Using *However*

According to the Oxford Dictionary, the word *however* is used to introduce a statement that contrasts with or seems to contradict something that has previously been said.

If you have any doubts concerning the punctuation marks you should use with *however*, refer to the following rules:

1. **As a conjunctive adverb, *however* is used to combine two sentences and show their contrast or opposition.** In this case, use a semicolon (;) before and a comma (,) after the word *however*.
   - The festival was to be held today; however, it was canceled due to the rainy weather.

2. ***However* might be used to interrupt a sentence.** In this case, use a comma (,) before and after the word.
   - There are, however, other ways to solve this problem.
   - The wedding, however, continued despite the weather.

3. **When *however* is used at the beginning of a sentence, there should be a comma (,) after *however* if what follows the word is a complete sentence.**
   - However, this is not the only option available.

4. ***However* can be used to mean *in whatever manner, by whatever means, to whatever extent, or no matter how*.** In this case, don’t use a comma (,) after the word *however*.
   - However the data were analyzed, the results remained consistent.
     - **Tip** - If *however* can be replaced with *no matter how*, do not use a comma.
     - No matter how the data were analyzed, the results remained consistent.