Strength of Recommendation Based on a Body of Evidence

Is this a key recommendation for clinicians regarding diagnosis or treatment that merits a label?
- No
  - Strength of Recommendation not needed
- Yes
  - Is the recommendation based on patient-oriented evidence (i.e., an improvement in morbidity, mortality, symptoms, quality of life or cost)?
    - No
      - Strength of Recommendation = C
    - Yes
      - Is the recommendation based on opinion, bench research, a consensus guideline, usual practice, clinical experience or a case series study?
        - No
          - Strength of Recommendation = B
        - Yes
          - Is the recommendation based on one of the following?
            - Cochrane Review with a clear recommendation
            - USPSTF Grade A recommendation
            - Clinical Evidence rating of Beneficial
            - Consistent findings from at least two good-quality randomized controlled trials or a systematic review/meta-analysis of same
            - Validated clinical decision rule in a relevant population
            - Consistent findings from at least two good-quality diagnostic cohort studies or systematic review/meta-analysis of same
              - Yes
                - Strength of Recommendation = A
              - No
                - Strength of Recommendation = B