Table 2. Rubric for the qualitative analysis of the depth of learning based on cmap analysis.

Depth of Learning	Criteria comparing final cmap to the first		
	Concepts	Linkages	Overall Structure
Deep	 Original concepts remain New concepts added 	 Valid Explanatory Evidence of meaning in the mind of the map author 	 Network and/ or cycles are present. Well defined organization. Increased number of crosslinks between branches.
Surface	Significant number of new concepts but not linked with prior knowledge.	The overall number of linkages has not changed significantly	 Chain structures are present. None to few cross-links Explanatory power not significantly increased
Non- learning	None to few new concepts added	 Zero to few new linkages made no new cross-linking between concepts 	No change in knowledge structure or significant reorganization of concepts