**Appendix 1 Operational Definitions of the Coding Scheme**

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| Row | Characteristic | Coding Rule |
| B | Included in Analysis | Publication co-authored by the program developer, relating to the respective program, and published in an English language peer-reviewed academic journal between Jan 2008 and July 2014. |
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Note: “Row” labels refer to the labels used in table 2.