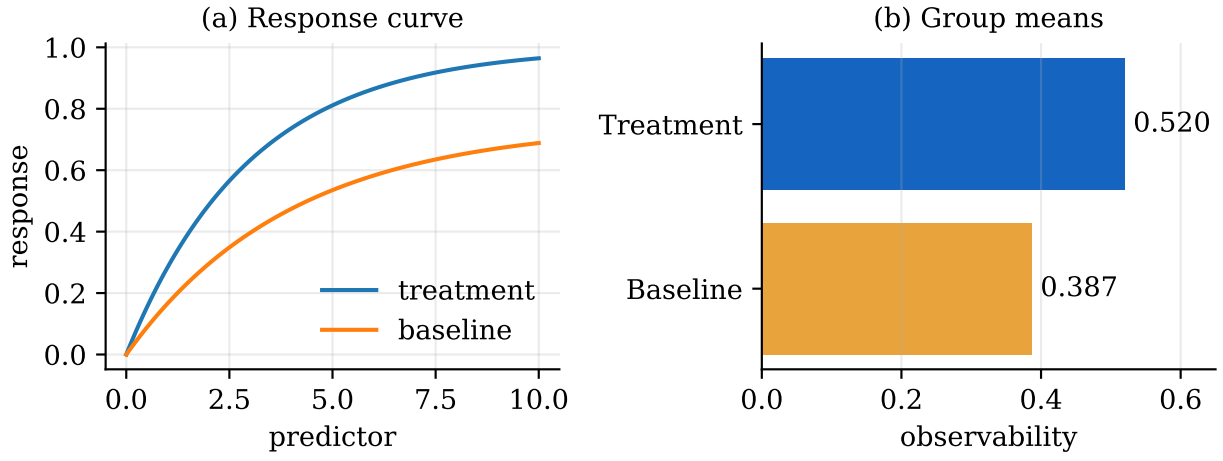


FIGURE 1 Example figure. Authored at 6.5 in **wide and included at `width=\linewidth`, so its labels render at the same** 10 pt **as the body text. Caption goes below the figure.**

Figure 1 shows the result. Tables are captioned ABOVE, and TRB style is horizontal rules only – no vertical rules.

TABLE 1 Example table. Caption above; horizontal rules only.

Condition	Mean	*n*
Baseline	0.387	1 204
Treatment	0.520	1 198
Difference	0.133	–

DISCUSSION

Say what the numbers mean and, just as importantly, what they do not support. Reviewers reward a paper that names its own limits before they have to.

CONCLUSIONS

Restate the finding and its scope. No new results here.

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DATA AVAILABILITY

State where the data are and how to get them. A published DOI that resolves today is worth more than a promise: deposit the data, publish it, and cite the DOI. A private reviewer link expires and leaves a dead credential in the version of record.

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REFERENCES

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