

Supplementary Table 2. Ottawa quality assessment scale Cohort studies

Bias		Ekstedt et al. (2007) [28]	Georgescu et al. (2007) [30]
Selection	(1) Representativeness of the exposed cohort	★	★
	(2) Selection of the non-exposed cohort	★	★
	(3) Ascertainment of exposure	★	★
	(4) Demonstration that outcome of interest was not present at start of study		★
Comparability outcome	Comparability of cohorts on the basis of the design or analysis		
	(1) Assessment of outcome	★	★
	(2) Was follow-up long enough for outcomes to occur	★	★
	(3) Adequacy of follow up of cohort	★	★