Supplemental4: Risk of bias assessment of included studies

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| **Study** | **Representativeness** **of the Population** | **Selection of****the Cohort** | **Ascertainment****of Exposure** | **Comparability** | **Ascertainment****of Outcome** | **Adequacy****of Follow Up** | **Overall Risk****of Bias** |
| Mahadeva, 2002 | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB | Unclear | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB |
| Kakar, 2003 | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB |
| Aziz, 2010 | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB | NA | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB |
| Shmidt, 2013 | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB | NA | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB |
| Shmidt, 2014 | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB | NA | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB |
| Parihar, 2017 | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB | NA | Low ROB | Low ROB | Low ROB |