

**Table C-9. Key Question 1, Form 9: study quality**

<b>Variable Name</b>	<b>Variable Type</b>	<b>Answer Code</b>	<b>Answer Code Label</b>
Was initial assembly of comparable groups: adequate randomization including equal distribution of potential confounders?	Radio	1	Yes
		2	No
		3	Uncertain
Were the researchers and subjects blinded to the study group assignment?	Radio	1	Yes
		2	No
		3	Uncertain
Was there adequate concealment of the study group assignments?	Radio	1	Yes
		2	No
		3	Uncertain
Was there maintenance of comparable groups (includes attrition, crossovers, adherence and contamination)?	Radio	1	Yes
		2	No
		3	Uncertain
Was there important differential loss to follow-up or overall high loss to follow-up?	Radio	1	Yes
		2	No
		3	Uncertain
Were measurements equal, reliable and valid (includes masking of outcome assessment)?	Radio	1	Yes
		2	No
		3	Uncertain
Were definitions of interventions clear?	Radio	1	Yes

Variable Name	Variable Type	Answer Code	Answer Code Label
		2	No
		3	Uncertain
Were all important outcomes considered and defined?	Radio	1	Yes
		2	No
		3	Uncertain
At analysis, was there adjustment for potential confounders (cohort studies) and intention-to-treat analysis (RCTs)?	Radio	1	Yes
		2	No
		3	Uncertain
Overall Quality Assessment	Radio	1	Good
		2	Fair
		3	Poor