

PUFAs and CHD/CVD Tally Sheet of Quality Ratings - Animal Studies

Instructions: This sheet can be used to record quality rating for each criterion (Yes/No/NA) and the final quality determination (+,Ø,-) as each article is appraised. Recording answers for each criterion provides a record for future reference and facilitates a check of intra- and interrater reliability. Rows across the bottom can be used for notes. In this example the space is used to note specific information that would be relevant to the Expert Group responsible for formulating the Conclusion Statement and its grade.

	Non-RT	Non-RT	Non-RT	Non-RT			
Author	Rudel et al.	Rudel et al.	Rudel et al.	Wolfe et al.			
Year	1997	1995(a)	1995(b)	1994			
Relevance Questions							
1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Validity Questions							
1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
4	No	No	No	No			
5	No	No	No	No			
6	Yes-weak a	Yes	Yes	Yes			
7	Yes-weak b	Yes-weak b	Yes-weak b	Yes-weak b			
8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Quality Rating (+, Ø, -)	+	+	+	+			
Magnitude of Effect	$P<0.05$	$P=0.1$	$P<0.05$	$P<0.05$			
Sample Size	44	44	54 / 20	108			
Relevance to Target Population	African green monkeys	African green monkeys	African green monkeys/cynomolgus monkeys	African green monkeys			