

KQ 5 Investigators Screening

1. Is the study population drawn from the general population? (e.g. community-based, primary care, family practice, or equivalent)

Yes/ Unclear (continue)

No (stop)

2. Did this study use a specific disease to include or exclude subjects (i.e. acute coronary syndrome (ACS), CAD, Diabetes, Renal Failure, etc.)? (Note: We are only looking for studies that recruit the general population (i.e. population with a mixture of conditions), not a population with a specific disease as inclusion or exclusion criteria).

No/ Unclear (continue)

Yes (stop)

3. Is the study an RCT/CCT, cohort, before-after or time series?

Yes

No (stop)

Unclear (continue)

4. Does this study provide a statistical measure of prognosis demonstrating BNP or NT-proBNP as an independent predictor of outcome?

Look for terms such as: multivariate or adjusted odds ratio, adjusted risk ratio, hazards ratio, and Kaplan-Meier curves.

Yes/ Unclear (continue)

No (stop)

5. Does this paper belong in the Prognosis section?

Yes (continue)

No, not a prognosis study at all

Prognosis, but not any of the above populations for KQ5; does not have the outcome of interest

Unsure (to be viewed by another investigator)

6. What type of study is this? *Only complete this question if you have answered “Yes (continue)” to question # 5.

Prognosis and RCT

Prognosis and Case Control

Prognosis and Cohort

Prognosis and Cross-Sectional Design

Not a prognosis study

Unclear

7. (OPTIONAL) Would you recommend this paper for consideration in another section?

No

Yes (which one?)

8. (OPTIONAL) Comments: