

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: THERAPY

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Guide		Comments
I	Was there significant risk of bias?	
1	Did intervention and control groups start the study with the same prognosis?	
1a	Were patients randomized?	
1b	Was randomization concealed?	
1c	Were patients in the study groups similar with respect to known prognostic factors?	
2	Was prognostic balance maintained as the study progressed?	
2a	Were 5 important groups (patients, caregivers, collectors of outcome data, adjudicators of outcome, data analysts) aware of group allocation?	
2b	Aside from the experimental intervention, were groups treated equally?	
3	Were the groups prognostically balanced at the study's completion?	
3a	Was follow-up complete?	
3b	Were patients analysed in the groups to which they were randomized?	
3c	Was the trial stopped early?	

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II	What are the results?	
1	How large was the treatment effect?	
2	How precise was the estimate of treatment effect?	
III	How can I apply the results to my patient care?	
1	Were the study patients similar to my patient?	
2	Were all patient-important outcomes considered?	
3	Are the likely treatment benefits worth the potential harms and costs?	