

**Library & Information Services**

**Journal Club Checklist**

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| **Title** | **Evaluation of prescribing practices for gabapentin as an analgesic among veterinary professionals**  Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia, 48 (5), pp. 775-781 |
| **What are the aims or objectives of the study?** |  |
| **Is there a specific research question or hypothesis?** |  |
| **How might the hypotheses discussed in this paper be relevant to your own practice?** |  |
| **Who carried out the research?** |  |
| **What methods did the researchers use?** |  |
| **Are the types of participants clearly described?** |  |
| **How were the participants recruited?** |  |
| **How do think the method of recruitment will have affected the response?** |  |
| **Do you think that a questionnaire is the best method of evaluating prescribing practices? What other methods could be used?** |  |
| **What are the limitations of this study?** |  |
| **Is the data analysis described clearly enough to enable you to follow what was done?** |  |
| **What are the main findings of the study, and how do they compare with gabapentin prescribing in your practice?** |  |
| **Do the results published answer the research questions?** |  |
| **What are the main reasons given for the use of gabapentin in this study?** |  |
| **What are the potential side effects of gabapentin listed in the discussion?** |  |
| **What differences might there be if the study was carried out in the UK rather than US/Canada?** |  |
| **Do the findings support or alter your current knowledge?** |  |
| **Do you think you would get similar results in your own practice?** | **What are the most frequent reasons for prescribing gabapentin in your practice?**  **What measures do you have in place to prevent gabapentin abuse?** |
| **Having read this article would you change anything about the way that you prescribe gabapentin in your practice?** |  |
| **Having read the article would you change anything about the way you dispense gabapentin in your practice?** |  |