Supplemental table 8 Quality appraisal of quasi-experimental studies examining effectiveness of interventions

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| Study | Is it clear in the study what is the ‘cause’ and what is the ‘effect’ (i.e. there is no confusion about which variable comes first)? | Were the participants included in any comparisons similar? | Were the participants included in any comparisons receiving similar treatment/care, other than the exposure or intervention of interest? | Was there a control group? | Were there multiple measurements of the outcome both pre and post the intervention/exposure? | Was follow up complete and if not, were differences between groups in terms of their follow up adequately described and analysed? | Were the outcomes of participants included in any comparisons measured in the same way? | Were outcomes measured in a reliable way? | Was appropriate statistical analysis used? |
| Vidailhet et al.64 | yes | NA | NA | no | no | NA | yes | unclear | yes |