Appendix 1. NIH Quality Appraisal *, a, b, c

Author	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6.	C7	C8.	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	C14	Qualit
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Giannopoul ou et al. [34]	Ye	Ye	NR	Ye	Ye	N/	Ye	N/	Ye	Yes	Yes	No	N/	No	Fair
	S	S		S	S	Α	S	Α	S				А		
Burdzovic Andreas and	Ye	Ye	CD	Ye	Ye	N/	Ye	N/	Ye	Yes	Yes	No	N/	Yes	Good
	S	S		S	S	Α	S	Α	S				Α		
Brunborg [35]															
Belanger et al. [36]	Ye	Ye	Ye	Ye	Ye	N/	Ye	N/	Ye	Yes	Yes	No	N/	No	Good
	S	S	S	S	S	Α	S	Α	S				А		
Black et al. [37]	Ye	Ye	No	Ye	Ye	N/	Ye	N/	Ye	Yes	Yes	No	N/	Yes	Good
	S	S		S	S	Α	S	Α	S				Α		
Westrupp et al. [38]	Ye	Ye	NR	No	Ye	N/	Ye	N/	Ye	Yes	Yes	No	N/	Yes	Fair
	S	S			S	Α	S	Α	S				Α		
Mayne et al. [39]	Ye	Ye	NR	Ye	Ye	N/	Ye	N/	Ye	Yes	Yes	No	N/	Yes	Good
	S	S		S	S	Α	S	Α	S				Α		
Gladstone et al. [40]	Ye	Ye	Ye	Ye	Ye	N/	Ye	N/	Ye	Yes	Yes	No	N/	Yes	Good
	S	S	S	S	S	Α	S	Α	S				Α		
Jolliff et al. [41]	Ye	Ye	CD	No	Ye	N/	Ye	N/	Ye	Yes	Yes	No	N/	Yes	Fair
*	S	S			S	A	S	Α	S				Α		

^{*} NR, not reported; CD, cannot be determined; N/A, not applicable.

^a NIH criteria of 6 included studies.

^b Quality was rated as poor (0 - 4 out of 14 questions), fair (5 - 10 out of 14 questions), or good (11 - 14 out of 14 questions).

^c The criteria were: C1. Was the research question or objective in this paper clearly stated? C2. Was the study population clearly specified and defined? C3. Was the participation rate of eligible persons at least 50%? C4. Were all the subjects selected or recruited from the same or similar populations (including the same time period)? Were inclusion and exclusion criteria for being in the study prespecified and applied uniformly to all participants? C5. Was a sample size justification, power description, or variance and effect estimates provided? C6. For the analyses

in this paper, were the exposure(s) of interest measured prior to the outcome(s) being measured? C7. Was the timeframe sufficient so that one could reasonably expect to see an association between exposure and outcome if it existed? C8. For exposures that can vary in amount or level, did the study examine different levels of the exposure as related to the outcome (e.g., categories of exposure, or exposure measured as continuous variable)? C9. Were the exposure measures (independent variables) clearly defined, valid, reliable, and implemented consistently across all study participants? C10. Was the exposure(s) assessed more than once over time? C11. Were the outcome measures (dependent variables) clearly defined, valid, reliable, and implemented consistently across all study participants? C12. Were the outcome assessors blinded to the exposure status of participants? C13. Was loss to follow-up after baseline 20% or less? C14. Were key potential confounding variables measured and adjusted statistically for their impact on the relationship between exposure(s) and outcome(s)