

Methodological quality assessment of the studies investigating the NPI+ test

Study feature	Qualities sought	Green <i>et al.</i> and Nottingham Prognostics ¹²⁸	Nottingham Prognostics (abstract) ¹²⁸
Sample of patients	Inclusion criteria defined	Y	U
	Sample selection explained	U	U
	Adequate description of diagnostic criteria	N	U
	Clinical and demographic characteristics fully described	N	U
	Representative (random or consecutive)	U	U
	Assembled at a common (usually early) point in the course of their disease	U	U
	Complete (all eligible patients were included)	N	U
Follow-up of patients	Sufficiently long	Y	U
Outcome	Objective	Y	U
	Unbiased (e.g. assessment blinded to prognostic information)	U	U
	Fully defined	N	U
	Appropriate	Y	U
Prognostic variable	Known for all or a high proportion of patients	Y	U
	Fully defined, including details of method of measurement if relevant	Y	U
	Precisely measured	Y (detail provided)	U
	Available for all or a high proportion of patients	Y	U
Analysis	If relevant, cut-point(s) defined and justified	Y (detail provided)	U
	Continuous predictor variable analysed appropriately	Y	U
Intervention subsequent to inclusion in cohort	Statistical adjustment for all important prognostic factors	Y	U
	Fully described	U	U
	Intervention standardised or randomised	U	U

N, no; U, unclear/not reported; Y, yes.

Summary of results: NPI+ test

Study	Outcomes/end points	Results	Authors' conclusions	Comments
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Nottingham Prognostics (abstract) ¹²⁸ (All AIC)	[CIC information has been removed]	[CIC information has been removed]	[CIC information has been removed]	

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