

Supplementary Table 1. National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) tool for quality assessment of case-series

Question
1. Were the case series collected in more than one centre?
2. Is the hypothesis/aim/objective of the study clearly described?
3. Are the inclusion and exclusion criteria (case definition) clearly reported?
4. Is there a clear definition of outcomes reported?
5. Were data collected prospectively?
6. Is there an explicit statement that patients were recruited consecutively?
7. Are the main findings of the study clearly described?
8. Are outcomes stratified?