

Intermediate Student Work

Question 5: Ways that science may be limited for studies testing the effectiveness of antidepressant medications.

Paper 2: Coded as Intermediate (2): This answer provides a strong discussion of the potential for demand characteristics to impact the nature of the data that is collected. Further, while the response discusses in some depth the use of neurological measures for the assessment of depression, the student then concludes with a strong caveat which acknowledges that neurological analyses merely provide markers of behavior that tend to correspond with an individual's depressive levels. As such, the student recognizes, but does not explicitly state, that a powerful approach to studying depression would be to look for the convergence of symptoms across a number of different measures.