

Outcome (maximum 3 stars)

Assessment of the outcome (medication adherence)

- a. Record linkage (counting of pills/refill) +/- self-report**
- b. Self-report*
- c. No description

Was follow-up long enough for outcomes to occur (≥ 6 months)

- a. Yes*
- b. No

Adequacy of follow-up of cohorts

- a. Complete follow-up – all subjects accounted for *
- b. Subjects lost to follow-up unlikely to introduce bias – small number lost (<20%) or attrition described and accounted for in analysis *
- c. Follow up rate not adequate and no description of those lost

Good quality: 3, 4 or 5 stars in selection domain AND 1 or 2 stars in comparability domain AND 2 or 3 stars in outcome/exposure domain

Fair quality: 2 stars in selection domain AND 1 or 2 stars in comparability domain AND 2 or 3 stars in outcome/exposure domain

Poor quality: 0 or 1 star in selection domain OR 0 stars in comparability domain OR 0 or 1 stars in outcome/exposure domain