

Table 20.4b Trial quality assessment: conduct, analysis & report. (Based on Balk et al. (2002).)

Feature	Assessment	Comments
1. Patients flow chart given	Y/N	
2. Dropout reasons reported	Y/N	
3. Dropout rate below 10%	Y/N	
4. Missing data noted	Y/N	
5. Attrition bias existent	Y/N	
6. Intention-to-treat analysis performed	Y/N	
7. Baseline characteristics reported	Y/N	
8. Groups similar at baseline	Y/N	
9. Performance bias controlled	Y/N	
10. Data analysis appropriate	Y/N	
11. Inflation of Type I error seen	Y/N	
12. Confidence intervals computed	Y/N	
13. Clinical significance discussed	Y/N	
14. Interpretation of results adequate	Y/N	
15. Main conclusion clear	Y/N	
16. Data support conclusion	Y/N	
17. External validity assessed	Y/N	
18. Conflict of interest declared	Y/N	
19. Other concerns (describe)		
20. Overall comment (state)		