

**Table 1: Frequency of type of tools used for assessment of quality/risk of bias**

	Not Reported	Reported	Frequency (total)	Percentage (total)
Other	66	25	25/87	28.74%
Author Independently Assessed	68	19	19/87	21.84%
Unspecified	79	12	12/87	13.79%
Jadad	79	8	8/87	9.20%
Newcastle-Ottawa scale	79	8	8/87	9.20%
Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool	162	12	12/174	6.90%
Downs and Black	88	3	3/87	3.45%
Quality Assessment of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies (QUADAS)	84	3	3/87	3.45%
Quality Assessment of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies 2 (QUADAS-2)	84	3	3/87	3.45%
Reporting Recommendations for Tumor Marker Prognostic Studies (REMARK) criteria	85	2	2/87	2.30%
Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE)	86	1	1/87	1.15%
Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials	86	1	1/87	1.15%