



Levels of Evidence Assignment Guide

Level	Type of Evidence
1A	Systematic review of homogeneous random control trials (RCTs) (similar population, intervention, etc.) with or without meta-analysis
1B	Well-designed individual RCT (not a pilot or feasibility study with a small sample size)
2A	Systematic review of cohort studies
2B	Individual prospective cohort study, low-quality RCT (e.g., <80% follow-up or low number of participants; pilot and feasibility studies); ecological studies; and two-group, nonrandomized studies
3A	Systematic review of case-control studies
3B	Individual retrospective case-control study; one-group, nonrandomized pre-posttest study; cohort studies
4	Case series (and low-quality cohort and case-control study)
5	Expert opinion without explicit critical appraisal

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 Oxford Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine. <https://www.cebm.ox.ac.uk/resources/levels-of-evidence/ocebml-levels-of-evidence>