

Supplemental Digital Content 6. Table Risk of bias summary for cohort studies in Table 2

Study	Risk of bias domains							Overall
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	
Baki et al, 1991								
Bhandari et al, 1980								
Caglayan et al, 1991								
Oguz et al, 1992								
Venkataraman et al, 2015								
AbuZeid et al, 2011								
Merry et al, 1996								

Domains:
D1: Bias due to confounding.
D2: Bias due to selection of participants.
D3: Bias in classification of interventions.
D4: Bias due to deviations from intended interventions.
D5: Bias due to missing data.
D6: Bias in measurement of outcomes.
D7: Bias in selection of the reported result.

Judgement
 Serious
 Moderate
 Low