**Review Form for Research Articles**

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| Article information |
| Article file code (ie. TPC-##-###) |  |
| Article title |  |
| Methodology |
| **Notes**: * The *Transactions* publishes only empirical research
* It is ***not*** realistic for the author(s) to collect more data or re-conduct their study
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| Issues to consider | Comments |
| Research questions clearly stated? |  |
| Research method justified? |
| Criteria and selection of participants or cases explained? (also required for critically-rooted research) |
| Methodology explained?  |
|  | start-to-finish procedure? |
|  | how researcher(s) entered the studied environment? |
|  | how data was recorded? |
| Credibility and trustworthiness *(qualitative and critical studies)* or reliability and validity *(quantitative studies)* justified? |
| Human participants protected by required controls?(eg. approval from ethics committee, USA Independent Review Board, or individual researchers in universities without research committees) |
| Limitations of the study identified? |

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| Introduction |

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| **Issues to consider** | Comments |
| Study introduced clearly and concisely?  |  |
| Compelling case made for the study? |
| Research question posed at the end? |

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| Literature review |

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| **Issues to consider** | Comments |
| Guiding theoretical framework explained? |  |
| All relevant key themes identified? |
| Theory and research summarized for each theme?  |
| Key references cited for each theme? |
| Literature reflects most current thinking for each theme? |

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| Results |

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| **Issues to consider** | Comments |
| Evidence addresses the research questions? |   |
| Analysis techniques justified? |
| Illustrations, charts and tables easily understood? |
| Research questions answered? |
| Data supports the answers to the research questions? |

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| Conclusions |

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| **Issues to consider** | Comments |
| Data supports the conclusions? |   |
| Limitations of study identified? |
| Future research suggested and plausible? |

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| Writing and format |

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| **Issues to consider** | Comments |
| Is the writing clear? |  |
| Is the writing concise? |
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|  | **For qualitative studies**Introduction, Literature Review, Methodology, Report of the Case (optional—might be integrated into the Discussion). Discussion, Conclusions |
|  | **For critical studies**Introduction, Literature Review, Methodology (this has not been standardly requested of critical studies; we do require it in the *Transactions)*, Report of the Case (optional—might be integrated into the Discussion), Discussion, Conclusions |

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