

**WORKSHEET FOR THE CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF AN OVERVIEW  
(A) Are the Results of this *overview* valid?**

Citation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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GUIDE	COMMENTS
<b>Primary Guides</b>	
<b>1. Did the overview address a focused clinical question?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell	<b>(Main question clear from the title or abstract)</b>
<b>2. Were the criteria used to select articles for inclusion appropriate?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell	<b>(Specify the patients, exposures and outcomes? Specify the methodological standards used to select studies?)</b>
<b>Secondary Guides</b>	
<b>3. It is unlikely that important relevant studies were missed?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell	<b>(Authors conducted a thorough search? Used personal contacts? Identify unpublished studies?)</b>
<b>4. Was the validity of the included studies appraised?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell	
<b>5. Were assessments of studies reproducible?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell	<b>(Two or more people participate?)</b>
<b>6. Were the results similar from study to study?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell	<b>(Test of homogeneity)</b>

## (B) What are the results?

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<p><b>1. What are the overall results of the overview?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell</p>	<p><b>(Weight studies according to their size? Relative risk and the absolute risk reduction? Likelihood ratios? Odds ratio? Effect size?)</b></p>
<p><b>2. How precise were the results?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell</p>	<p><b>(Confidence intervals around that estimate?)</b></p>

## (C) Will the results help me in caring for my patients?

<p><b>1. Can the results be applied to my patient care?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell</p>	
<p><b>2. Were all clinically important outcomes considered?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell</p>	
<p><b>3. Are the benefits worth the harms and costs?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't tell</p>	
<p><b>Conclusion:</b></p>	