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Randomization			
Were the patients assigned randomly?	1 Yes		O No
Randomization adequately described?	2 Yes	1 Partly	O No
Was treatment group concealed to investigator?	1 Yes		O No
Total/4			
Description of outcome measurement adequate?	1 Yes		O No
Outcome measurements objective?	2 Yes	1 Partly	O No
Were the assessors blind to treatment?	1 Yes		O No
Total/4			
Were inclusion/exclusion criteria well defined?	2 Yes	1 Partly	O No
Number of patients excluded and reason?	2 Yes	1 Partly	O No
Total/4			
Was the therapy fully described for the treatment group?	2 Yes	1 Partly	O No
Was the therapy fully described for the controls?	2 Yes	1 Partly	O No
Total/4			
Statistics			
Was the test stated and was there a p value?	1 Yes		O No
Was the statistical analysis appropriate?	2 Yes	1 Partly	O No
If the trial was negative, were confidence intervals or post hoc power calculations performed?	1 Yes		O No
Sample size calculation before the study?	1 Yes		O No

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Total Score

20 points (if positive trial)

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