| **Author year** | **(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) Is there important differential loss to followup or overall high loss to followup?** | **(8) Did the study perform appropriate statistical analyses on potential confounders?** | **(9) Were outcomes pre-specified and defined, and ascertained using accurate methods?** | **Overall Quality** |
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| Ceci 2001108 | Yes | Unclear  | Unclear  | Yes | No | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Fair |
| European Paediatric Hepatitis C Virus Network 2005 (Tovo)106  | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | No | No | Yes | Yes | Good |
| Gibb 2000105 | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Fair |
| Mast 2005104 | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Yes | No | Yes | No  | Yes | Yes | Good |
| Resti 2002107 | Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Good |