



Appendix 5

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Appendix 2: Quality scoring

	Beri (CC)	Savvidou (CH)	Contractor (CH)	Lin (CH)
Study population				
<i>Selection before disease was present or at uniform point</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>Cases and controls were drawn from the same population</i>	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>Participation rate \geq 80% for cases/cohort</i>	1	1	1	1
<i>Participation rate \geq 80% for controls</i>	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Assessment of risk factor				
<i>Exposure assessment blinded</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Exposure measured identically for cases and controls</i>	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>Exposure assessed prior to the outcome</i>	0	0	1	1
Assessment of outcome				
<i>Outcome assessed identically in studied population</i>	1	1	1	1
<i>Outcome assessed reproducibly</i>	1	1	0	1
<i>Outcome assessed according to standard definitions</i>	1	0	0	1
Study design				
<i>Prospective study design</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>Follow up time was \geq 2 years</i>	n/a	0	1	1
<i>Withdrawal \leq 20%</i>	n/a	1	1	
Analysis and data presentation				
<i>Appropriate analysis techniques were used</i>	1	1	1	1
<i>Adjusted for at least age and sex</i>	1	0	1	1
Total	9	5	9	10
Total possible	13	12	12	12
Percentage	69%	42%	75%	83%