The discussion

The last chapter or section in thesis or article should be the discussion

5 Chapter Structure of a Thesis

The traditional format to structure your thesis thoroughly

Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5
Introduction	Literature Review	Concept & Methods	Proving concept & Results	Discussion
Establish the statement of the problem and research questions	Provide justification of your study by Identifying the most relevant and significant research	Propose the concept and explain the research method you use	Present the finding from data collection process and method	Discuss the results and draw conclusions related to your statement

Reference: Yvonne N. Bui, How to Write a Master's Thesis (2013)

The discussion structure



Elements to be included in the discussion part

Table 1. Elements to Include in the Discussion

State the study's major findings Explain the meaning and importance of the findings Relate the findings to those of similar studies Consider alternative explanations of the findings State the clinical relevance of the findings Acknowledge the study's limitations Make suggestions for further research

Table 2. Things to Avoid in the Discussion

Overpresentation of the results Unwarranted speculation Inflation of the importance of the findings Tangential issues The "bully pulpit" Conclusions that are not supported by the data Inclusion of the "take-home message"; save this for the conclusions section

Summarize the main findings



The importance of the finding



Relating the data to others work



Alternative explanation



Clinical relevance







Study limitations



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Suggestions for further studies

