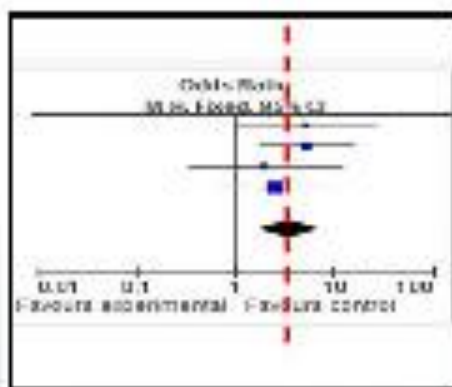


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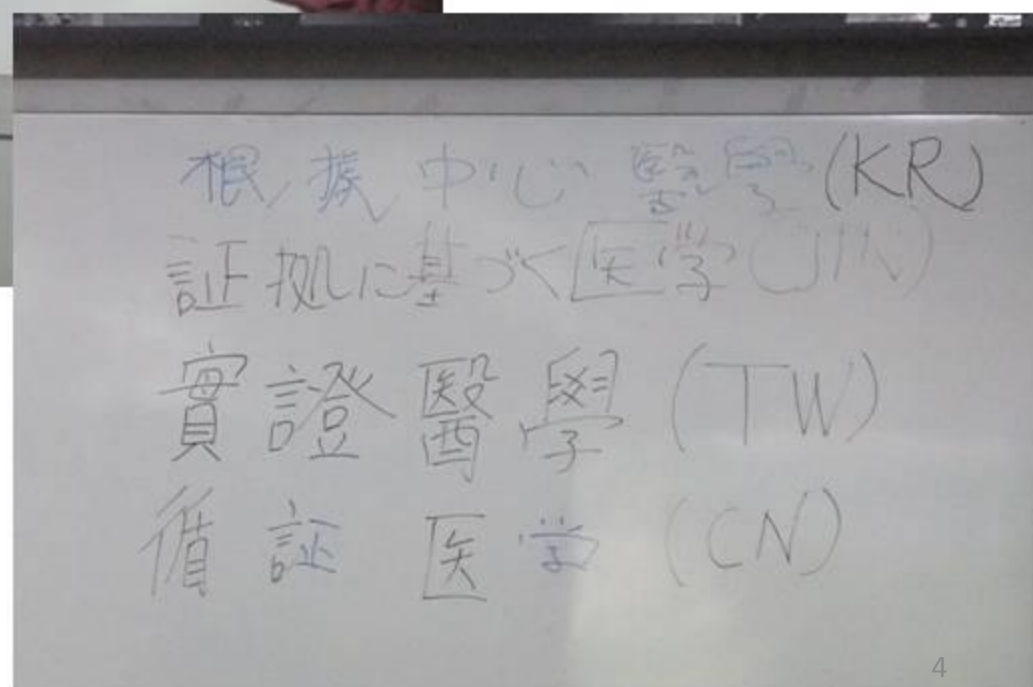
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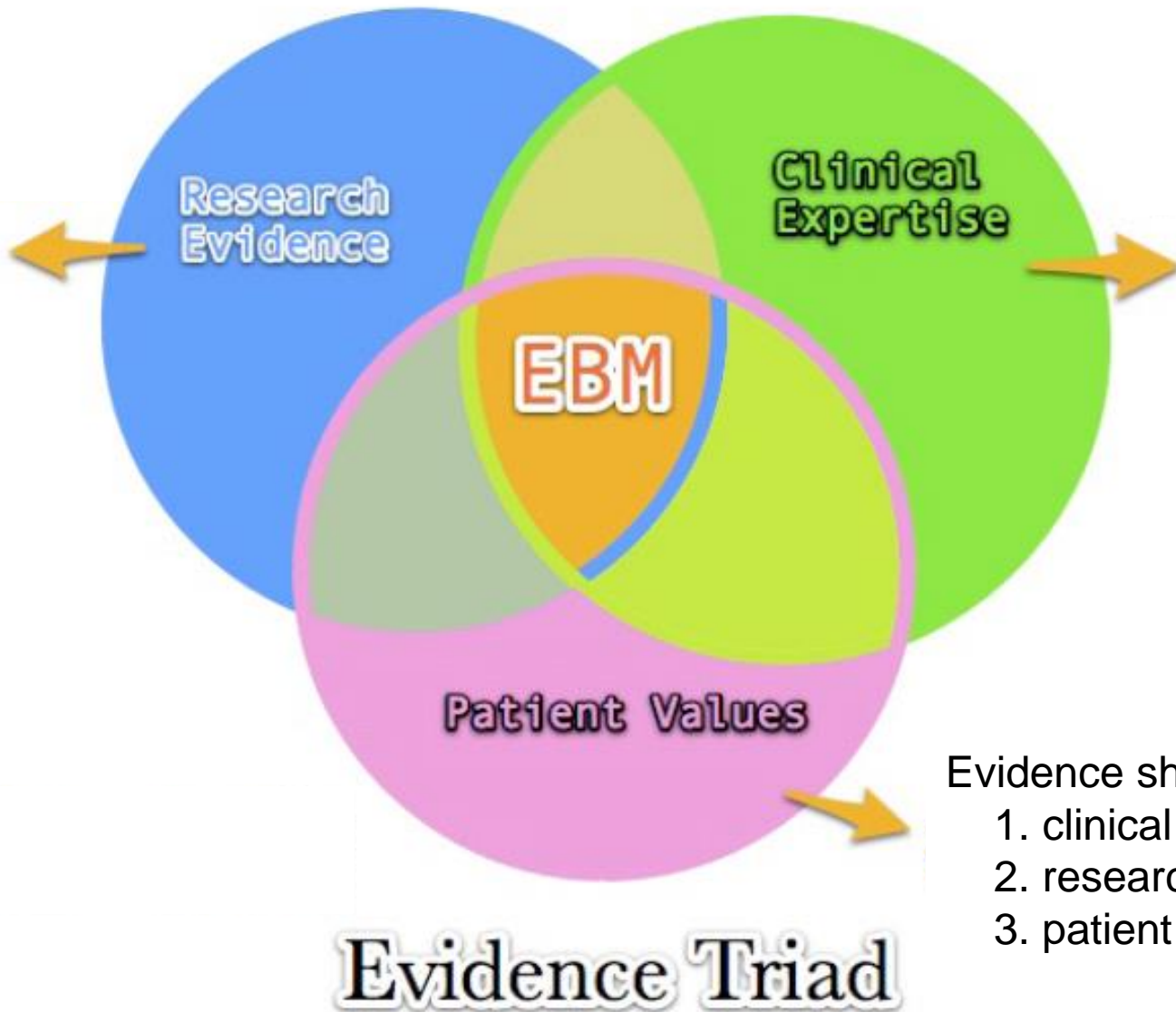
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Evidence-based medicine (EBM) : defintion

