Supplementary Table 2. Newcastle-Ottawa quality assessment scale for observational studies

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| Study reference (author, year) | Selection | Comparability | Outcome/Exposure |
|  Gupta, 2005 (15) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \*\*\* |
|  Wen, 2005 (16) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \*\*\* |
|  Lan, 2007 (17) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \*\*\* |
|  Lin, 2008 (18) | \*\*\* | \*\* | \*\*\* |
|  Yen, 2008 (19) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \*\* |
|  Tseng, 2008 (20) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \* |
| Heck, 2012 (21) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \* |
|  Tung, 2004 (22) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \*\* |
|  Tseng, 2010 (23) | \*\*\* | \* | \* |
|  Chang, 2006 (24) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \* |
|  Lin, 2006 (25) | \*\*\* | \*\* | \* |
|  Ho, 2007 (26) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \* |
|  Lin, 2009 (27) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \* |
|  Hsu, 2010 (28) | \*\*\* | \*\* | \* |
|  Chung, 2006 (29) | \*\*\* | \*\* | \* |
|  Guh, 2006 (30) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \* |
|  Yen, 2006 (31) | \*\*\*\* | \*\* | \* |