

Supplementary File S3: Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP) – cohort study checklist

	Taneva et al	Simon et al (2021)	Simon et al (2022)	Simon et al (2020)	Bjelopavlovic et al	Mikolicz et al	Simon et al (2023)
1. Did the study address a clearly focused issue?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. Was the cohort recruited in an acceptable way?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Was the exposure accurately measured to minimize bias?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4. Was the outcome accurately measured to minimize bias?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5. (a) Have the authors identified all important confounding factors?	No	No	No	No	Can't tell	Yes	Yes
5. (b) Have they taken account of the confounding factors in the design and/or analysis?	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
6. (a) Was the follow up of subjects complete enough?	Yes	NA	NA	NA	Yes	Yes	NA