1. the conscientious, explicit and judicious
2. use of current best evidence in making decisions
3. about the care of individual patients
 - Conscientious: **careful** to do everything
 - explicit : express **clearly** and directly
 - Judicious: **wise**: done sensibly and carefully





Evidence should be included

1. clinical expertise
2. research evidence
3. patient value



EBM 5 steps

1. Asking: Converting the clinical uncertainties into an answerable question.
2. Accessing: Search the database and tracking down the best available evidence
3. Appraising: Critical appraising that evidence for its validity and importance
4. Applying: Integrating the critical appraising with our clinical expertise and our patient's unique biology, values and circumstances
5. Auditing: Evaluating our effectiveness and efficiency in executing step 1- 4 and seeking ways to improve them both for next time



From: http://www.hsl.unc.edu/services/tutorials/ebm_searching/pages/intro.htm

Type of Question	Suggested best type of Study
Therapy	RCT>cohort > case control > case series
Diagnosis	prospective, blind comparison to a gold standard
Etiology/Harm	RCT > cohort > case control > case series
Prognosis	cohort study > case control > case series
Prevention	RCT>cohort study > case control > case series
Clinical Exam	prospective, blind comparison to gold standard
Cost	economic analysis



Step 1: asking: Answerable question

PICO

- Patient and/or Problem
- Intervention/ or Exposure
- Comparison intervention (if relevant)
- Outcomes



Step 2: Accessing: Searching skills

- Systematic retrieval of the best evidence available
 1. Identify **terms** to fit your **PICO** question
 2. Look for **secondary** sources:
 - UpToDate, Cochrane, EBMR, DynaMed...
 3. Search for **primary** sources
 - PubMed, Medline, nursing reference, EMBASEUsing, OVIDYou...



