Appendix Table C6-LQ-c. Quality ratings for SSI which do not control for secular trend or confounding

| **Study** | **Infection** | **All\_Vary** | **All\_Valid** | **All\_Consist** | **All\_PrimOut** | **All\_ImpOut** | **All\_FundSource** | **Adherence Reported** | **Infection CDC** | **Device Adju** | **Postsurveillance** | **QE\_IndependentQI** | **QE\_DataTimePoint** | **UnivarYN** | **UnivarModel** | **MultivarYN** | **MultivarModel** | **MultivarControl** |
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| Carles, France - 2006 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No |  |  |  | No | Uncertain | No | TRUE | student t-test, fisher exact test | FALSE |  |  |
| Forbes, Canada - 2008 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Uncertain |  | No | Uncertain | No | TRUE | Student t-test, Wilcoxon sum-rank test, chi-square | FALSE |  |  |
| Takahashi, Japan - 2010 | SSI | No | Yes | Uncertain | No | No | No | Yes | Uncertain |  | Uncertain | No | Yes | TRUE | Chi-square, student’s t test, Mann-Whitney test | FALSE |  |  |
| Wax, United States - 2007 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No |  |  |  |  | No | No | TRUE | Chi-square, Wilcoxon’s signed rank test | FALSE |  |  |
| Whitman, United States - 2008 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |  |  |  |  | Uncertain | No | TRUE | z-test for independent proportions | FALSE |  |  |
| Ichikawa, Japan - 2007 | SSI | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Uncertain |  | No | Uncertain | No | TRUE | Chi-square | FALSE |  |  |
| Ozgun, Turkey - 2010 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  | Yes | No | TRUE | t-test for continuous; chi-sq or Fisher exact for categorical | FALSE |  | demographics, wound type, surgery branch |
| Gomez, Argentina - 2006 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |  | Yes | Yes | No | TRUE | chi-sq, RR (95% CI) | FALSE |  | by surgery unit |
| Willemsen, Netherlands - 2007 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  | Yes | No | TRUE | Fisher’s Exact or chi-sq | FALSE |  |  |
| Parker, United States - 2007 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  | Yes | No | TRUE | chi-square test | FALSE |  |  |
| Zvonar, Canada - 2008 | SSI | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |  |  |  |  | Yes | No | TRUE |  | FALSE |  |  |
| Graf, Germany - 2009 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes |  | Uncertain | Yes | No | TRUE | Wilcoxon signed rank test, McNemar’s test | TRUE | conditional logistic regression |  |
| Acklin, Switzerland - 2011 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |  | Yes | Yes | Yes | TRUE | chi-sq for categorical variables; t-test for continuous variables | TRUE | stepwise logistic regression | variables with p<.1 in univariate analysis (body weight, COPD, operation time, operation type, hematoma) |
| Awad, United States - 2009 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Uncertain |  | Uncertain | Yes | Yes | TRUE | chi-sq | FALSE |  |  |
| Berenguer, United States - 2010 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | No |  | Yes | Yes | No | TRUE | Fisher’s Exact test | FALSE |  |  |
| Kable, Australia - 2008 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No |  | Uncertain | Yes | No | TRUE | percentages and 95% CI | FALSE |  |  |
| Suchitra, India - 2009 | SSI | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes |  | Uncertain | Uncertain | No | TRUE | Chi-square, Fisher’s exact | FALSE |  |  |
| Liau, Singapore - 2010 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |  | Yes | Yes | Yes | TRUE | Fischer exact test | FALSE |  |  |
| Berry, United States - 2009 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Uncertain |  | Uncertain | Yes | No | TRUE | chi-sq, Fisher exact, Wilcoxon | FALSE |  |  |
| Rauk, United States - 2010 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | Uncertain |  | Uncertain |  |  | TRUE | chi-sq | FALSE |  |  |
| Shimoni, Israel - 2009 | SSI | No | Yes | Uncertain | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Uncertain |  | No | No | No | TRUE | Chi-square, Taylor’s series used for Rel Risk confidence intervals | FALSE |  |  |
| Nemeth, United States - 2010 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No |  |  |  |  | No | No | TRUE | Chi-square | FALSE |  |  |
| Kramer, United States - 2008 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |  | Yes | No | Yes | FALSE |  | FALSE |  |  |
| Kim, United States - 2010 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |  | Yes | Yes | No | TRUE | chi-sq | FALSE |  |  |
| Potenza, United States - 2009 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |  |  |  |  | No | No | TRUE | chi-sq | FALSE |  |  |
| Paull, United States - 2010 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |  |  |  |  | No | No | FALSE |  | FALSE |  |  |
| Pastor, United States - 2010 | SSI | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |  | Yes | Yes | No | TRUE | Student t-test for continuous variables; chi-sq for categorical variables | FALSE |  |  |

All\_Vary Did the execution of the study vary from the original protocol?  
All\_Valid Is the intervention assessed using valid and reliable measures, implemented consistently across all study participants?  
All\_Consist Are outcomes assessed using valid and reliable measures, implemented consistently across all study participants?  
All\_PrimOut Is the length of followup sufficient to support the evaluation of primary outcomes and harms?  
All\_ImpOut Are any important primary outcomes missing from the results?  
All\_FundSource Is the Source of funding Identified?  
AdherenceReported If infection rates reported, did study also report adherence rates?  
InfectionCDC If infection rates reported, was CDC/NNIS\* methodology used?  
DeviceAdju For CLABSI, VAP, CAUTI: were infection rates adjusted for device utilization?  
Postsurveillance For SSI: was post-discharge surveillance for infections performed?  
QE\_IndependentQI Was the intervention performed independent of other QI efforts or other changes?  
QE\_DataTimePoint Did the study report data at more than one time point both before and after the intervention?  
QE\_InfectionRate If the study reported infection rates, were process measurements also reported?  
CON\_Rand Were study subjects randomized  
CON\_RandDesc was randomization process described?  
CON\_NonRandRationale For non-randomized studies, was rationale for comparison group selection explained?  
CON\_Assessor Were outcome assessor blinded to treatment group assignment?  
CON\_Unit Was a unit of analysis error present?  
CON\_Corrected Was a unit of analysis error present and corrected by appropriate statistical methods?  
UnivarYN Was Univariate Analysis Conducted?  
UnivarModel What model was used?  
UnivarControl What variables were controlled for?  
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