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## Observational Methodology in Football: Development of an instrument to study the offensive game in football

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The following paper introduces a new approach to the analysis of offensive game in football. The aim of this study was to create an instrument for collecting information for the analysis of offensive action and interactions game. The observation instrument that was to meet the main objective of this work consists of a combination of format fields (FC) and systems of categories (SC). This methodology is a particular strategy of the scientific method that has as an objective to analyse the perceptible behaviour that occurs in habitual contexts, allowing them to be formally recorded and quantified and using an ad hoc instrument in order to obtain a behaviour systematic registration that, since they have been transformed in quantitative data with the necessary reliability and validity determined level, will allow analysis of the relations between these behaviours.

Key words: observational methodology, offensive game, football