Step 3 Appraising

- **Randomization**: the two (or more) **groups** of subjects are followed in exactly the **same way**
- the only differences in terms of **procedures, tests, outpatient visits, and follow-up calls**
- **Follow up**: **<20%** loss is better
- **Blind**: procedures that **prevent** study participants, caregivers, or outcome assessors from **knowing** which intervention was received
 - "**single**-blind," "**double**-blind," and "**triple**-blind"
 - participants, care providers, those assessing outcomes



Step 4 Applying

Categories of recommendations

- Level A: **Good** scientific evidence suggests that the **benefits** of the clinical service substantially **outweigh** the potential risks.
- Level B: At least fair scientific evidence suggests that the **benefits** of the clinical service **outweighs** the potential risks.
- Level C: At least fair scientific evidence suggests that there are **benefits provided** by the clinical service, but the balance between benefits and risks are **too close** for making general recommendations.
- Level D: At least **fair** scientific evidence suggests that the risks of the clinical service outweighs potential benefits. Clinicians **should not** routinely offer.
- Level I: Scientific evidence is lacking, of **poor quality**, or conflicting, such that the risk versus benefit **balance cannot be assessed**.



Step 5 auditing

1. Am I asking any clinical questions at all?
2. Am I asking well-formulated questions:
 - ✓ Two-part questions about “background” knowledge?
 - ✓ Four- (or three-) part questions about “foreground” diagnosis, management, etc.?
3. Am I using a “map” to locate my knowledge gaps and articulate questions?
4. Can I get myself “unstuck” when asking questions?
5. Do I have a working method to save my questions for later answering?



Randomized controlled trial

- specific type of scientific experiment, and the gold standard for a clinical trial
- used to test the efficacy or effectiveness of various types of medical intervention within a patient population
- May provide an opportunity to gather useful information about adverse effects, such as drug reactions

Number needed to treat / harm (NNT/NNH)

- ways of expressing the effectiveness and safety of an intervention in a way that is clinically meaningful.
- In general, compared two treatments A and B
- A typically a drug; and B a placebo
- probabilities %A and %B of treatments A and B
- $NNT = 1/(\%B - \%A)$
- example, an NNT of 4 means if 4 patients are treated, only one would respond.



Systematic review

- A **systematic review** is a literature review
- focused on a research question that tries to **identify, appraise, select and synthesize** all high quality research evidence **relevant to that question**.
- Systematic reviews of high-quality randomized controlled trials are crucial to evidence-based medicine



Meta-analysis

- Meta-analyses are often, but not always, important components of a systematic review procedure
- **methods** that focus on contrasting and **combining results** from different studies
- hope of identifying **patterns among study results**, sources of disagreement among those results, or other interesting relationships
- more powerfully estimate the **true effect size** as opposed to a **less precise effect size derived in a single** study
- a framework called estimation statistics which relies on effect sizes, confidence intervals and precision planning to guide data analysis, and is an alternative to null hypothesis significance testing.

Q: 5 steps of evidence based medicine?

1

2

3

4

5

apply

appraisal

ask

Assess

audit

應用證據

評讀

提問

搜尋

評估



Q: Is the follow up enough ?
How many % completed the study
and this make the study reliable?

1. 80%
2. 70%
3. 50%



Q: Can statin reduce subarachnoid hemorrhage?

