

Supplemental Table S1. Quality assessment of included case series using the NHLBI Quality Assessment Scale for case series

First Author	Was the study objective clearly stated?	Was the study population clearly and fully described, including a case definition?	Were the cases consecutive?	Were the subjects comparable?	Was the intervention clearly described?	Were the outcome measures clearly defined, valid, reliable, and implemented consistently across all study participants?	Was the length of follow-up adequate?	Was the methodology well-described?	Were the results well-described ?	Total score	Quality rating
Vermaleone et al. [11]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	High
Andratschke et al. [17]	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	7	High
Stintzing et al. [13]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	7	High
Vautravers-Dewas et al. [22]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	High
Janoray et al. [18]	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	6	Fair
Stintzing et al. [13]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	High
Stintzing et al. [23]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	High
Dewas et al. [21]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	7	High
Stintzing et al. [24]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	7	High
Ambrosino et al. [25]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	Fair
Anstadt et al. [12]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	Fair
Berkovic et al. [15]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	Fair
Garcia et al. [16]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	Fair
Dutta et al. [14]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	Fair
Yuan et al. [19]	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	Fair

The NHLBI scale ranges from 1 – 9; with a score of 1–3 denoting poor quality, 4-6 fair quality, and 7-9 suggesting high quality.
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