

Prognosis

Traditional Chinese Medicine (Chinese Herbal Medicine)

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How serious is the risk of bias?	
Was the sample of patients' representative?	
Were patients classified into prognostically homogeneous groups?	
Was follow-up sufficiently complete?	
Were outcome criteria objective and unbiased?	
What are the results?	
How likely are the outcomes over time?	
How precise are the estimates of likelihood?	
How can I apply the results to patient care?	
Were the study patients and their management similar to those in my practice?	
Was the follow-up sufficiently long?	
Can I use the results in the management patients in my practice?	

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