## **Electronic supplementary material**

Quality assessme	ent of cross-se	ctional studies			
Study first author	Year	Selection*****	Comparability** <sup>b</sup>	Assessment of exposure***c	Risk of Bias
S. Delshad Aghdam	2021	****	**	***	Low
F. Dehghani Firouzabadi	2021	****	**	***	Low
R. Sadat Ziaee	2021	**	**	***	Medium
E. Asgari	2021	****	**	***	Low
M. Kim	2020	****	**	***	Low
O. Eslami	2020	**	**	***	Medium
Z. Bahadoran	2013	**	**	***	Medium
H. K. Vincent	2010	*	*	**	High
Study first author	Year	Selection****d	Comparability***	Assessment of exposure***f	Risk of Bias
M. Abshirini	2018	**	**	***	Medium
Quality assessme Study first author	ent of Cohort s Year	Selection****g	Comparability**h	Assessment of outcome*** <sup>i</sup>	Risk of Bias
F. Azizi- Soleiman	2020	***	**	***	Low
J Im	2020	**	**	***	Medium
	2020				Wiedlum
M. Golzarand	2020	**	**	***	Medium
M. Golzarand Z. Bahadoran		**	**	***	
	2015				Medium
Z. Bahadoran	2015 2015	***	**	***	Medium Low

Table E1. The quality assessment of the included studies by Newcastle–Ottawa scale

<sup>a</sup>: Representativeness of the sample (\*) Sample size (\*) Non-respondents (\*) Ascertainment of the exposure (risk factor) (\*\*)

<sup>b</sup> : The subjects in different outcome groups are comparable, based on the study design or analysis. Confounding factors are controlled (\*\*)

<sup>c</sup> : Assessment of the outcome (\*\*) Statistical test (\*)

<sup>d</sup>: Is the case definition adequate? (\*) Representativeness of the cases (\*) Selection of Controls (\*) Definition of Controls (\*)

e : Comparability of cases and controls on the basis of the design or analysis (\*\*)

<sup>f</sup>: Ascertainment of exposure (\*) Same method of ascertainment for cases and controls (\*) Non-Response rate (\*)

<sup>g</sup>: Representativeness of the exposed cohort (\*) Selection of the non-exposed cohort (\*) Ascertainment of exposure (\*) Demonstration that outcome of interest was not present at start of study (\*)

<sup>h</sup>: Comparability of cohorts on the basis of the design or analysis (\*\*)

<sup>i</sup>: Assessment of outcome (\*) Was follow-up long enough for outcomes to occur (\*) Adequacy of follow up of cohorts (\*)