

WORKSHEET FOR THE CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF A
META-ANALYSIS ARTICLE

Citation:

1. Were the questions and methods clearly stated?

- YES
- PARTIALLY
- NO

2. Were the search methods used to locate relevant studies reasonably comprehensive?

- YES
- PARTIALLY
- NO

3. Were explicit methods used to determine which studies to include in the overview?

- YES
- PARTIALLY
- NO

4. Was the validity of the studies included in the overview assessed using appropriate criteria?

- YES
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 - NO
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5. Was the assessment of the relevance and validity of studies reproducible and free from bias?

- YES
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 NO

6. Was variation between the findings of the relevant studies analyzed?

- a) Was a visual display of the study results included?
b) Was heterogeneity considered when interpreting combined results?

7. Were formal statistical analyses used to combine results?

8. Were the conclusions supported by the data?

- YES
 PARTIALLY
 NO