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| **Authors, year** | **Type of study** | **Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (NOS)** |
| **Selection** | **Comparability** | **Exposure** |
| Shimpuku et al. 2003 | Case-control | ★★★ | ★★ | ★★ |
| Laine et al. 2006 | Case-control | ★★★ | ★★ | ★★★ |
| Lachmann et al. 2007 | Case-control | ★★★ | ★★ | ★★★ |
| Lin et al. 2007 | Case-control | ★★★ | ★★ | ★★ |
| Hamdy et al. 2007 | Case-control | ★★★ | ★★ | ★★★ |
| Melo et al. 2012 | Case-control | ★★★ | ★★ | ★★★ |
| García-Delaney et al. 2015 | Case-control | ★★★ | ★★ | ★★★ |