

Panel C interpretation of generic level definitions for outputs

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outstandingly novel in developing concepts, techniques or outcomes			
a primary or essential point of reference in its field or sub-field	an important point of reference in its field or sub-field	providing valuable knowledge to the field or sub-field and to the application of such knowledge	useful knowledge, but unlikely to have more than a minor influence in the field
major influence on the intellectual agenda of a research theme or field	contributing important knowledge, ideas and techniques which are likely to have a lasting influence	contributing to incremental and cumulative advances in knowledge in the field and sub-field	an identifiable contribution to understanding, but largely framed by existing paradigms or traditions of enquiry
application of exceptionally rigorous research design and techniques of investigation and analysis, and the highest standards of intellectual precision	application of robust and appropriate research design and techniques of investigation and analysis, with intellectual precision	thorough and professional application of appropriate research design and techniques of investigation and analysis.	competent application of appropriate research design and techniques of investigation and analysis.
instantiating an exceptionally significant, multi-user data set or research resource.	generation of a substantial, coherent and widely admired data set or research resource.		