



The University of Connecticut Rohner Center Awards

Distinguished Contributions to Research, Theory, and Practice on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection

Evaluation Guidelines for Qualitative Research Studies

Evaluation Criteria

Many authors have proposed criteria for appraising qualitative research. Some question the appraisal process because of a lack of consensus among qualitative researchers on quality criteria. Despite this controversy, and while recognizing that criteria will continue to evolve, the following guidelines will be used by the Awards Committee to critically appraise methodologically sound qualitative research studies considered to provide an outstanding contribution in the field of interpersonal acceptance and rejection.

Author(s) _____

Manuscript Title _____

Date of Publication or Preparation _____

Source of Publication or Presentation _____

Category Outstanding Paper of the Biennium
 Outstanding Paper by an Early Career Professional

Reviewer _____ **Date** _____

CRITERIA	RATING			COMMENTS
	Yes	*	No	
VALIDITY				
Research question(s) are clearly stated and adequately substantiated				
Important terms are clearly identified				
Research design is appropriate for the research question(s)				
Sample population is clearly defined				
Method of sampling was appropriate for the research question(s) and design				
Data were collected and managed systematically				
Data were analyzed appropriately				

CRITERIA	RATING			COMMENTS
	Yes	*	No	
INTERPRETATION/CONCLUSIONS				
Results of the analyses are clearly presented				
Conclusions drawn are substantiated by the evidence presented, and presented in an unbiased manner				
Description of findings is thorough				
WRITING STYLE/ORGANIZATION				
Manuscript is clearly written				
Manuscript is logically organized				
POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS				
Research question(s) proceed from a clearly defined conceptual, theoretical, and/or empirical base in the field of interpersonal acceptance and rejection				
Research conclusions contribute to the field of interpersonal acceptance and rejection				
Research conclusions set the stage for or contribute to a sound program of research in the field of interpersonal acceptance and rejection				
SUMMARY EVALUATION				
Overall Rating	Comments			
1. Superior /Outstanding				
2. Very Good				
3. Good				
4. Fair/Average				
5. Below Average				
6. Weak				
7. Unacceptable				

*Criterion isn't clearly met. It's problematic. Explain in Comments.

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