

Table SI. CASP case control study checklist.

| First author(s), year | CASP criteria | | | | | | | | | | | Score | Quality classification | References |
|---|---------------|----|-----|----|---|----|-----|------|----|---|----|-------|------------------------|------------|
| | i | ii | iii | iv | v | vi | vii | viii | ix | x | xi | | | |
| Afshar <i>et al</i> , 2018 | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | a | Y | 6 | Moderate | (74) |
| Ahangar-Oskouee <i>et al</i> , 2014 | Y | Y | N | N | Y | N | Y | N | Y | a | Y | 6 | Moderate | (75) |
| Alinezhadi <i>et al</i> , 2022 | Y | Y | N | N | Y | N | Y | a | Y | N | Y | 6 | Moderate | (7) |
| Antonsson <i>et al</i> , 2011 | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | a | Y | 8 | High | (76) |
| Bakhtiyrizadeh <i>et al</i> , 2017 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | a | Y | 10 | High | (77) |
| Cavalcante <i>et al</i> , 2018 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | a | Y | 10 | High | (78) |
| Chang <i>et al</i> , 2012 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | a | Y | 10 | High | (79) |
| Damin <i>et al</i> , 2004 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | a | Y | 10 | High | (80) |
| de León <i>et al</i> , 2009 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | a | Y | 10 | High | (81) |
| Delgado-García <i>et al</i> , 2017 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 11 | High | (21) |
| Doosti <i>et al</i> , 2016 | Y | Y | Y | a | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 10 | High | (82) |
| ElAmrani <i>et al</i> , 2018 | Y | Y | Y | a | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | a | Y | 8 | High | (83) |
| Fu <i>et al</i> , 2015 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 9 | High | (84) |
| Gannon <i>et al</i> , 2015 | Y | Y | Y | a | Y | N | N | Y | Y | a | Y | 7 | Moderate | (85) |
| Li <i>et al</i> , 2015 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | a | Y | 9 | High | (86) |
| Maldonado-Rodríguez <i>et al</i> , 2022 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | a | Y | 7 | Moderate | (3) |
| Mendizabal-Ruiz <i>et al</i> , 2009 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | a | Y | 7 | Moderate | (87) |
| Mou <i>et al</i> , 2011 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | a | a | Y | a | Y | 8 | High | (18) |
| Salman <i>et al</i> , 2017 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | a | Y | a | Y | 8 | High | (88) |
| Sigaroodi <i>et al</i> , 2012 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | a | Y | 8 | High | (89) |
| Tawfeik <i>et al</i> , 2020 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | a | a | Y | a | Y | 8 | High | (90) |
| Vernet-Tomas <i>et al</i> , 2015 | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | 8 | High | (91) |
| Wang <i>et al</i> , 2014 | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | a | Y | 8 | High | (92) |

^aCannot tell. CASP criteria for case-control studies: i) Did the study address a clearly focused issue?; ii) Did the authors use an appropriate method to answer their question?; iii) Were the cases recruited in an acceptable way?; iv) Were the controls selected in an acceptable way?; v) Was the exposure accurately measured to minimize bias?; vi) (a) Aside from the experimental intervention, were the groups treated equally?; (b) Have the authors taken account of the potential confounding factors in the design and/or in their analysis?; vii) How large was the treatment effect?; viii) How precise was the estimate of the treatment effect?; ix) Do you believe the results?; x) Can the results be applied to the local population?; and xi) Do the results of this study fit with other available evidence? Y, yes; N, no; CASP, Critical Appraisal Skills Program.