Supplemental Table 1. Assessment of Bias

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| **First author (year)** | **Was the sample of patients representative?** | **Were the prognostic variables well defined and well characterized?** | **Can we be confident in the assessment of outcome?** | **Was the follow-up adequate?** | **Can we be confident that the treatment was standardized?** |
| **IPD studies** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brasil-Neto (2004) | Probably No | Probably Yes | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes | Probably Yes |
| Daniele (2003) | Definitely No | Probably No | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes |
| Fregni (2005) | Definitely Yes | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes |
| Kinoshita (2005) | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely No |
| Seynaeve (2016) | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes |
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| **non-IPD studies** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cantello (2007) | Probably Yes | Probably No | Definitely Yes | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes |
| Fregni (2006) | Definitely Yes | Probably No | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes |
| Joo (2007) | Probably Yes | Probably No | Probably Yes | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes |
| Santiago-Rodriguez (2008) | Probably No | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes |
| Sun (2012) | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes | Probably Yes | Definitely Yes |
| Tergau (2003) | Probably Yes | Definitely No | Probably Yes | Probably No | Definitely Yes |
| Theodore (2002) | Probably Yes | Definitely No | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes | Definitely Yes |