



## RATING SCALE DECISION ANALYSIS

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
<b>Are the results of this clinical analysis valid?</b>	
Were all the important therapeutic alternatives (including no treatment) and outcomes included? <i>What scale was used and was this reasonable?</i>	
Was there a systematic review of evidence linking options to outcome for each relevant question? <i>Was an adequate search performed?</i> <i>Were the studies assessed for validity and reliability?</i> <i>Were 95% CI used?</i> <i>Were the studies ranked or weighted?</i> <i>Was a sensitivity analysis used?</i>	
Are the probabilities of the outcomes valid and credible?	
Are the values of the outcomes valid and credible? <i>How were outcome values determined?(by patients or others?)</i> <i>What were the outcome values? (cost, QALYs etc?)</i> <i>Were the outcomes reasonable?</i>	
Was the robustness of the conclusion tested?	
<b>Are the valid results from this decision analysis important?</b>	
Did one course of action lead to clinically important gains? <i>How large was this effect?</i>	
Was the same course of action preferred despite clinically sensible changes in probabilities and utilities? <i>Was a sensitivity analysis used?</i>	
<b>Are the valid, important results of this decision analysis applicable to our patient?</b>	
Do the probabilities apply to our patient?	
Can our patient state values in usable form?	
Did the authors indicate the strength of their recommendations?	
<b>Total</b>	

**Comments:**