

## MOOSE (Meta-analyses of Observational Studies in Epidemiology) Checklist

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35	Disclosure of funding source	N/A	N/A

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