

Modified version New-Castle Ottawa scale for cross-sectional studies.

Selection of participants – max 5 stars

1. Clear description of the sample, including: cancer type, stage cancer, culture, age, decision setting

- a) Clear description**
- b) Somewhat clear description*
- c) No clear description of the sample

2. Representativeness of the sample:

- a) Truly representative of the average in the target population. * (all subjects or random sampling)
- b) Somewhat representative of the average in the target population. * (non-random sampling)
- c) Selected group of users.
- d) No description of the sampling strategy.

3. Sample size:

- a) Justified and satisfactory. *
- b) Not justified or not reported.

4. Non-respondents:

- a) Comparability between respondents and non-respondents characteristics is established, and the response rate is satisfactory. *
- b) The response rate is unsatisfactory, and/ or the comparability between respondents and non-respondents is unsatisfactory.
- c) No description of the response rate, and/ or the characteristics of the responders and the non-responders.

Definition and assessment of the outcome – max 4 stars

5. Clear variables: Clear description of the timing of the measurement preferred and perceived level of involvement

- a) Both variables clearly defined including time period for measurement**
- b) One or other variable clearly defined including time period for measurement *
- c) Neither variable clearly defined including time period for measurement

6. *Assessment of the outcome:*

- a) Validated measurement tool. **
- b) Non-validated measurement tool, but the tool is available or described.*
- c) No description of the measurement tool.