Criteria for Academy "Best of Resident Directed Study Reports"

	Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent
	4	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
Originality	The report presents a topic, research question or clinical problem that is already very well covered in the literature		The report presents a worthwhile replication of earlier research		The report presents original research which applies new methods to earlier problems or enhanced solutions to clinical problems		The report presents original research or an original solution to a clinical problem
Method	The method is poorly described or more appropriate methods should have been considered		The method is only partially described. The method is appropriate		The method is appropriate and is described in reasonable detail, issues of validity and reliability have not been considered.		The method is described in detail. The method is valid, reliable, and appropriate.
Conclusions	The conclusions are unclear or unsupported or represent a biased interpretation of the study. Alternative interpretations are possible		The conclusions are reasonable, but greater consideration of alternate interpretations or limitations of the study are warranted		The conclusions are supported by the results. Some consideration has been given to alternate interpretations and limitations.		The conclusions are supported by the results. Careful consideration has been given to alternative interpretations and limitations
Relevance	The study has little relevance for clinical, theoretical or educational problems in prosthetics and orthotics.		The study is inspired by clinical, theoretical or educational problems, but the outcomes have only limited relevance		The study can indirectly (in time) contribute to the resolution of clinical, theoretical or educational problems.		The study is directly (immediately) applicable to clinical, theoretical, or educational problems.
Quality of Writing	Expression is fair; grammar and spelling errors are common		Expression is good; grammar and spelling errors are infrequent.		Expression is very good; grammar and spelling are correct.		Expression is excellent; grammar and spelling are correct