take statin 100 persons with 7 got subarachnoid hemorrhage, control with 100 persons and 17 got subarachnoid hemorrhage (incidence of delayed ischemic deficits)

relative risk(RR)=

0.07	0.1	0.4
0.17	9	10

absolute risk reduction
(ARR)=

number need to treat (NNT) =



relative risk

$$RR = (7/100) / (17/100) = 0.41$$

absolute risk reduction =

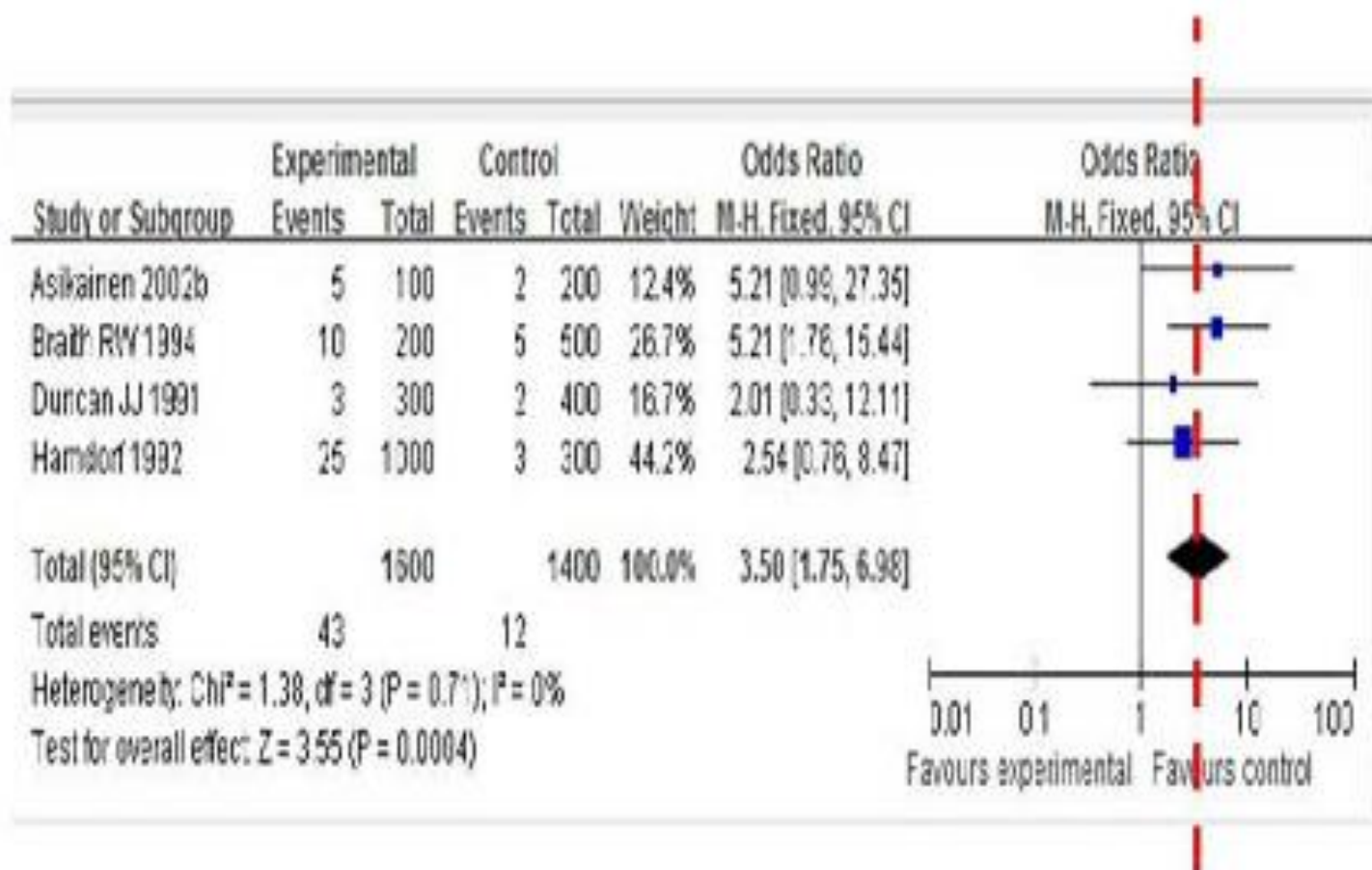
$$17/100 - 7/100 = 10/100 = 0.1$$

NNT =

$$1 / (17/100 - 7/100) = 1 / 0.1 = 10$$



Q: Homogeneity and heterogeneity?





Q:homogeneity and heterogeneity?

