

Delfini Evidence Synthesis Aid

Ideal Study Parameters

Before starting an evidence review project, you might find it helpful to think through the most ideal research parameters to address your clinical question of interest. Doing so can help you create a benchmark against which to evaluate research studies you select for review. Here is a list of some considerations.

Create a separate table for each unique clinical question, except for harms.

#	Consideration	Your Ideals
1.	Clinical question addressing benefit to patients in the areas of morbidity, mortality, symptom relief, emotional or physical functioning and/or health-related quality of life	
2.	Study population inclusions	
3.	Study population exclusions	
4.	Dosing	
5.	Comparator	
6.	Ideal washout lengths for each	
7.	Potency equivalents	
8.	Known confounders	
9.	Ideal study length minimum	
10.	Ideal methods for screening or diagnosis	
11.	(Review critical appraisal criteria for screening and diagnostic testing)	
12.	Ideal way to measure	
13.	Other considerations	