Peer response 4:

Hi Steve,

I appreciate your willingness to consider expanding the scope of your summary post. Including other jurisdictions can provide a more comprehensive perspective.

I understand your point about the importance of complete openness in data analysis. I agree that it is crucial for Abi to be transparent and unbiased and to present all possible avenues of analysis without letting personal biases interfere. My concern is ensuring that each analysis is communicated clearly to prevent misinterpretation, especially when different analyses might lead to various conclusions. This relates to the clarity and context of these analyses (Kleinheksel et al. 2020).

Regarding Søbjerg et al. (2020), I also agree with your perspective. Including favourable and less favourable analyses in the report does not necessarily contradict their principles. The key is to ensure that Abi presents these analyses accurately without endorsing misleading conclusions (Afonso et al. 2023).

As for the referencing issue, I understand it was an editing error because you show that you are an expert. Since your last observations on my referencing, for which I am grateful, I have learned that double-checking is always good to ensure accuracy.

Best regards,

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