Table 2.

Quality assessment

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| Author year, country | Patient selection | Ascertainment exposure (technique, removal) | Ascertainment outcome | Follow up | Reporting | Total |
| Atherton 2007, UK | Yes | Yes, Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | ●●●●●● |
| Audain2015, UK | Yes | Yes, Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | ●●●●●● |
| Chasapi2016, UK | No | Yes, No | No | Yes | Yes | ●●●○○○ |
| Davenport 1988, UK | Yes | No, Yes | No | Yes | No | ●●●○○○ |
| Dhillon 2014, UK | No | Yes, Yes | Yes | No | Yes | ●●●●○○ |
| de Gado2008, IT | Yes | Yes, Yes | No | Yes | Yes | ●●●●●○ |
| Harb2010, UK | No | Yes, Yes | No | No | Yes | ●●●○○○ |
| Keh2017, UK | No | Yes, Yes | No | No | No | ●●●●○○ |
| Langtry1998, UK | No | Yes, No | Yes | Yes | No | ●●●○○○ |
| Mehta1979, UK | Yes | Yes, Yes | No | Yes | Yes | ●●●●●○ |
| Nakamura2011, JP | No | Yes, Yes | Yes | No | Yes | ●●●●○○ |
| Sapountzis 2011, KOR | No | Yes, Yes | No | No | Yes | ●●●○○○ |
| Shimizu2013, USA | No | Yes, No | Yes | No | Yes | ●●●○○○ |
| Struk2017, FR | Yes | No, Yes | Yes | Yes | No | ●●●●○○ |
| Yuki2017, JAP | No | Yes, No | Yes | No | No | ●●○○○○ |