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| **Table 3.** Quality assessment of included studies using Newcastle-Ottawa scale. | | | | | | | | | |
| Study | Case definition | Case representativeness | Selection of controls | Definition of controls | Comparability | Exposure ascertainment | Ascertainment methods | Non-response rate | Total |
| Alessandro, 2020 | \* | \* | \* | \* |  | \* | \* |  | 6 |
| Awano, 2020 | \* | \* | \* | \* |  | \* | \* |  | 6 |
| Deng, 2021 | \* | \* | \* | \* |  | \* | \* |  | 6 |
| Frix, 2020 | \* | \* | \* | \* |  | \* | \* |  | 6 |
| Scotto, 2021 | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* |  | 7 |
| Peng, 2021 | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* |  | 7 |
| Xue et al, 2020 | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* |  | 7 |
| Bergantini et al, 2021 | \* | \* | \* | \* |  | \* | \* |  | 6 |
| Good quality: 3 or 4 stars in selection domain AND 1 or 2 stars in comparability domain AND 2 or 3 stars in outcome/exposure domain. Fair quality: 2 stars in selection domain AND 1 or 2 stars in comparability domain AND 2 or 3 stars in outcome/exposure domain. Poor quality: 0 or 1 star in selection domain OR 0 stars in comparability domain OR 0 or 1 stars in outcome/exposure domain. | | | | | | | | | |