**Research Article Review 4**

The purpose of the research article review is for you to demonstrate what you have learned in the course. By the end of the semester, you will have completed a detailed article review. The last article review will generally look at the discussion section of a published article. You will want to refer to the rest of the article to gain an understanding of the study before reading the discussion section. Use what you have learned in your readings and in class to answer the questions. The due date for the article review is August 4th by the end of the day.

1. Refer to the first few sentences or first paragraph for the following:

a. Do the authors provide the general findings of the study?

b. Are statistical values included?

c. What statements, if any, about exploratory research or potential for error are included?

d. What statements, if any, about the strength of design are included?

2. Locate the section on the interpretation of results

a. Do the authors present the interpretation as if the findings are correct (in other words, they do not focus on limitations in the interpretation section)

b. If what ways does the interpretation section differ from the introduction content?

c. Provide an example of how the interpretation explains the “why” aspect of their findings?

3. Identify one of the limitations in the study

a. Do the authors provide an explanation as to why it is a limitation? If so, explain how strong the explanation is.

b. Do the authors address how the findings would change if the limitation was addressed?

c. What is an additional limitation of the study that is not discussed by the authors? Explain why it is a limitation and how the results would change if addressed.

4. Locate the section on future research

a. What is one area for future research that is identified by the authors?

b. Do the authors provide an explanation or hypothesis to justify the future research? If so, what was their rationale?

5. Locate the implications and application section

a. What is an implication or application mentioned by the author?

b. Do the authors explain the implication or application?

c. How might the findings impact policy or research? If the authors don’t state it, please provide one.

d. How might the findings change behavior? If the authors don’t state it, please provide one.

e. Explain how the article ends with a whimper or with a bang?

6. Provide an overall evaluation for the discussion section. Provide a grade on a 100-point scale.