

**Making the Critical Appraisal for Summaries of Evidence (CASE) for evidence-based medicine (EBM):
critical appraisal of summaries of evidence**

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APPENDIX

Revised Critical Appraisal for Summaries of Evidence (CASE) worksheet

<u>Questions (guiding questions)</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
Summary topic	
1. Is the summary specific in scope and application? – Are clinical questions covered by the summary specifically described? – Are patients the summary applies to described?	Yes Not completely No Notes:
Summary methods	
2. Is the authorship of the summary transparent? – Are individual authors listed? – Are credentials of author(s) listed? – Are affiliations of author(s) listed – Is the process to become an author described?	Yes Not completely No Notes:
3. Are the reviewer(s)/editor(s) of the summary transparent? – Are the summaries edited/reviewed? – Are individual reviewers listed? – Are credentials of reviewer(s) listed? – Are affiliations of reviewer(s) listed? – Is the process to be a reviewer described?	Yes Not completely No Notes:
4. Are the search methods transparent and comprehensive? – Are the inclusion criteria for selected studies clearly described? – Are the sources of the search provided? – Is the search thorough enough to find all the relevant studies? – Are search terms listed?	Yes Not completely No
5. Is the evidence graded and is the system transparent and translatable – Is the system clearly described? – Is the system based on a standard? – Is there a grade for each recommendation and/or cited study? – Are the grade labels easy to interpret?	Yes Not completely No
Summary content	
6. Are the recommendations clear? – Are recommendations clearly described? – Are multiple options for treatment provided?	Yes Not completely No



7. Are the recommendations appropriately cited? Yes Not completely No
– Are citations provided?
– Is there an explicit link between the summary text and supporting evidence?
8. Are the recommendations current? Yes No
– Has the summary been updated within the last 2 years? Notes:
9. Is the summary free of possible bias? Yes Not completely No
– Is there a conflict of interest between the recommendations of the summary and the sponsor for any author or reviewer? Notes:
- Summary application**
10. Can this summary be applied to your patient(s)? Yes Not completely No
– Does the evidence cover your patient(s) or a similar population? Notes:
– Does the evidence cover your setting or similar setting?
– Can you translate the recommendations treatment plan for your patient(s)?