

Typology of the criteria in the guidelines used to code the criteria for Alceste®

Code Alceste	Description	Details
*aut	Name of the first author	
*year	Year of publication	
*clas	Detailed classification of the discipline	Meth = methodology
		Med = medicine
		Nurs = nursing sciences
		Pubh = public health
		Psy = psychology, psychiatry
*epi	Epistemology	pp1 = postpositivism
		pp2 = postpositivism-interpretivism
		c1 = constructivism-interpretivism
		c2 = constructivism-critical
		c3 = postmodernism
*c	Type of content (for more details, see table below)	General criteria; detailed criteria; criteria specific to qualitative research; description of theories; description of contents to be included in an article; characteristics of the researcher, conducting research, etc.
*cat	Number of categories	Number of criteria in the grid
*scat	Number of sub-categories	Number of sub-criteria in the grid
*catlev	Number of sets of categories	When the criteria are presented separately indifferent boxes or lists
*scatlev	Number of sets of sub-categories	When the sub-criteria are presented separately in different boxes or lists

CRITERIA FOCUSED ON	DESCRIPTION OF THE CATEGORY	CODE
Criteria (taken from quantitative methods)		
	General description of the criteria to include in a research plan	crigen
	Detailed description of the criteria usually included in a research plan (usually the same as the quantitative ones)	cridet
Criteria designed for qualitative research		
	General description of the criteria that are methodologically and explicitly designed for qualitative research	crigq
	Detailed description of the criteria that are methodologically and explicitly designed for qualitative research	cridq
Theories		
	General description of the theories and aspects of qualitative research, with no description of the methodological criteria per se (description geared toward the processes and epistemology of the research)	thegen
	Detailed description of the theories and aspects of qualitative research, with no description of the methodological criteria per se (description geared toward the processes and epistemology of the research)	thedet
Content		
	General description of the content to appear in an article (with no description of the methodological criteria per se).	cogen
	Detailed description of the content to appear in an article (with no description of the methodological criteria per se).	codet
Qualities of the researcher		
	General description of the qualities of the researcher (his “moral” and “ethical” position, his training, etc.)	chgen
	Detailed description of the qualities of the researcher (his “moral” and “ethical” position, his training, etc.)	chdet
Research procedure		
	General description of the research procedure	regen
	Detailed description of the research procedure	redet