Heterogeneity: $\text{Chi}^2 = 1.38$, $\text{df} = 3$ ($P = 0.71$); $I^2 = 0\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = 3.55$ ($P = 0.0004$)

Heterogeneity $p =$

$Q =$

$Q/\text{df} =$

$I^2 =$

< 0.1 > 0.1

> 0.05 0%

< 1 > 1

1.38 4%

3.55



2001 Oxford Center for EBM: Levels of Evidence

建議 等級	證據 標準	Therapy/Prevention/Etiology/Harm
A	1a	系統性回顧 Systematic review (分析數個隨機臨床對照試驗, 其結果均類似)
A	1b	設計良好, 結果精確 之隨機(RCT)臨床對照試驗
A	1c	All or none
B	2a	系統性回顧(SR) (分析數個世代研究, 其結果均類似)
B	2b	世代研究 Cohort study ; 設計粗糙之隨機臨床對照試驗 (<50%RCT)
B	2c	"Outcomes" Research; Ecological studies
B	3a	系統性回顧 (分析數個病例 - 對照研究, 其結果均類似)
B	3b	病例 - 對照研究 Individual Case-control study
C	4	某家醫院的十年經驗; 設計不良之世代研究 及病例 - 對照研究
D	5	未經考證之專家個人意見, 基礎研究, 細胞實驗, 生理實驗, 動物實驗...的結果



Level of evidence

2001

Oxford Centre for Evidence-based Medicine Levels of Evidence (May 2001)

Level	Therapy/Prevention, Aetiology/Harm	Prognosis	Diagnosis	Differential diagnosis/symptom prevalence study	Economic and decision analyses
1a	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of RCTs	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of inception cohort studies; CDR† validated in different populations	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of Level 1 diagnostic studies; CDR† with 1b studies from different clinical centres	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of prospective cohort studies	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of Level 1 economic studies
1b	Individual RCT (with narrow <u>Confidence Interval</u> ‡)	Individual inception cohort study with ≥ 80% follow-up; CDR† validated in a single population	Validating ^{*)} cohort study with good††† reference standards; or CDR† tested within one clinical centre	Prospective cohort study with good follow-up ^{****}	Analysis based on clinically sensible costs or alternatives; systematic review(s) of the evidence; and including multi-way sensitivity analyses
1c	<u>All or none</u> §	All or none case-series	Absolute SpPins and SnNouts††	All or none case-series	Absolute better-value or worse-value analyses ††††
2a	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of cohort studies	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of either retrospective cohort studies or untreated control groups in RCTs	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of Level >2 diagnostic studies	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of 2b and better studies	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of Level >2 economic studies
2b	Individual cohort study (including low quality RCT; e.g., <80% follow-up)	Retrospective cohort study or follow-up of untreated control patients in an RCT; Derivation of CDR† or validated on split-sample§§§ only	Exploratory ^{***} cohort study with good††† reference standards; CDR† after derivation, or validated only on split-sample§§§ or databases	Retrospective cohort study, or poor follow-up	Analysis based on clinically sensible costs or alternatives; limited review(s) of the evidence, or single studies; and including multi-way sensitivity analyses
2c	"Outcomes" Research; Ecological studies	"Outcomes" Research		Ecological studies	Audit or outcomes research
3a	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of case-control studies		SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of 3b and better studies	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of 3b and better studies	SR (with <u>homogeneity</u> ^{*)} of 3b and better studies
3b	Individual Case-Control Study		Non-consecutive study; or without consistently applied reference standards	Non-consecutive cohort study, or very limited population	Analysis based on limited alternatives or costs, poor quality estimates of data, but including sensitivity analyses incorporating clinically sensible variations.
4	Case-series (and <u>poor quality cohort and case-control studies</u> §§)	Case-series (and <u>poor quality prognostic cohort studies</u> ^{***})	Case-control study, poor or non-independent reference standard	Case-series or superseded reference standards	Analysis with no sensitivity analysis
5	Expert opinion without explicit critical appraisal, or based on physiology, bench research or "first principles"	Expert opinion without explicit critical appraisal, or based on physiology, bench research or "first principles"	Expert opinion without explicit critical appraisal, or based on physiology, bench research or "first principles"	Expert opinion without explicit critical appraisal, or based on physiology, bench research or "first principles"	Expert opinion without explicit critical appraisal, or based on economic theory or "first principles"



