

Paper-appraisal worksheet

Editorial template. Add source-supported notes. Physician review required.

Record source-access gaps. Keep reported results separate from your interpretation.

01 Paper identity and study design

Record the source identifier and the design the paper actually describes.

What was the prespecified research question? Identify any related reports.

02 Abstract or full-text access

List the material you read, including any supplement or study protocol.

Which appraisal details cannot be established from the available source?

03 Population and applicability

Describe eligibility, setting, baseline characteristics and follow-up.

State your research setting separately. Which source-supported differences matter?

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04 Methods and risk of bias

What supports the allocation, measurement, missing-data and analysis judgments?

Record the relevant passage for each judgment. Leave unavailable methods unresolved.

05 Results with source support

Record outcome, time point, denominator, estimate and reported uncertainty.

Attach the result's table or passage. Identify deviations from the planned analysis.

06 Limits and your interpretation

Separate what the paper reports from your assessment of its relevance.

What remains uncertain, and which source or question would resolve it?
