



RATING SCALE ARTICLE ON THERAPY

Use the following rating scale to answer the questions below:

<u>Rating Scale:</u>	N/A	Not applicable
	0	No
	1	Unclear/ Possibly
	2	Yes

	Rating
Are the results of this single therapeutic trial valid?	
Did the authors address a focused clinical question? <small>Disorder, intervention, outcome</small>	
Was the assignment of patients to treatment randomised?	
Was the randomisation list concealed? <small>Is it possible that study personnel were aware of what treatment the next patient would receive?</small>	
Was follow-up of patients sufficiently long?	
Were all patients who entered the trial accounted for at its conclusion?	
Were all patients analysed in the groups to which they were randomised? <small>Intention-to-treat analysis</small>	
Were patients <i>and</i> physicians kept blind to which treatment was being received?	
Were groups treated equally, apart from the experimental treatment?	
Were the groups similar at the start of the trial? <small>Demographics, co-mordidity, disease severity, other known confounders</small>	
What were the results and are they important?	
What are the overall results of the study? How precise were the results? <small>OR or RR/ARR and NNT (dichotomous data) Mean/wt. mean diff. (continuous data) 95% CIs</small>	
Will the results help me in caring for my patients?	
Can the results be applied to the care of my patients? <small>Are the patients in this trial similar to my patients?</small>	
Were all clinically important outcomes considered?	
Is treatment feasible and what are the potential benefits and harm from therapy?	
Are the benefits worth the harms and costs?	
Total	

Comments: