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Morse SS. Factors in the emergence of infectious diseases. *Emerg Infect Dis* [serial online] 1995 Jan-Mar [cited 1996 Jun 5]; 1(1): [24 screens]. Available from: [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol1no1/morse.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol1no1/morse.htm)

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Baselt RC, Cravey RH. Disposition of toxic drugs and chemicals in man, 4th ed. Foster City, CA: Chemical Toxicology Institute;1995.

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#### Study design

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CONSORT statement

(Begg C, et al. *JAMA* 1996;276:637-639.)

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##### RCT with non-inferiority/equivalence design

Modified CONSORT statement

(Piaggio G, et al. *JAMA* 2006;295:1152-1160.)

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/295/10/1152>

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QUOROM statement

(Moher D, et al. *Lancet* 1999;354:1896-1900.)

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##### Diagnostic test performance study

STARD statement

(Bossuyt PM, et al. *Clin Chem* 2003;49:1-6.)

<http://www.clinchem.org/cgi/content/full/49/1/1>

##### Systematic review of diagnostic tests

QUADAS statement

(BMC Med Res Method 2006;6(9). doi: 10.1186/1471-2288-6-9.)

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2288/6/9>

##### Systematic review of observational study

MOOSE statement

(Stroup DF, et al. *JAMA* 2000;283:2008-2012.)

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/283/15/2008>

##### Economic evaluations

CHEC criteria

(Evers S, et al. *Int J Tech Assess Health Care* 2005;21:240-245.)

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