

Table S1: SYRCLE’s risk of bias tool

| Study | Selection bias | | | Performance bias | | Detection bias | | Attrition bias | Reporting bias | Other | | | | | Total score (on 14) |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| | Sequence generation | Baseline characteristic | Allocation concealment | Random housing | Blinding | Random outcome assessment | Blinding | Incomplete outcome data | Free of selective outcome reporting | Free of contamination | Free of inappropriate influence of funders | Free of uninitiated analysis errors | Design specific risk of bias | New animals added to replace drop-outs | |
| Dimo et al., 2007 | Unclear | Low | Unclear | Unclear | High | Unclear | High | Unclear | Low | Low | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | 5 |
| Fotio et al., 2009 | Unclear | Low | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Low | Low | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | 5 |
| Gondwe et al., 2008 | Low | Low | Unclear | Low | Unclear | Unclear | High | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | 8 |
| Mabasa et al., 2022 | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | 7 |
| Mawoza et al., 2012 | Unclear | Unclear | Low | Unclear | Unclear | Low | Unclear | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | 7 |
| Mogale et al., 2011 | Unclear | Low | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | High | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | 6 |
| Ndifossap et al., 2010 | Unclear | Low | Unclear | Unclear | High | Unclear | High | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | 6 |
| Nguegui et al., 2016 | Unclear | Low | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | 7 |
| Ojewole et al., 2003 | Low | Low | Unclear | Low | Unclear | Unclear | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | 9 |
| Sewani-Rusike et al., 2021 | Low | Low | Unclear | Low | Unclear | Unclear | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Unclear | Unclear | 9 |

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