

File 20111207.2200: Notes on a question the examiners might ask: ‘how do you answer that you yourself affected the outcome of the case studies?’

Answer: it is extremely common in science for the investigator to be a confounding factor in the system. That is not a flaw in science. You acknowledge it, you structure around it as best you can, you disclose it clearly, and you try to be objective. Science is a human activity; it cannot be divorced entirely from our perception, else it would be mathematics, or logic.

References