

Supplemental Table. 1 The Quality Assessment Base on Newcastle – Ottawa Quality Assessment Scale (NOS).

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Supplemental Table. 1 (Continued)

Comparability	1) Comparability of cohorts on the basis of the design or analysis	a) study controls for _____ (select the most important factor) ✱		✱	✱		✱		✱	✱	✱		
		b) study controls for any additional factor ✱	✱	✱	✱		✱		✱	✱	✱	✱	
Outcome	1) Assessment of outcome	a) independent blind assessment ✱											
		b) record linkage ✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	
		c) self report											
		d) no description											
	2) Was follow-up long enough for outcomes to occur	a) yes (select an adequate follow up period for outcome of interest) ✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	✱	
		b) no											
	3) Adequacy of follow up of cohorts	a) complete follow up - all subjects accounted for ✱			✱	✱		✱		✱			
		b) subjects lost to follow up unlikely to introduce bias - small number lost - >____ % (select an adequate %) follow up, or description provided of those lost) ✱	✱	✱			✱	✱		✱		✱	
		c) follow up rate < ____% (select an adequate %) and no description of those lost											
		d) no statement											
Total score			7	9	9	7	9	6	8	9	9	9	8