

CRITICAL REVIEW FORM FOR A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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Guide	Comments
<i>I. Are the results of the study valid?</i>	
1. Did the review address a focused clinical question?	
2. Was the search for relevant studies detailed and exhaustive?	
3. Were the criteria used to select articles for inclusion appropriate?	
4. Were the studies of high methodological quality and results likely to be valid (see primary guides for therapy, diagnosis, harm, prognosis)?	
5. Were the assessments of the included studies reproducible?	
<i>II. What are the results?</i>	
1. Were the results similar from study to study (homogeneity)?	
2. What were the overall results of the review?	
3. How precise are the results (confidence intervals)?	
<i>III. How can I apply the results to patient care?</i>	
1. Can the results be applied to my patient care?	
2. Were all clinically important outcomes considered?	
3. Are the likely benefits worth the harms and costs?	

Reference:

1. JAMA 1994; 272: 1367-1371