Table 2: Classification of study design

1. Meta-analyses of randomized controlled trials
2. Large-sample randomized controlled trials
3. Small-sample randomized controlled trials
4. Nonrandomized controlled prospective studies
5. Nonrandomized controlled retrospective trials
6. Cohort studies
7. Case–control studies
8. Noncontrolled clinical series, descriptive studies, consensus methods
9. Anecdotes or case reports

Note: Information derived from Jovell and Navarro-Rubio.¹

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