

COHORT STUDY

How serious is the risk of bias?

In a cohort study, aside from the exposure of interest, did the exposed and control groups start and finish with the same risk for the outcome?

Were patients similar for prognostic factors that are known to be associated with the outcome (or did statistical adjustment address the imbalance)?

Were the circumstances and methods for detecting the out-come similar?

Was the follow-up sufficiently complete?

What are the results?

How strong is the association between exposure and outcome?

How precise was the estimate of the risk?

How can i apply the result to patient care?

Were the study patients similar to the patient in my practice?

Was follow-up sufficiently long?

Is the exposure similar to what might occur in my patient?

What is the magnitude of the risk?

Are there any benefits that are known to be associated with exposure?