

Supplementary Table 2. List of references which used to induce recommendations

Recommendation	Key reference	Study design	No. of patients
1	1, 2	RCT	332, 518
2A	(-)	(-)	NA
2B	10	Expert opinion	NA
2C	14	Case series	248
3	15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 32, 33, 35 30	Case series Systematic review	140, 95, 40, 41, 44, 40, 34, 11, 172, 26, 53, 149 4 Studies, 203
4	41, 42, 43, 46	Systematic review, meta-analysis	NA
5	50 51, 53	Expert opinion Case series	NA 25, 30
6A	56 57	Systematic review Expert opinion	NA NA
6B	57 59, 60	Expert opinion Case series	111, 94
7A	61	Systematic review	NA
7B	61 64 65, 66	Systematic review Expert opinion Case series	NA NA 12, 589
8	69, 77 70 74, 75	Expert opinion Case series Case control	2,500 527, 4,204
9	88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95 96, 97	Case series Case control	52, 16, 272, 92, 127, 133, 85, 16 56, 108
10	86, 98, 101, 106, 107 80, 99, 102, 104, 105 100, 103	Expert opinion Case series Case control	NA 193, 227, 81, 1019, 65 45, 75
11	107	Expert opinion	NA
12A	109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 118, 119 120 110, 116, 117 121	Case series Case control Systematic review Expert opinion	252, 516, 25, 240, 52, 142, 76 189 NA NA
12B	111, 123, 124, 126, 147, 148, 156 127	Case series Case control	516, 595, 444, 156, 48, 263, 107 52
12C	128, 131, 132, 133, 134 130 140	Case series Case control Systematic review	38, 270, 62, 206, 27 416 NA
13A	164 165, 166, 181	Expert opinion Case series	81 128, 200, 520
13B	135, 167–172, 174–180	Case series	43, 26, 226, 114, 112, 104, 15, 190, 457, 118, 124, 81, 67
13C	163, 173	Case series	79, 167
13D	182, 183	Meta-analysis	1,180, 399
14A	185, 186, 187, 188	Case series	83, 100, 48, 247
14B	185, 191, 192, 193 190	Case series Expert opinion	83, 272, 846 (196), 20 NA
15A	194, 195, 196, 197	Case series	68, 24, 212, 98
15B	166, 194, 196, 198, 204	Case series	92, 212, 31, 200, 96
16A	230, 231, 232, 237, 238, 239 222, 223, 224, 225, 234, 236 233	Case control Case series Expert opinion	28, 14, 52, 52, 34, 20 75, 267, 467, 139, 48, 141 NA
16B	240 236	Case control Case series	115 141
17A	241, 243 242	Case series Expert opinion	158426, 653 NA

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17B	245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 251, 252 250	Case series Expert opinion	38, 277, 76, 60, 32, 69, 253 NA
18	188	Case series	247
19A	263, 264, 265, 242	Case series	97, 301, 193, 653
19B	274, 275, 207	Case series	67, 202, 127
19C	212	RCT	132
20	285, 290 283, 284, 286, 287, 288, 289, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296 282 297	Systematic review Case series Expert opinion Case control	NA 377, 310, 92, 293, 268, 246, 207, 106, 100, 136, 156, 30 NA 155
21A	298 299	Expert opinion RCT	NA 151
21B	300, 303	RCT	459, 410
21C	301 302	RCT Expert opinion	167 NA
22A	304, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328 306 310	Case series Expert opinion Systematic review	55, 32, 165, 1, 13, 3, 6, 8, 9 NA NA
22B	308, 309, 316, 320 317, 318, 319	Case series Expert opinion	9, 120, 148, 608 NA
23	333, 337, 339, 340, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347 338 329, 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 336, 341	Case series Randomized controlled Expert opinion	20, 40, 20, 79, 45, 45, 30, 63, 60, 90 332 NA
24A	357 354, 356 349, 353, 358, 359, 361, 362 348, 350, 351, 352, 360	Case control Case series Cohort study Expert opinion	34 177, 52 60, 109, 157, 278, 30, 17 NA
24B	364 365 366, 368 363 367	Case series Case control Cohort study Expert opinion RCT	10 156 139, 224 NA 52
25	369, 370, 372, 373, 375, 377, 378, 380 371, 376, 379, 387 374, 381, 382 384, 385	Cohort study Expert opinion Case control Systematic review	148, 47574, 89, 232, 115, 26, 190, 1127 NA 202540, 202 over 20,000, over 15,000
26	393 388, 389, 391, 392, 395, 397, 398, 399 394 402, 407 390, 396, 403 404 400, 401, 405, 406	Case control Case series Cohort study Expert opinion Meta-analysis RCT Systematic review	1,408 211, 95, 178, 5461, 2924, 34, 30, 74 5838 NA, NA 3300, 1572, 1362 563 NA, NA, 1403, 145
27A	410, 411, 416 413, 414 409, 412, 415 417	Systematic review Expert opinion Case series Cohort study	NA NA 327, 603, 661 854
27B	419 420	Case series Case control	NA 155
28A	423, 437, 439 438	Case series Cohort study	130, 181, 190 16

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Recommendation	Key reference	Study design	No. of patients
28B	432	Case series	66
28C	433, 436, 440, 441 434, 435	Case series Systematic review	35, 42, 127, 56 NA
28D	424 425, 426	Cohort study Case control	428 556, 26
28E	428, 429 427, 430	Case series Cohort study	152, 18 127, 45
29A	448, 449, 450, 451, 453, 294	Case series	264, 182, 198, 261, 43, 136
29B	452, 454	Case series	75, 147
30A	461, 464, 465, 467, 468, 469, 470 466	Case series Expert opinion	22, 39, 75, 29, 21, 43, 105 NA
30B	481, 482, 483, 484, 485	Case series	40, 18, 36, 53, 34
30C	471, 472, 474, 475 407, 473 476	Case series Expert opinion Case control	21, 26, 20, 12 NA 42
30D	492, 493, 495, 496, 497 494	Case control Case series	73, 230, 359, 31, 37 33
31A	478, 479, 480 499, 500, 501	Expert opinion Case series	NA 68, 93, 87
31B	504	Case series	34
31C	503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508 509	Case series Systematic review	42, 34, 71, 110, 45, 51 NA
32	514, 516 515, 523	Case series Expert opinion	11, 57 NA

RCT, randomized controlled trial; NA, not available.