

Guidelines for Journal Editors:

- Recognize that interpreting subgroup analysis without a statistical test of heterogeneity or interaction is not good practice.
- Encourage authors to supply the following information in the paper or in an electronic appendix available to all readers:
 - A list of *all* variables examined for HTE;
 - Effect sizes, confidence intervals, and statistical significance for all subgroups examined;
 - A clear description delineating which variables were pre-specified and which were exploratory (post hoc);
 - Exact p-values for tests of interaction or heterogeneity.

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- Provide a clear statement regarding both **clinical** and **statistical** significance for any analyses involving interaction or heterogeneity.
- Supply readers with a conclusion regarding heterogeneity and interaction effects based on the following:
 - Evidence is sufficient to guide different treatment recommendations in one or more subgroups;
 - Evidence is insufficient to guide different treatment recommendations for one or more subgroups, but sufficient to warrant future research with pre-specified hypotheses;
 - Evidence is sufficient to recommend uniform treatment across all subgroups;
 - Evidence is insufficient to draw any conclusions about HTE.