

C2. Methodological Quality Assessment

Randomized Controlled Trials and Controlled Clinical Trials

The Cochrane Collaboration's tool for assessing risk of bias			
Domain	Description	Review authors' judgment	Consensus (circle)
Sequence generation		Was the allocation sequence adequately generated? YES / NO / UNCLEAR	YES NO UNCLEAR
Allocation concealment		Was allocation adequately concealed? YES / NO / UNCLEAR	YES NO UNCLEAR
Blinding of participants, personnel and outcome assessors, <i>Outcome:</i>	Patient-rated scales (subjective)	Was knowledge of the allocated intervention adequately prevented during the study? YES / NO / UNCLEAR	YES NO UNCLEAR
	Clinical measures (objective)	YES / NO / UNCLEAR	
Incomplete outcome data, <i>Outcome:</i>	Patient-rated scales (subjective)	Were incomplete outcome data adequately addressed? YES / NO / UNCLEAR	YES NO UNCLEAR
	Clinical measures (objective)	YES / NO / UNCLEAR	
Selective outcome reporting		Are reports of the study free of suggestion of selective outcome reporting? YES / NO / UNCLEAR	YES NO UNCLEAR
Other sources of bias		Was the study apparently free of other problems that could put it at a high risk of bias? YES / NO / UNCLEAR	YES NO UNCLEAR
Overall risk of bias	Patient-rated scales	HIGH / LOW / UNCLEAR	HIGH LOW UNCLEAR
	Clinical measures (objective)	HIGH / LOW / UNCLEAR	