Journal-club worksheet

Print and write by hand. Check factual entries in the original paper; add a page, table, figure or section location. Mark missing information explicitly.

1. Paper and materials

Title, DOI or link, publication date and corrections. List the paper, supplement, protocol or registration actually available.

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Source location

2. Question and population

Write the discussion question, setting, eligibility criteria and population studied. Do not substitute your own patient for the study population.

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3. Design and comparison

Study design, recruitment or allocation, comparator and analysis population. Distinguish planned methods from the analysis reported.

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4. Outcome, denominator and time

Name one outcome. Record the unit counted, numerator and denominator when reported, analysis group and follow-up or measurement window.

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5. Effect and uncertainty

Copy the reported estimate, units and interval, if provided. Label absolute and relative measures; do not infer missing numbers or turn association into causation.

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6. Limitations and missing information

Separate limitations stated by the authors from your concerns. Note missing data, unavailable methods or supplements and any unresolved source conflict.

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7. Authors' conclusion and your interpretation

Write these separately. State what the measured outcome can support and what it cannot establish.

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8. Discussion and next reading

List three questions for the group, one unresolved issue and the next source to inspect. Date the group's final note.

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