Evidence Table 10. Quality rating: Studies on sustained virologic response and clinical outcomes

| **Author, Year** | **(1) Did the study attempt to enroll all (or a random sample of) patients meeting inclusion criteria, or a random sample (inception cohort)?** | **(2) Were the groups comparable at baseline on key prognostic factors (e.g., by restriction or matching)?** | **(3) Did the study use accurate methods for ascertaining exposures, potential confounders, and outcomes?** | **(4) Were outcome assessors and/or data analysts blinded to treatment?** | **(5) Did the article the number of patients who met inclusion criteria excluded due to missing data or loss to followup?** | **(6) Did the study perform appropriate statistical analyses on potential confounders (should evaluate at least age, sex, genotype, fibrosis stage, viral load)?** | **(7) Is there important (overall or differential) exclusion of patients due to missing data or loss to followup?** | **(8) Were outcomes pre-specified and defined, and ascertained using accurate methods?** | **Overall Quality (good, fair, poor)** |
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| Arase, 200763 | Yes | No | Yes | Unclear | No | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Fair |
| Backus, 201164 | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Fair |
| Bruno, 200765 | Yes | No | Yes | Unclear | No | No | Unclear | Yes | Fair |
| Cardoso, 201066 | Yes | No | Yes | Unclear | No | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Fair |
| Coverdale, 200467 | Unclear | No | Unclear | No | No | Unclear | Unclear | Yes | Poor |
| El Braks, 200768 | Yes | No | Yes | Unclear | No | No | Unclear | Yes | Poor |
| Fernandez-Rodriguez, 201069 | Unclear | No | Yes | No | Yes | Unclear | No | Yes | Poor |
| Hasegawa, 200770 | Unclear | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | No | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Fair |
| Hung, 200671 | Yes | No | Yes | Unclear | No | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Fair |
| Imazeki, 200372 | Yes | No | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Fair |
| Innes, 201173 | Yes | No | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Fair |
| Izumi, 200574 | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | No | Unclear | Unclear | Yes | Fair |
| Kasahara, 200475 | No | Yes | Yes | Unclear | No | No | Unclear | Yes | Poor |
| Maruoka, 201276 | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Fair |
| Morgan, 201077 | Yes | No | Yes | Unclear | No | Unclear | Unclear | Yes | Fair |
| Shiratori, 200578 | Unclear | Yes | Yes | Unclear | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Poor |
| Veldt, 200779 | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No | Unclear | Yes | Poor |
| Yoshida, 200280 | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No | Unclear | Yes | Poor |
| Yu, 200681 | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | No | Unclear | Yes | Poor |