

author	year	country	Selection	Comparability	Outcome	Total score
Abell	2014	Australia	****	*	***	*****
Abell	2013	Australia	****	*	***	*****
Al-Mohtaseb	2017	USA	****	*	***	*****
Cavallini	2019	Italy	****	*	***	*****
Chen	2017	China	****	*	***	*****
Kanellopoulos	2016	Greece	****	*	***	*****
Kelkar	2020	India	****	*	***	*****
Krarp	2014	Denmark	****	*	***	*****
Mencucci	2020	Italy	****	*	***	*****
Pisciotta	2018	Italy	****	*	***	*****
Ranjini	2017	India	****	*	***	*****
Reddy	2021	India	****	*	***	*****
Yu	2015	China	****	*	***	*****
Yu	2016	China	****	*	***	*****
Duan	2017	China	****	*	***	*****
Gao	2018	China	****	*	***	*****
Liu	2016	China	****	*	***	*****
Niu	2018	China	****	*	***	*****
Yang	2019	China	****	*	***	*****

**S3 Table. The Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (NOS) of cohort studies.**