THE ENTSHO.COM PRIZE SHORTLISTING SCHEME

"The Prize is for the study that contributes most to evidence-based ENT clinical practice"

1. Rate each study 1-7 on the following domains:

(Poor)   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   (Excellent)

Scientific merit
- *How important is the study or experimental question?*
- How well is this based in the existing literature?
- Is there a need to know the answer to the study question?

Originality
- *How novel is the idea?*
- If it has been done before, does this study seek to expand on existing knowledge or is it simply doing the same study in a different country/region etc.?

Methodology
- *What is the quality of the study or experimental design? For example: RCT versus uncontrolled case series; experiment with positive and negative controls etc.*
- Is the methodology actually executed well and is it robust?
- How well does the design address the study or experimental question?
- Are statistics used appropriately or are there fundamental errors such as using the mean for skewed distributions?

Applicability to clinical practice
- *Is this study useful to clinicians?*
- If not immediately useful, could it lead to a significant scientific finding or breakthrough, or further work?

Presentation
- *Has the study been published?*
- *Is the entrant the first author?*
- How well is the study written?
- How clearly are ideas, results and diagrams presented?

Maximum score is 35. Items in red italics should be given more weight.

2. Take mean and rank the studies.

3. Submit the top three/four studies to the final panel.