

Table 1: Frequency of type of tools used for assessment of quality/risk of bias				
	Not Reported	Reported	Frequency (total)	Percentage (total)
Reporting				
Recommendations for Tumor Marker Prognostic Studies (REMARK) criteria	89	2	2/91	2.20%
Jadad	83	8	8/91	8.79%
Other	66	25	25/91	27.47%
Unspecified	79	12	12/91	13.19%
Conchrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews	84	7	7/91	7.69%
Quality Assessment of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies (QUADAS)	88	3	3/91	3.30%
Downs and Black	88	3	3/91	3.30%
Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool	86	5	5/91	5.49%
Quality Assessment of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies 2 (QUADAS-2)	88	3	3/91	3.30%
Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE)	90	1	1/91	1.10%
Newcastle-Ottawa scale	83	8	8/91	8.79%
Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials	90	1	1/91	1.10%
QUORUM	80	11	11/91	12.09%
Author Independently Assessed	72	19	19/91	20.88%