
Consider the following to represent some, but not necessarily all, questions you should consider when critically appraising the article

What is being compared?

Are all of the relevant comparators included / are any irrelevant comparators included?

Is it an appropriate clinical question?

What type of analysis is being conducted?

What perspective is used?

What is the method of analysis?

Is the analysis appropriate and is it appropriately conducted?

Costs and Outcomes

What costs are measured?

What outcomes are measured?

Are the measured costs and outcomes appropriate and are they measured appropriately?

Are important categories of costs or outcomes omitted?

Is the time horizon appropriate for answering the economic question?

Is there appropriate adjustment for differential timing of costs and effects?

What are the results? Are they believable? Were appropriate sensitivity analyses conducted? Do the authors report on the sampling uncertainty around the results?

What are the author’s conclusions? Do you agree