

Suppl. Table 2 Quality ratings of included studies according to Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (NOS) quality assessment tool for cohort studies[15]

Modified Newcastle-Ottawa Scale[#]					
Studies First author (Reference No.)	Selection	Comparability	Outcome	Total score	
				Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2
Albano et al.[44]	**	**	**	Fair	Fair
Setti et al.[51]	**	**	**	Fair	Fair

[#]Good quality: 3 or 4 stars in selection domain AND 1 or 2 stars in comparability domain AND 2 or 3 stars in outcome/exposure domain; Fair quality: 2 stars in selection domain AND 1 or 2 stars in comparability domain AND 2 or 3 stars in outcome/exposure domain; Poor quality: 0 or 1 star in selection domain OR 0 stars in comparability domain OR 0 or 1 stars in outcome/exposure domain