	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
Explanations	None but obviously some assumptions were made	Brief unclear explanation/rationalization	Some ambiguity clearly explained.	<ul><li>Excellent explanations of potential ambiguity</li><li>Or None if not needed</li></ul>
Validation	Assertions were not properly tested. Very little investigation.	Some validation but seem not enough and would get picked on by most reviewers.	Some assertions unvalidated but a clear attempt to ensure the validity of the results was made.	Assertions and study was well validated. Conclusions were investigated and threats to validity addressed.
Student Effort	Supervisors and Instructors had to put in inordinate effort & their suggestions were ignored.	Students did not confidentially lead their project.	Students operated and lead the project with some help from supervisors or instructors.	Students fairly executed the study and contributed more than supervisors or instructors. Students confidently lead the project.
Virtual MSR Reviewer	Too negatively controversial to gain reviewer support. Unable to convince reviewers.	Would get 1/3 accept reviews. Negatively controversial. Unable to convince reviewers.	Would get 1/3 to 2/3 accept reviews. Demonstrates enough mining and discovery to satisfy some reviewers.	Would get 2/3 to 3/3 accept reviews. Demonstrates enough mining and discovery to satisfy reviewers Pros far out weigh cons.
Visualization	None (only if necessary)	Existing but doing a poor job of communicating	Visualization that is self explanatory and clear but might be lacking in labels or efficiency.	Well planned and executed visualization that communicates a point clearly efficiently and is aesthetically pleasing.
Sources	Poor or no sourcing	Some sourcing.	Most relevant work cited	Relevant work cited
Writing	Difficult to read, not of conference quality.	Somewhat muddled communication.	Troublefree writing, that clearly communicates.	Excellent conference level writing.
Mining	Did not confidently demonstrate mining.	Extracted some facts, some ambiguity	Extracted Facts, some ambiguity	Accurately Clearly extracted and presented the facts.
Adherence to ICSE Formatting	Limited attempt to adhere to ICSE Formatting.	Formatting needs some fixing	Some minor inconsistency	Fulfills the ICSE Layout and Formatting (max 4 pages)