

Supplementary Table I. Quality assessment of cohort studies

S.no	Cohort Studies	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Overall score
1	Mandal <i>et al</i> ²⁴ , 2022	*Provided	*Yes	*Somewhat representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Secure record	*Reference to secure records	Not provided	*Yes	*Yes	8
2	Gokhale <i>et al</i> ²⁵ , 2014	*Provided	*Yes	*Somewhat representative	Not included	*Yes	*Secure record	*Reference to secure records	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	9
3	Pande <i>et al</i> ²⁷ , 2008	*Provided	*Yes	*Somewhat representative	Not included	*Yes	*Secure record	*Independent assessment	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	9
4	Kumar <i>et al</i> ³⁰ , 2015	*Provided	*Yes	*Somewhat representative	Not included	NA	*Secure record	*Reference to secure records	*Provided	*Yes	NA	7
5	Sathish <i>et al</i> ³² , 2004	*Provided	*Yes	*Somewhat representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Secure record	*Reference to secure records	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	9
6	Negi <i>et al</i> ³⁴ , 2021	*Provided	*Yes	*Somewhat representative	Not included	NA	*Secure record	*Reference to secure records	*Provided	*Yes	NA	7
7	Pillai <i>et al</i> ³⁷ , 2009	*Provided	*Yes	*Somewhat representative	Not included	NA	*Secure record	*Reference to secure records	*Provided	*Yes	NA	7
8	Mane <i>et al</i> ⁴⁰ , 2020	*Provided	*Yes	*Somewhat representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Secure record	*Independent assessment	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	9
9	Mane <i>et al</i> ⁴¹ , 2022	*Provided	*Yes	*Somewhat representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Secure record	*Independent assessment	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	9
10	Mane <i>et al</i> ⁴² , 2022	*Provided	*Yes	*Somewhat representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Secure record	*Independent assessment	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	9

List of items: 1. Source of information, 2. Endpoint appropriate to study aim, 3. Representativeness of exposed cohort, 4. Selection of unexposed cohort, 5. Contemporary groups, 6. Ascertainment of exposure, 7. Assessment of outcome 8. Patient exclusion from analysis, 9. Unbiased evaluation of endpoints, 10. Statistical analysis adapted to study design