

Supplementary Table 1. Levels of evidence and grades of recommendation⁷

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| Level of evidence | | |
| А | Good research-based evidence to support the recommendation Data derived from at least one randomized controlled trial, meta-analysis, or systematic review | |
| В | Fair research-based evidence to support the recommendation Data derived from at least one well-designed cohort or case-control study without randomization | |
| С | Fair evidence but insufficient to support the recommendation Data derived from case series or observational studies | |
| D | Recommendation based on expert opinion and panel consensus Consensus of expert opinions based on experience | |
| Grade of recomm | endation | |
| Class I | The recommendation is supported by level of evidence A. Clinically important outcomes and the study population is representative of the target population of the recommendation. | Is recommended |
| Class IIa | The recommendation is supported by level of evidence B. Clinically important or validated surrogate outcomes. | Should be considered |
| Class IIb | The recommendation is supported by level of evidence C or D. The outcome is an unvalidated surrogate condition but clinically important outcome. | May be considered |
| Class III | The recommendation is supported by level of evidence C or D. Outcome is an unvalidated surrogate for a clinically important population, or the applicability of the study is irrelevant. | Not recommended |