

APPENDIX 2; Murad checklist

Questions from the Murad et al. checklist	
Domains Leading	Explanatory questions
Selection	1. Does the patient(s) represent(s) the whole experience of the investigator (centre) or is the selection method unclear to the extent that other patients with similar presentation may not have been reported?
Ascertainment	2. Was the exposure adequately ascertained? 3. Was the outcome adequately ascertained?
Causality	4. Were other alternative causes that may explain the observation ruled out? 5. Was there a challenge/re challenge phenomenon? 6. Was there a dose response effect? 7. Was follow-up long enough for outcomes to occur?
Reporting	8. Is the case(s) described with sufficient details to allow other investigators to replicate the research or to allow practitioners make inferences related to their own practice?
<p><i>The eight items of the tool are scored 'yes' or 'no'.</i></p> <p><i>Questions 5 and 6 of the questionnaire were not taken into account since they were mostly relevant to cases of adverse drug events.</i></p> <p><i>Quality of articles were defined 'good' when ≥ 4 times were scored 'yes', 3-2 times 'yes' was defined 'moderate' and ≤ 1 time 'yes' as 'poor'.</i></p>	