Appendix 4

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Quality assessment for Case series

1. Case series collected in more than one centre, i.e. multi-centre study
2. Is the hypothesis/aim/objective of the study clearly described?
3. Are the inclusion and exclusion criteria (case definition) clearly reported?
4. Is there a clear definition of the outcomes reported?
5. Were data collected prospectively?
6. Is there an explicit statement that patients were recruited consecutively?
7. Are the main findings of the study clearly described?
8. Are outcomes stratified? (e.g., by disease stage, abnormal test results, patient characteristics)

Yes=1
No =0

Score: __/ 8