

Table S1. Risk of bias assessment results of the nine articles selected (QUIPS tool).

Study #	Study Participation	Study Attrition	Prognostic Factor Measurement	Outcome Measurement	Study Confounding	Statistical Analysis and Reporting	Overall
1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3	+	+	+	+/-	?	+	+
4	+/-	-	+	+/-	?	?	+/-
5	+	-	+	+	?	?	+/-
6	+/-	+	+	+/-	+	?	+/-
7	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
8	+	+/-	+	+	?	?	+
9	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
11	+	+	+	+	?	?	+
12	+	+/-	+	+	?	+	+
13	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
14	+	+	+	+/-	?	+	+
15	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
16	+/-	+/-	+/-	+	+	+	+/-
17	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
18	+	+	+	+	?	?	+
19	+	+	+	+	?	?	+
20	+	+	+	+	?	?	+
21	+	+	+/-	+/-	?	?	+/-
22	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
23	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
24	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
25	+	+/-	+	+	?	+	+
26	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
28	+	+	+/-	+	+	+	+
29	+	+	+	+	+	?	+

(+) High quality, (+/-) Acceptable, (-) Low quality, (?) Unsure