Table C-3. Included systematic reviews: quality assessment

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| **Study** | **Does the review mention that a protocol was published prior to conduct of the systematic review?** | **Was a comprehensive search strategy performed and reported?** | **Was the search strategy appropriate to address the Key Questions of this CER?** | **Was a list of included and excluded studies provided?** | **Was the application of inclusion/exclusion criteria unbiased and consistent?** | **Are the inclusion/exclusion criteria appropriate to address the Key Questions of this CER?** | **Was there duplicate study selection and data extraction?** | **Were the included studies described?** | **Was the individual study quality assessed?** | **Was the method of study quality assessment consistent with that recommended by the Methods Guide?** | **Was the quality of the individual studies used appropriately in formulating conclusions?** | **Were the methods used to combine the findings of the studies appropriate?** | **Was the likelihood of publication bias assessed?** | **Have the authors reported sources of funding and/or disclosed conflicts of interest?** |
| Gall et al.  201384 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| Lu et al.  201287 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Al-Sukhni et al. 201086 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| van Kessel et al. 2012198 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Dighe et al.  201016 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Niekel et al.  201015 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Puli et al.  200985 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Puli et al.  200914 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |

CER=Comparative effectiveness review.