# Critical Appraisal: Isenmann 2004

1. Summarize the paper in 200 words.
2. List six (6) strong points of this study.
3. How does the power of a study influence its results?
4. On bias:
   1. Define bias.
   2. This study was terminated early after interim analysis, and so did not recruit the pre-specified number of subjects. What bias might have been introduced by this?
   3. Identify and explain other factors that may have biased the results of this study against the active intervention.
5. How would you design a study to evaluate the role of antibiotics commenced in the Emergency Department for proven acute severe pancreatitis?