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| Table 1. | Quality of the included studies based on the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (NOS) |
| Authors | Selection | Comparability | Outcome | Score |
| Case-Control | Representativeness of the exposed cohort (1) | Selection of the non-exposed cohort (1) | Ascertainment of exposure (1) | Demonstration that outcome of interest was not present at start of study (1) | Comparability of cohorts on the basis of the design or analysis (2) | Ascertainment of outcome(1) | Was follow-up long enough for outcomes to occur (1) | Adequacy of follow up of cohorts (1) |  |
| carignan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| ganetskey | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Knight  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| splinter | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| van hise | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| papic | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| caroff | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| morrisetTe | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Johnson | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 |