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Appendix 4 - THE QUALITY APPRAISAL QUESTIONS

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Quality Appraisal questions for Controlled Experiments

1. Is there a clearly stated research question?
2. Is there a rigorous methodology statement?
3. Is there evidence of statistical analysis?
4. Were weight / size presented?
5. Was location presented?
6. Was data collected in the same way for all subjects?
7. Was time frame presented?
8. Was results clearly discussed?
9. Was there evidence of scavenging?

10. Is the discussion fully referenced?

Quality Appraisal questions for Experiments

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Quality Appraisal questions for Prospective Studies

1. Is there a clearly stated research question?
2. Is there a rigorous methodology statement?
3. Were weight / size presented?
4. Was location presented?
5. Was data collected in the same way for all subjects?
6. Was there evidence of scavenging?

Quality Appraisal questions for Retrospective Studies

1. Is there a clearly stated research question?
2. Is there a rigorous methodology statement?
3. Is there evidence of statistical analysis?
4. Were weight / size presented?
5. Was data collected in the same way for all subjects?
6. Was results clearly discussed?
7. Was there evidence of scavenging?

Quality Appraisal questions for Case Studies – Multiple

1. Was the location presented?
2. Was time frame presented?
3. Were weight / size presented?

4. Has the same information been recorded for each case?
5. Was there evidence of scavenging?
6. Has the discussion fully referenced for each case?

Quality Appraisal questions for Case Studies – Single

1. Was there evidence of scavenging?
2. Were weight / size presented?
3. Was time frame presented?
4. Is the discussion fully referenced?

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