ABSTRACT SCORING DOMAINS

	1	2	3	4	5
Originality	Repeat or minor modification of previous studies. Review of practice with no message or audit closure loop.	Practice review with message but not advancing knowledge.	Some important messages, but not major, or small, incremental improvement on previous work.	First significant info on relatively new concept. New research question, or one not approached in this way before.	Novel Question. No known work that addresses the same research question the same way.
Clinical interest	No new message. Does not add to evidence base. Not relevant to mainstream practice.	May have message for limited number of practitioners but most would not find it relevant.	Stimulating but questions raised and not answered that require further explanation.	Significant impact. Would make audience question current practice.	New/exciting, potential to significantly change current clinical practice.
Study design	Underpowered or not powered. Poor choice of methods	Design flaws which affect reliability of conclusions. Methodological insufficiency, eg flawed use of stats.	Good study let down by minor deficiencies. Results believable but possibly underpowered. May not be generalizable.	Good and well executed but may not be repeatable or generalizable.	Good design, well executed, widely applicable.
Results presented	No results presented. Inappropriate conclusions from results presented.	Overambitious deductions. Data incomplete.	Data appear complete. Some weaknesses of association between data presented and conclusions reached.	Important. While some weaknesses of interpretation, demands further research.	Strong data, well founded conclusions, no falsely ambitious claims, path for further work obvious.