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How should we interpret discovery sensitivity plots and exclusion plots? What are the expected limits vs the actual ones? Was the look elsewhere effect taken into account? Why do Bayesian and frequentist approaches sometimes give very different answers? In a short review we will try to answer these and other questions that some of us wanted to ask but wouldn't dare.

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