As Table 1 shows, the greatest number of criteria and reasons (n = 148) could be assigned to main area (A), "relevance of contribution". Of the 46 studies in total, 45 mentioned an average of three criteria and reasons in this area. "Relevance of contribution" groups criteria and reasons that refer to the future "gain" that could result from publication of a manuscript. The possible "gain" relates to (1) scientific advancement, (2) relevance to journal readers, (3) practical usefulness of the findings, newness, and originality of a study reported on in the manuscript.

