

TABLE 1  
SOURCES OF INVALIDITY FOR DESIGNS 1 THROUGH 6

	Sources of Invalidity									
	Internal								External	
	History	Maturation	Testing	Instrumentation	Regression	Selection	Mortality	Interaction of Selection and Maturation, etc.	Interaction of Testing and X	Interaction of Selection and X
<i>Pre-Experimental Designs:</i>										
1. One-Shot Case Study X O	-	-				-	-			-
2. One-Group Pretest-Posttest Design O X O	-	-	-	-	?	+	+	-	-	-
3. Static-Group Comparison X O O	+	?	+	+	+	-	-	-		-
<i>True Experimental Designs:</i>										
4. Pretest-Posttest Control Group Design R O X O R O O	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	?
5. Solomon Four-Group Design R O X O R O O R X O R O	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?
6. Posttest-Only Control Group Design R X O R O	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?

Note: In the tables, a minus indicates a definite weakness, a plus indicates that the factor is controlled, a question mark indicates a possible source of concern, and a blank indicates that the factor is not relevant.

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