Table C-20. Risk of bias of pet removal non-randomized study

| Study | Representativeness of the Study Population | Ascertainment of Exposure | Comparability of Cohorts on the Basis of the Design or Analysis | Assessment of Outcome | Followup Long Enough for Outcomes to Occur | Adequacy of Followup of Cohorts | Overall Risk of Bias | Comments |
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| Shirai et al. 200538 | Low | Low | Medium | Low | Medium | Low | Medium | Non-randomized study. Implementing the intervention (pet removal) was voluntary and timing of pet removal varied over a range of 16 months. Some lack of comparability of cohorts. Outcome assessors were blinded. |