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☐ 1b — Individual RCT
☐ 2a – Systematic Review of Cohort Studies
☐ 2b – Individual Cohort Study
☐ 3 – Cross-sectional Studies, Ecologic Studies, "Outcomes" Research
☐ 4a – Systematic Review of Case Control Studies
☐ 4b — Individual Case Control Study
☐ 5 – Case Series, Case Reports
☐ 6 – Expert Opinion without explicit critical appraisal, Narrative Review
☐ 7 – Animal Research
☐ 8 – In Vitro Research
Strength of Recommendation Taxonomy (SORT) For Guidelines and Systematic Reviews
See article J Evid Base Dent Pract 2007;147-150
☐ A – Consistent, good quality patient oriented evidence
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