

eTable 2. Summary of methodological quality of included studies

<i>Study</i>	<i>Random sequence generation</i>	<i>Allocation concealment</i>	<i>Blinding of participants and personnel</i>	<i>Blinding of outcome assessment</i>	<i>Incomplete outcome data</i>	<i>Selective reporting</i>	<i>Other bias</i>
Abdelsamad AA 2011 (36)	unclear	unclear	unclear	unclear	unclear	unclear	unclear
Becattini C 2010 (17)	low	unclear	low	unclear	low	low	high
Dalla-Volta S 1992 (20)	unclear	unclear	low	low	low	low	low
Dotter CT 1978 (29)	unclear	unclear	high	high	unclear	unclear	high
Fasullo S 2011 (27)	low	low	unclear	unclear	low	low	low
Goldhaber SZ 1993 (19)	low	low	low	low	unclear	unclear	unclear
Goldhaber SZ 1994 (33)	low	low	low	low	low	low	low
Jerjes C 1995 (28)	high	high	high	unclear	unclear	unclear	unclear
Kline J 2014 (16)	low	low	low	unclear	low	low	low
Konstantinides S 2002 (18)	low	low	low	low	low	low	low
Kucher N 2014 (32)	low	low	low	low	unclear	low	low
Levine M 1990 (21)	unclear	unclear	low	unclear	low	low	low
Ly B 1978 (24)	low	low	unclear	low	low	low	low
Marini C 1988 (23)	unclear	unclear	unclear	unclear	low	low	low
Meyer G 2014 (6)	low	low	low	low	low	low	low
PIOPED 1990 (22)	unclear	unclear	low	unclear	low	low	low
Sharifi M 2012 (31)	low	low	low	unclear	low	unclear	unclear
Sors H 1994 (34)	low	low	low	unclear	low	low	low
Taherkhani M 2014 (30)	unclear	unclear	high	high	low	low	low
Tibbutt DA 1974 (25)	unclear	unclear	low	low	low	low	low
UPET 1970 (26)	unclear	low	unclear	unclear	low	low	low
Wang C 2010 (35)	unclear	unclear	high	high	low	low	low