

Case Series Quality/Risk of Bias Form

Reviewer Initials: _____ Ref ID: _____

Risk of Bias	Criterion	YES	NO	NA	NR	COMMENTS
Selection bias and confounding	1. Were the important confounding and modifying variables taken into account in the design and analysis?					
Performance bias	2. Was any impact from a concurrent intervention or an unintended exposure that might bias results ruled out by the researchers?					
	3. Was the study free from variations from the study protocol that could compromise the conclusions of the study?					
Attrition bias	4. Was there a low rate of differential or overall attrition? (note: low \leq 20%)					
	5. Attrition did not result in a difference in group characteristics between baseline and follow-up					
Detection bias	6. Were the outcome assessors blinded to the intervention or exposure status of participants?					
	7a. Are the inclusion/exclusion criteria clearly stated? (note: consider whether level of detail would allow for replication)					
	7b. Were the measures implemented consistently across all study participants?					
	8a. Are interventions/exposures assessed using appropriate measures?					
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	9a. Are primary outcome measurement approaches clearly described? List outcome. Outcome 1: _____					
	Outcome 2: _____					
	Outcome 3: _____					
	Outcome 4: _____					
	Outcome 5: _____					
	Outcome 6: _____					
	9b. Are primary outcomes assessed using appropriate measures? List outcome. Outcome 1: _____					
	Outcome 2: _____					

	Outcome 3: _____					
	Outcome 4: _____					
	Outcome 5: _____					
	Outcome 6: _____					
	9b. Was outcome assessment implemented consistently across all study participants?					
	10a. Are confounding variables assessed using appropriate measures?					
	10b. Was assessment of confounding variables implemented consistently across all study participants?					
	11. Did the study account for secular trends and regression to the mean?					
Reporting bias	12a. Are the potential outcomes pre-specified by the researchers?					
	12b. Are harms pre-specified by the researchers?					
	13. Are all pre-specified outcomes reported?					
	13a. Are all pre-specified harms reported?					