

Supplementary Table II. Quality assessment of case-control studies

S.no.	Case-control studies	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Overall score
1	Bhattacharjee <i>et al</i> ²³ , 2006	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	*Representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Yes	*Secure record	*Same	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	11
2	Singh <i>et al</i> ²⁸ , 2009	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	*Representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Yes	*Secure record	*Same	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	11
3	Pillai <i>et al</i> ³¹ , 2002	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	*Representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Yes	*Secure record	*Same	NA	*Yes	*Yes	10
4	Kabekkodu <i>et al</i> ³³ , 2015	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	*Representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Yes	*Secure record	*Same	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	11
5	Sathish <i>et al</i> ³⁵ , 2005	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	*Representative	*Community	*Yes	Not provided	*Secure record	*Same	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	11
6	Bhattacharjee <i>et al</i> ³⁶ , 2008	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	*Representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Yes	*Secure record	*Same	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	11
7	Mandal <i>et al</i> ³⁹ , 2013	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	*Representative	Hospital	*Yes	*Yes	*Secure record	*Same	*Provided	*Yes	*Yes	11

List of items: 1. Source of information; 2. Endpoint appropriate to study aim; 3. Adequate definition of case; 4. Representativeness of the cases; 5. Selection of controls; 6. Definition of controls; 7. Contemporary groups; 8. Ascertainment of exposure; 9. Method of ascertainment; 10. Patient exclusion from analysis; 11. Unbiased evaluation of endpoints; 12. Statistical analysis adapted to study design. *Points given to each item