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| Quality assessment criteria | **Ventura, *et al.*, 2017** |
| **Selection** | |
| Representativeness of the sample | - |
| Sample size | - |
| Non-respondents | \* |
| Ascertainment of the exposure (risk factor) | \*\* |
| **Comparability** | |
| Comparability of subjects in different outcome groups on the basis of design or analysis. Confounding factors controlled | \*\* |
| **Outcome** | |
| Assessment of outcome | \*\* |
| Statistical test | \* |
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