

Appendix 3

Modified TAPUPAS Quality Score

TAPUPAS	3	2	1
Transparency: the process of knowledge generation should be open to outside scrutiny. For knowledge to meet this standard, it should make plain how it was generated, clarifying aims, objectives and all the steps of the subsequent argument, so giving readers access to a common understanding of the underlying reasoning.	transparent methods and freely available	Partial information on transparent methods or freely available	neither
Accuracy: all knowledge claims should be supported by and faithful to the events, experiences, informants and sources used in their production. For knowledge to meet this standard, it should demonstrate that all assertions, conclusions and recommendations are based upon relevant and appropriate information.	based on evidence with references	case reports and expert opinion	one person opinion or not stated
Purposivity: the approaches and methods used to gain knowledge should be appropriate to the task in hand, or 'fit for purpose'. For knowledge to meet this standard, it should demonstrate that the inquiry has followed the apposite approach to meet the stated objectives of the exercise.	Methods completely appropriate	Some methods were appropriate	None of the methods were appropriate / methods not stated
Utility: knowledge should be appropriate to the decision setting in which it is intended to be used, and to the information need expressed by the seeker after knowledge. For knowledge to meet this standard, it should be 'fit for use', providing answers that are as closely matched as possible to the question.	fit for use	partially fit for use	not fit for use
Propriety: knowledge should be created and managed legally, ethically and with due care to all relevant stakeholders. For knowledge to meet this standard, it should present adequate evidence, appropriate to each point of contact, of the informed consent of relevant stakeholders. The release (or withholding) of information should also be subject to agreement.	knowledge developed in accordance with law and reference to appropriate ethical guiding policies	Some reference to law / ethical guidelines	No reference to law / ethical guidelines
Accessibility: knowledge should be presented in a way that meets the needs of the knowledge seeker. To meet this standard, no potential user should be excluded because of the presentational style employed.	easy to navigate and use	moderately easy to navigate	confusing
Specificity: the knowledge must pass muster within its own source domain, as perceived by its participants and proponents.	specific to topic	Some deviation away from primary topic	non specific

