

**CIVAS SYSTEMATIC REVIEW:
QUALITY ASSESSMENT – OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES**

Population (tick one box)	PAPER ID:					
<p>1. Sample size:</p> <p>a) Strong – power calculation provided <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) Strong – included all OPAT patients <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) Strong – appropriate size for qualitative study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>d) Insufficient – no power calculation or selective/small study</p> <p>e) Unclear – not enough information provided</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 30px;"> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>					
Methodology: (tick one box)						
<p>2. Method to ascertain data:</p> <p>a) Strong – not open to selection bias* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) Strong – appropriate qualitative methodology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) Moderate – open to some bias but appropriate method used <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>d) Insufficient – inappropriate method used to ascertain data</p> <p>e) Unclear – not enough information provided</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 30px;"> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>					
Analysis: (tick one box)						
<p>3. Data analysis:</p> <p>a) Strong – reports statistically significant differences in outcomes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) Strong – relevant qualitative analytic techniques <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) Moderate – used only comparative analysis with no statistical testing of differences <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>d) Moderate – reported only descriptive statistics <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 30px;"> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>					

* Systematic differences between comparison groups in terms of selection, prognosis or treatment; differences in group characteristics.

ASSESSMENT OF THE RISK OF BIAS:

Potential bias:	Selection	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	Analysis	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>
	Method	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	ASSESSMENT	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>