Supplementary Table 2. A methodological quality assessment using the National Institute of Health (NIH) Quality Assessment Tool. The quality of each

included study was rated as 0 for poor (0-4), i for fair (5-10), or ii for good (11-14).

							NIH Qua	ality Assessi							
Study (Year)	Was the research question or objective in this paper clearly stated?	Was the study populatio n clearly specified and defined?	Was the participat ion rate of eligible persons at least 50%?	Were all the subjects selected or recruited from the same or similar populatio ns?	Was a sample size justificati on, power descriptio n, or variance and effect estimates provided ?	For the analyses in this paper, were the exposure(s) of interest measured prior to the outcome(s) being measured?	Was the timeframe sufficient so that one could reasonably expect to see an association between exposure and outcome if it existed?	For exposures that can vary in amount or level, did the study examine different levels of the exposure? +	Were the exposure measures (independent variables) clearly defined, valid, reliable, and implemented consistently across all study participants?	Was the exposure(s) assessed more than once over time? +++	Were the outcome measures (dependent variables) clearly defined, valid, reliable, and implemented? consistently across all study participants?	Were the outcome assessors blinded to the exposure status of participants ? ++++	Was loss to follow-up after baseline 20% or less?	Were key potential confounding variables measured and adjusted statistically for their impact on the relationship? between exposure(s) and outcome(s)?	Summary Quality
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Aglietti et al ¹ (1992)	√	~	V	1	V	1	\checkmark	√	V	Х	V	X	V	Х	Ii
Akmese et al ³ (2021)	1	~	√	√	~	√	√	√	1	Х	1	Х	√	√	Ii
Jørgensen et al ³¹ (2001)	~	✓	√	√	√	√	V	√	√	Х	√	X	√	√	ii
O'Brien et al ⁴⁰ (1991)	1	1	√	1	√	1	✓	X	√	X	√	X	1	X	i
Anderson et al ⁵ (1994)	1	1	X	1	X	1	√	~	√	X	√	X	X	X	i
Roberti di Sarsina et al ⁴⁷ (2019)	✓ ✓	✓	√	√	✓	√	V	√	V	Х	V	Х	✓	√	ii
Feller et al ¹⁴	√	~	\checkmark	√	√	√	\checkmark	Х	~	Х	√	X	√	Х	Ι

(2021)															
Grassi et al^{22} (2021)	√	√	√	√	✓	√	√	√	✓	Х	✓	Х	√	✓	ii
Lanzetti et al ³⁵ (2020)	\checkmark	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	√	V	√	Х	√	Х	√	Х	Ii
Pernin et al^{43} (2010)	~	√	Х	~	Х	\checkmark	√	Х	~	Х	\checkmark	Х	Х	Х	Ι
Zaffagnini et al ⁶² (2017)	~	1	√	~	Х	~	√	Х	~	Х	~	Х	1	Х	Ι
Dandy and Gray ⁹ (1994)	~	1	√	√	~	√	√	Х	~	Х	~	Х	√	Х	i
Ferretti et al ¹⁵ (2011)	√	~	√	√	√	V	√	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х	✓	Х	√	\checkmark	ii
Guzzini et al ²³ (2016)	~	1	√	√	√	\checkmark	√	√	\checkmark	Х	√	Х	√	\checkmark	ii
Ibrahim ²⁷ (1999)	\checkmark	✓	√	\checkmark	Х	\checkmark	√	Х	\checkmark	Х	√	Х	√	Х	i
Kocher et al^{34} (2018)	~	1	√	√	√	\checkmark	√	√	\checkmark	Х	✓	Х	√	Х	ii
Rackeman n et al ⁴⁵ (1991)	~	1	√	√	Х	\checkmark	√	Х	\checkmark	Х	✓	Х	√	Х	i
Wilson et al ⁵⁸ (2019)	~	~	√	~	✓	√	√	√	~	Х	✓	Х	1	~	ii