

Table 1. Minors criteria assessing validity of each non-randomised trial.

Author	1. A stated aim of the study	2. Inclusion of consecutive patients	3. Prospective collection of data	4. Endpoint appropriate to the study aim	5. Unbiased evaluation of endpoints	6. Follow-up period appropriate to the major endpoint	7. Loss to follow up not exceeding 5%	Total
Schmitz	2	1	0	2	1	2	2	10