

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: HARM I**Citation:**

Schwarz T, Stegert G, Oettler W, Halbritter K, et al. Venous thrombosis after long-haul flights. Arch Intern Med 2003; 163:2759-2764.

	Comments	
I	Are the results valid?	
Did experimental and control groups begin the study with a similar prognosis?		
1	Did the investigators demonstrate similarity with respect to all known determinants of outcome; did they adjust for differences in the analysis?	
2	For case-control studies: Were exposed patients equally likely to be identified in the two groups?	
Did experimental and control groups retain a similar prognosis after the study started?		
3	Were the outcomes and exposures measured in the same way in the groups being compared?	
4	Was the follow-up sufficiently complete?	
II	What are the results?	
1	How strong is the association between exposure outcomes?	
2	How precise is the estimate of risk?	

III	How can I apply the results of patient care?	
1	Were the study patients similar to my patient?	
2	Was the duration of follow-up adequate?	
3	Should I consider my patient to be at risk for VTE?	