Question	Step 1 (Level 1*)	Step 2 (Level 2*)	Step 3 (Level 3*)	Step 4 (Level 4*)	Step 5 (Level 5)
How common is the problem? common	Local and current random sample surveys (or censuses)	Systematic review of surveys that allow matching to local circumstances**	Local non-random sample**	Case-series**	n/a
Is this diagnostic or monitoring test accurate? (Diagnosis)	Systematic review of cross sectional studies with consistently applied reference standard and blinding	Individual cross sectional studies with consistently applied reference standard and blinding	Non-consecutive studies, or studies without consistently applied reference standards**	Case-control studies, or "poor or non-independent reference standard**	Mechanism-based reasoning
What will happen if we do not add a therapy? (Prognosis)	Systematic review of inception cohort studies	Inception cohort studies	Cohort study or control arm of randomized trial*	Case-series or case-control studies, or poor quality prognostic cohort study**	n/a
Does this intervention help? (Treatment Benefits)	Systematic review of randomized trials or <i>n</i> -of-1 trials	Randomized trial or observational study with dramatic effect	Non-randomized controlled cohort/follow-up study**	Case-series, case-control studies, or historically controlled studies**	Mechanism-based reasoning
What are the COMMON harms? (Treatment Harms)	Systematic review of randomized trials, systematic review of nested case-control studies, <i>n</i> -of-1 trial with the patient you are raising the question about, or observational study with dramatic effect	Individual randomized trial or (exceptionally) observational study with dramatic effect	Non-randomized controlled cohort/follow-up study (post-marketing surveillance) provided there are sufficient numbers to rule out a common harm. (For long-term harms the duration of follow-up must be sufficient.)**	Case-series, case-control, or historically controlled studies**	Mechanism-based reasoning
What are the RARE harms? (Treatment Harms)	Systematic review of randomized trials or <i>n</i> -of-1 trial	Randomized trial or (exceptionally) observational study with dramatic effect			
Is this (early detection) test worthwhile? (Screening)	Systematic review of randomized trials	Randomized trial	Non-randomized controlled cohort/follow-up study**	Case-series, case-control, or historically controlled studies**	Mechanism-based reasoning



Impact of quality of **evidence** on strength of **recommendation**

GRADE system

(Grading of Recommendations
Assessment, Development and
Evaluation)



4. Write the recommendation and determine the strength (strong or weak/conditional)

Determine whether the recommendation is “for” or “against” an intervention.

- If benefits outweigh downsides, guideline panels will recommend “for” an intervention.
- If downsides outweigh benefits, guideline panels will recommend “against” an intervention.

Determine the wording of recommendation. There are 3 wording options.

	Wording 1	Wording 2	Wording 3
Strong recommendation for	We recommend...	Clinicians should...	We recommend...
Weak recommendation for	We suggest	Clinicians might...	We conditionally recommend...
Weak recommendation against	We suggest...not	Clinicians might not...	We conditionally recommend...not
Strong recommendation against	We recommend ...not	Clinicians should not...	We recommend ...not

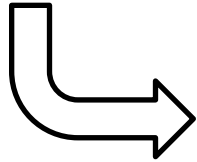


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1. Quality of evidence



1. Limitations of design

– **bias**

2. Inconsistency

– Larger dose for sicker

3. Indirectness

– Different PIC to the (O)outcome

4. Imprecision

– Sample size, 95%CI

5. Publication bias



1. Allocation concealment

2. Blinding

3. Loss of follow – up

4. Intention to treat

5. Stop early

6. Neglect to report outcomes

2. Balance of benefits vs harms & burdens

3. Values and preferences

4. Resource implications



GRADE guidelines: Four domains

一. Quality of evidence

- Key reasons for **downgrading** or **upgrading**
- Whether data for outcome is not available?

二. Balance of benefits versus harms and burdens

- Baseline risks for benefit or harms
- Modeling require?

三. Values and preferences

- Perspective 均衡 taken and source
- **Methods** determine values satisfactory?

四. Resource implications

- **Cost** per unit, feasibility, opportunity costs, settings