

**WORKSHEET FOR THE CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF AN ARTICLE ON:
PROGNOSIS**

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GUIDE	COMMENTS
1. Was an inception cohort assembled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't Tell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - were patients identified at an early and uniform point in the course of their disease? - were the diagnostic criteria, disease severity, co-morbidity and demographic details for inclusion clearly specified?
2. Was the referral pattern described? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't Tell	Did they avoid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - referral filter bias (centripetal bias, popularity bias) - diagnostic access bias
3. Was complete follow-up achieved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Can't Tell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - were all patients entered in the study accounted for in the results? - is their clinical status known?

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<p>4. Were objective outcome criteria developed and used?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Can't Tell</p>	<p>- are the criteria reproducible and accurate?</p>
<p>5. Was outcome assessment blind?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Can't Tell</p>	<p>Did they avoid: diagnostic suspicion bias? expectation bias?</p>
<p>6. Was adjustment for extraneous prognostic factors carried out?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Can't Tell</p>	

OTHER COMMENTS:

Yes
 No