

Close-Read Coding Frame (Tier 2: qualitative close reading)

1. **Case ID**
2. **Methodological orientation** — Qual / Quant / Mixed / Theoretical
3. **Clarity of research questions** — None / Weak / Clear / Strong (brief justification)
4. **Theoretical engagement** — Absent / Descriptive / Moderate / Strong (examples of conceptual moves)
5. **Analytic transparency (Qualitative)**— None / Minimal / Adequate / Exemplary (are coding steps documented?)
6. **Data quality (quantitative)** — Poor / Adequate / Robust (sampling frame, response rate)
7. **Evidence legibility** — Low / Medium / High (presence of tables, appendices, logs)
8. **Originality/contribution** — None / Modest / Clear / Strong (brief memo)
9. **Citation practice** — Problematic / Adequate / Exemplary (consistency, up-to-date sources)
10. **Writing quality** — Poor / Acceptable / Good / Excellent (clarity, argument flow)
11. **Examiner comments: main concerns** — free text (extract key phrasing)
12. **Supervisor-mediated edits visible** — Yes / No / Unclear (evidence and type)
13. **Rubric–report alignment** — Aligned / Partially aligned / Misaligned (brief memo)
14. **Interpretive memo** — 3–6 sentences synthesising how features map to outcomes