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 | ●●●●●● |
| Audain  2015, UK | Yes | Yes, Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | ●●●●●● |
| Chasapi  2016, 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 Gado  2008, IT | Yes | Yes, Yes | No | Yes | Yes | ●●●●●○ |
| Harb  2010, UK | No | Yes, Yes | No | No | Yes | ●●●○○○ |
| Keh  2017, UK | No | Yes, Yes | No | No | No | ●●●●○○ |
| Langtry  1998, UK | No | Yes, No | Yes | Yes | No | ●●●○○○ |
| Mehta  1979, UK | Yes | Yes, Yes | No | Yes | Yes | ●●●●●○ |
| Nakamura  2011, JP | No | Yes, Yes | Yes | No | Yes | ●●●●○○ |
| Sapountzis 2011, KOR | No | Yes, Yes | No | No | Yes | ●●●○○○ |
| Shimizu  2013, USA | No | Yes, No | Yes | No | Yes | ●●●○○○ |
| Struk  2017, FR | Yes | No, Yes | Yes | Yes | No | ●●●●○○ |
| Yuki  2017, JAP | No | Yes, No | Yes | No | No | ●●○○○○ |