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What you're doing well:

- The team must have all the resources to analyze and test a story before acceptance by the Product Owner. According to your response, your team looks well-prepared.

Where you're on track:

- It's good that you've taken training or coaching, but follow on coursework would be helpful now that you've had some experience.

What needs improvement:

- If your Scrum Master is writing the stories and you don't have a full-time Product Owner on your team to represent your customer, then your team is not experiencing all the benefits of scrum or agile practices. With agile, responsibility for priority and gathering clear product requirements shifts from a part-time Executive Sponsor and the Project Manager to a full-time Product Owner, where someone who represents the customer's requirements and priorities is a participating member of the team.
- We have seen a trend where teams stop sizing Stories in favor of simply counting the number of Stories completed each Sprint. We believe that this is not best practice, because not all Stories are the same size. Before you bring a set of Stories into a Sprint, it's a better practice to size them with a relative sizing method, such as story points. That way you have a meaningful discussion about how big the Story is and whether or not it can be completed within the Sprint boundary.

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