

A Typical Introduction: Potential Components (C) and Strategies (S)

C1: Setting

- S1 Introducing the research topic within the research area
- S2 Familiarizing terms, objects, or processes
- S3 Arguing about the topic's prominence

C2: Review

- S1 Historical review
- S2 Current trends
- S3 General-to-specific ordering of citations
- S4 Progress in the area
- S5 Requirements for moving forward in the area
- S6 State-of-the-art
- S7 Compounding reviews of the literature and their gaps
- S8 Citations grouped by approaches

C3: Types of Gap

- S1 Unresolved conflict or problem among previous studies
- S2 Limits of previous work
- S3 Raising questions

C4: Purpose

- S1 Indicating the main purpose
 - S1A Solving a conflict among authors
 - S1B Presenting a novel approach, or method, or technique
 - S1C Presenting an improvement in a research topic
 - S1D Presenting an extension of author's prior work
 - S1E Proposing an alternative approach
 - S1F Presenting a comparative work
- S2 Specifying the purpose
- S3 Introducing additional purposes

C5: Materials and Methods

- S1 Listing criteria or conditions
- S2 Describing materials and methods
- S3 Justifying chosen methods and materials

C6: Main Results

- S1 Presenting/emphasizing results
- S2 Comments about the results

C7: Value of the Research

- S1 Stating the value of the work

C8: Layout of the article

- S1A Outlining the parts of the paper
- S1B Listing issues addressed