Describing Odds Ratios

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Odds Ratio for Group A Compared to Another Group	Interpretations
.25	The odds of the outcome for Group A were
	25% of the odds of the other group.
	The odds of the outcome for Group A were
	75% lower than for the other group.
1.0	The odds of the outcome for Group A were
	equivalent to (the same as) the odds for the
	other group.
	There was no difference between Group A and
	the other group.
1.5	The odds of the outcome for Group A were
	1.5 times those for the other group.
	The odds of the outcome for Group A were
	50% higher than for the other group.
2.0	The odds of the outcome for Group A were
	100% higher than those for the other group.
	(technically correct, but at the very least
	confusing?)
	The odds of the outcome for Group A were
	2.0 (twice) those for the other group.

Odds Ratio for Group A Compared to Another Group	Interpretations
2.5	The odds of the outcome for Group A were 2.5 times those for the other group. The odds of the outcome for Group A were 150% higher than for the other group. (technically correct, but at the very least confusing?)