<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hierarchy and Classification of Studies</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Primary Reports</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **A** | Randomized Controlled Trial  
Cluster Randomized Trial  
Randomized Crossover Trial | Meta-analysis or Systematic review  
Decision analysis  
Cost-benefit analysis  
Cost-effectiveness study |
| **B** | Prospective Cohort Study  
Retrospective Cohort Study | **M** |
| **C** | Non-Randomized Controlled Trial  
Non-Randomized Crossover Trial  
Case-Control Study  
Time Series Study  
Diagnostic, Validity or Reliability Study | **R** |
| **D** | Non-Controlled Trial  
Case Study or Case Series  
Other Descriptive Study  
Cross-Sectional Study  
Trend Study  
Before-After Study | **X** |

© Evidence Analysis Library 2014, [www.andal.org](http://www.andal.org)  Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics