

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM: THERAPY

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Guide		Comments
I	Are the results valid?	
A	<i>Did experimental and control groups begin the study with a similar prognosis?</i>	
1	Were patients randomized?	
2	Was randomization concealed?	
3	Were patients analyzed in the groups to which they were randomized?	
4	Were patients in the treatment and control groups similar with respect to known prognostic factors?	
B	<i>Did experimental and control groups retain a similar prognosis after the study started?</i>	
1	Were 5 important groups (patients, caregivers, collectors of outcome data, adjudicators of outcome, data analysts) aware of group allocation?	
2	Aside from the experimental intervention, were groups treated equally?	
3	Was follow-up complete?	
II	What are the results?	
1	How large was the treatment effect?	
2	How precise was the 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 benefits worth the potential harms and costs?	