

Supplemental File S5: Consensus Quality Assessment Evaluation of Included Studies

Quality Assessment for Case Series Using the NHLBI Assessment Tool

	Clear Study Objectives	Clear Study Population Description	Consecutive Cases	Comparable Subjects	Clearly Defined Intervention	Clearly Defined Outcomes	Adequate Follow- up	Clearly Described Statistics	Well Described Results	Quality Rating (Good, Fair, or Poor)
Doub et al. 2023 [25]			NR*							Fair
Ferry et al. 2020 [26]										Fair
Onallah et al. 2023 [19]			NR*							Poor

*NR = Not Reported. Green = Meets criteria. Red = Does not meet criteria.

Quality Assessment for Case Control Studies Using the NHLBI Assessment Tool

Quality Rating (Good, Fair, or Poor)	Fair
Potential Confounders Measured and Adjusted	
Loss to Follow-up >20%	
Assessors Blinded to Exposure	NR*
Outcomes Clearly Defined	
Exposure Measured More than Once Over Time	
Exposures clearly defined	
Varied Categories of the Exposure Measured, if Applicable	N/A
Sufficient Time Frame	
Exposure Measure Prior to Outcome	
Sample Size Justification Provided	
Comparable subjects	
Participation > 50%	
Clear Study Population Description	
Clear Study Objectives	
	Fedorov et al. 2023 [29]

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