

S4 Table. Study quality assessment using Newcastle-Ottawa scale for cohort studies

Harding, 2015 [18]	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Hashimoto, 2012 [19]	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	6
Hashimoto, 2015 [20]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Hemminki, 2012 [21]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Hill, 2001 [22]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Hirano, 2014 [23]	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Hsing, 1993 [24]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Ilus, 2014 [26]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
Ji, 2010 [27]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Jorgensen, 1951 [28]	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	6
Kokkola, 1998 [30]	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	5
Landgren, 2011 [31]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
Lim, 2016 [32]	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Loof, 1994 [33]	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Mellemkjaer, 1996 [34]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Mosbech, 1950 [35]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	-	5
Murphy, 2015 [36]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Park, 2014 [38]	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Schafer, 1985 [40]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
Silano, 2007	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	7

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Stockton, 2001 [42]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
Swerdlow, 2005 [43]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	7
Thomas, 2000 [44]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
Valent, 2015 [45]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
Van Daalen, 2017 [46]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	7
Vannella, 2010 [47]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	7
Viljamaa, 2006 [48]	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	6
Weng, 2012 [49]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
Yamada, 2011 [50]	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Yoo, 2018 [51]	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Yu, 2016 [52]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8

*Each asterisk represents if individual criterion within the subsection was fulfilled.