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| Iqbal et al12 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17/24 |
| Jaeblon et al13 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 16/24 |
| Karunakar et al14 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 16/24 |
| Li et al15 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 13/24 |
| Mears et al23 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 8/16 |
| Mourad et al25 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 16/24 |
| Porter et al16 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 15/24 |
| Porter et al26 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 15/24 |
| Sagi et al17 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14/24 |
| Sems et al18 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17/24 |
| Shaath et al22 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 15/24 |
| Suzuki et al19 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 12/24 |
| Vincent et al21 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11/24 |

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