

1. Quality Assessment for Primary Studies Rater #1 (Grouping)

- Group1 : _____
- Group2 : _____
- Group3 : _____
- Exclude

Instruction: Please read the instructions that were sent to you by email before completing this form.

2. Was the method of randomization adequate?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

3. Was the treatment allocation concealed?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

Was knowledge of the allocated interventions adequately prevented during the study?

4. Was the patient blinded to the intervention?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

5. Was the care provider blinded to the intervention?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

6. Was the outcome assessor blinded to the intervention?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

Were incomplete outcome data adequately addressed?

7. Was the drop-out rate described and acceptable?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

8. Were all randomized participants analyzed in the group to which they were allocated?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

9. Are reports of the study free of suggestion of selective outcome reporting?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

Other sources of potential bias:

10. Were the groups similar at baseline regarding the most important prognostic indicators?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

11. Were co-interventions avoided or similar?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

12. Was the compliance acceptable in all groups?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

13. Was the timing of the outcome assessment similar in all groups?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure : _____

14. Is the role of the study sponsor/ funder (i.e. manufacturer of the device) appropriate?

Yes No Unsure : _____

15. Go to level 5

Yes

16. Other:
