

Table S1 Evaluation of quality of comparative studies using the Newcastle–Ottawa Scale

Author	Selection				Comparability	Outcomes: Postop morbidity [†] /OS			NOS score Postop morbidity [†] /OS
	Representativeness of the Cases	Selection of the Controls	Exposure	Outcome Not Present at Start of Study		Assessment of Outcome	Follow-Up Length	Adequacy of Follow Up	
Goh BKP (38)	*	*	*	*	**	*/-	*/-	*/-	9/6
Liu K (37)	*	*	*	*	**	*/*	*/*	*/-	9/8
Morise Z (40)	*	*	*	*	**	*/*	*/-	*/-	9/7
Onoe T (41)	*	*	*	*	-	*/-	*/-	*/-	7/4
Zhang J (35)	*	*	*	*	*	*/*	*/-	*/-	8/6
Kanazawa A (32)	*	*	*	*	*	*/-	*/-	*/-	8/5
Gon H (43)	*	*	*	*	**	*/-	*/-	*/-	9/6
Chan ACY (33)	*	*	*	*	**	*/*	*/-	*/-	9/7
Chen JF (46)	*	*	*	*	**	*/-	*/-	*/-	9/6
Ogawa H (42)	*	*	*	*	*	*/*	*/-	*/-	8/6
Levi Sandri GB (44)	*	*	*	*	**	*/-	*/-	*/-	9/6
Takase K (45)	*	*	*	*	-	*/-	*/-	*/-	6/4

[†], Overall and/or severe morbidity. Postop, postoperative; OS, overall survival.