

Table S2: NIH.case series quality assessment

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| 1. Was the study question or objective clearly stated? | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| 2. Was the study population clearly and fully described, including a case defini | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| 3. Were the cases consecutive? | yes | yes | no | yes |
| 4. Were the subjects comparable? | yes | yes | yes | no |
| 5. Was the intervention clearly described? | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| 6. Were the outcome measures clearly defined, valid, reliable, and implemented c | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| 7. Was the length of follow-up adequate? | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| 8. Were the statistical methods well-described? | no | no | no | no |
| 9. Were the results well-described? | yes | yes | yes | yes |