Evidence Table H-10b. Adjunctive observational studies quality rating

| **Author, YearCountry** | **(1) Did the study attempt to enroll all (or a random sample of) patients meeting inclusion criteria, or a random sample (inception cohort)?** | **(2) Were the groups comparable at baseline on key prognostic factors (e.g., by restriction or matching)?** | **(3) Did the study maintain comparable groups through the study period?** | **(4) Did the study use accurate methods for ascertaining exposures and potential confounders?** | **(5) Were outcome assessors and/or data analysts blinded to the exposure being studied?** | **(6) Did the article report attrition?** | **(7) Did the study perform appropriate statistical analyses on potential confounders?** | **(8) Is there important differential loss to followup or overall high loss to followup?** | **(9) Were outcomes pre-specified and defined, and ascertained using accurate methods?** | **Quality** | **Funding Source**  |
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| Ho, 2010155US | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | No | No | No | Yes | Fair | Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), SCI Service and Rehabilitation Research and Development Center for Excellence for the Medical Consequences of SCI, |
| Iordanou, 2002158Greece | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Yes | No | No | Unclear | Fair | NR |
| Onigbinde, 2010165South Africa | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | No | No | Unclear | Yes | Poor | NR |
| Schwien, 2005169US | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear |   | Unclear |  No | Unclear | NR  | Yes | Poor | NR |
| Srivastava, 2010170India | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | No | Unclear | No | No | Unclear | Yes | Poor | NR |

 Abbreviations: NR, not reported.