

Supplementary material

Supplementary Table 1. IHE quality assessment checklist for prospective studies.

	Witterman PBL et al. 2012 [12]	Muls V et al. 2013 [11]	Roy- shapira A et al. 2015 [13]	Kim HJ et al. 2016 [14]	Stefanidis G et al. 2017 [16]	Trad KS et al. 2018 [15]	Chinmukangara M et al. 2019 [18]	Testoni PA et al. 2019 [17]
Study objective Is the hypothesis/aim/objective of the study clearly stated in the abstract, introduction, or methods section?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Study population Are the characteristics of the participants included in the study described? Were the cases collected in more than one center? Are the eligibility criteria (inclusion and exclusion criteria) to entry the study explicit and appropriate? Were participants recruited consecutively? Did participants enter the study at a similar point in the disease?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Intervention and co-intervention Was the intervention clearly described in the study? Were additional interventions (cointerventions) Clearly reported in the study?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Outcome measures Are the outcome measures clearly defined in the introduction or methods section?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Statistical analysis Were the statistical tests used to assess the relevant outcomes appropriate?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Results and conclusions	
Was the length of follow-up reported?	+
Was the loss to follow-up reported?	+
Does the study provide estimates of the random variability in the data analysis of relevant outcomes?	+
Are adverse events reported?	+
Are the conclusions of the study supported by results?	+
Competing interests and sources of support	
Are both competing interest and source of support for the study reported?	+
Total score	15
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