

RAPID CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF A QUALITATIVE STUDY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LEVEL OF STUDY

Project title:

Date:

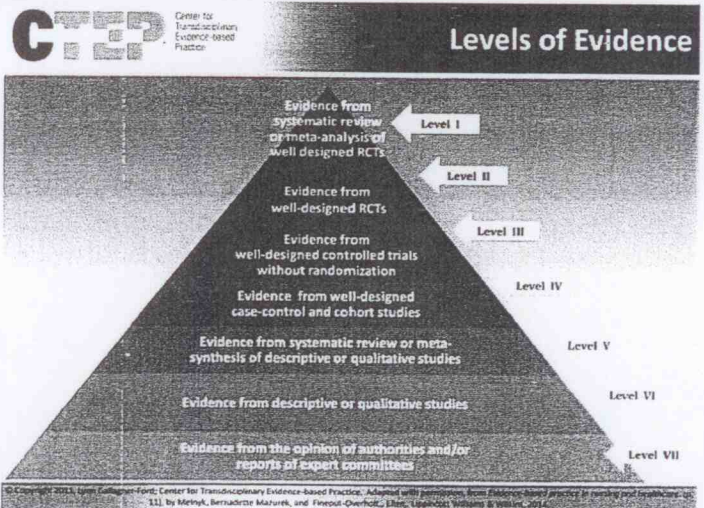
Reviewer(s) name(s):

Article citation (APA):

PICOT Question:

Indicate the level of the study you are appraising:

What is your recommendation for article use in body of evidence?



GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF STUDY

OVERVIEW

1. Purpose of study, including research question(s) or hypotheses:

2. Is the purpose of the study clear?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

3. Design/Method

4. Sample/Setting

5. Is the sample clearly described?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

6. Are procedures for data collection described?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

7. Describe data collection:

8. Is the setting clearly stated?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

QUALITY OF STUDY

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Was a qualitative study design clearly identified?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- If yes, what was the qualitative design?

☐ Basic Interpretive Qualitative Study

☐ Phenomenology

☐ Grounded Theory

☐ Qualitative Case Study

☐ Ethnography

☐ Narrative Analysis

☐ Discourse Analysis

☐ Other (describe):

- Comments:

2. Is the area of study/domain of inquiry clearly stated?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

3. Was the design appropriate to explore the area of study?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

4. Was a theoretical framework used in the study design?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

5. Did the literature review support the study?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

6. Is the date range of the cited literature current?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- What date ranges were included? _____ to _____
 - If older literature was included, why was it included?

- Comments:

CREDIBILITY

7. Did the researcher use methods to assure credibility?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- If yes, by what methods?
 - ☐ Key participants (member checks/debriefing)
 - ☐ Key participants (other method): _____
- Comments: _____

8. Were findings reported in context?

- ☐ of participants
- ☐ of the culture/subculture
- ☐ of the environment
- ☐ Other _____
- Comments: _____

CONFIRMABILITY

9. Did researcher confirm findings or themes?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- If yes, by what methods?
 - ☐ Reflections
 - ☐ Field notes
 - ☐ Independent audit
 - ☐ Other _____
- Comments: _____

SATURATION

10. Was saturation reached?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- If yes, what was the sample size? _____
- If no, what was the sample size? _____
- Comments: _____

11. Was the sample size justified in the discussion?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments: _____

RECURRING PATTERNS

12. Was analysis of participant voices clearly described?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments: _____

13. Were themes reported in terms of a theoretical framework?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments: _____

14. Were the themes supported by the participant voices?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

TRANSFERABILITY

15. Is the information sufficient to determine whether findings are meaningful to other people in similar situations?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

DISCUSSIONS & CONCLUSIONS

16. Are the findings summarized?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

17. Are limitations of the study addressed?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

18. Are implications for practice suggested?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

APPLICABILITY/TRANSFERABILITY: Can I apply these valid, important study results?

19. Is the study helpful in providing insight into the area of study or phenomenon of interest?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

20. Can the results be applied in my practice setting?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

21. Is there potential for impact on my population of interests' outcomes?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

- Comments:

STRENGTH OF STUDY

Level of study: I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII

(Circle one)

Quality of study: High | Medium | Low

(Circle one)

What is the strength of the study?

What is your recommendation for article inclusion in the body of evidence to answer your question?

Additional Comments: