Supplemental table 4. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

(AHQR) scale for	cross-sectional	study
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Item	Yes	No	Unclear
1) Define the source of information (survey, record			
review)			
2) List inclusion and exclusion criteria for exposed			
and unexposed subjects (cases and controls) or refer			
to previous publications			
3) Indicate time period used for identifying patients			
4) Indicate whether or not subjects were			
consecutive if not population-based			
5) Indicate if evaluators of subjective components			
of study were masked to other aspects of the status			
of the participants			
6) Describe any assessments undertaken for quality			
assurance purposes (e.g., test/retest of primary			
outcome measurements)			
7) Explain any patient exclusions from analysis			
8) Describe how confounding was assessed and/or			
controlled			
9) If applicable, explain how missing data were			
handled in the analysis			
10) Summarize patient response rates and			
completeness of data collection			
11) Clarify what follow-up, if any, was expected			
and the percentage of patients for which incomplete			
data or follow-up was obtained			