
























































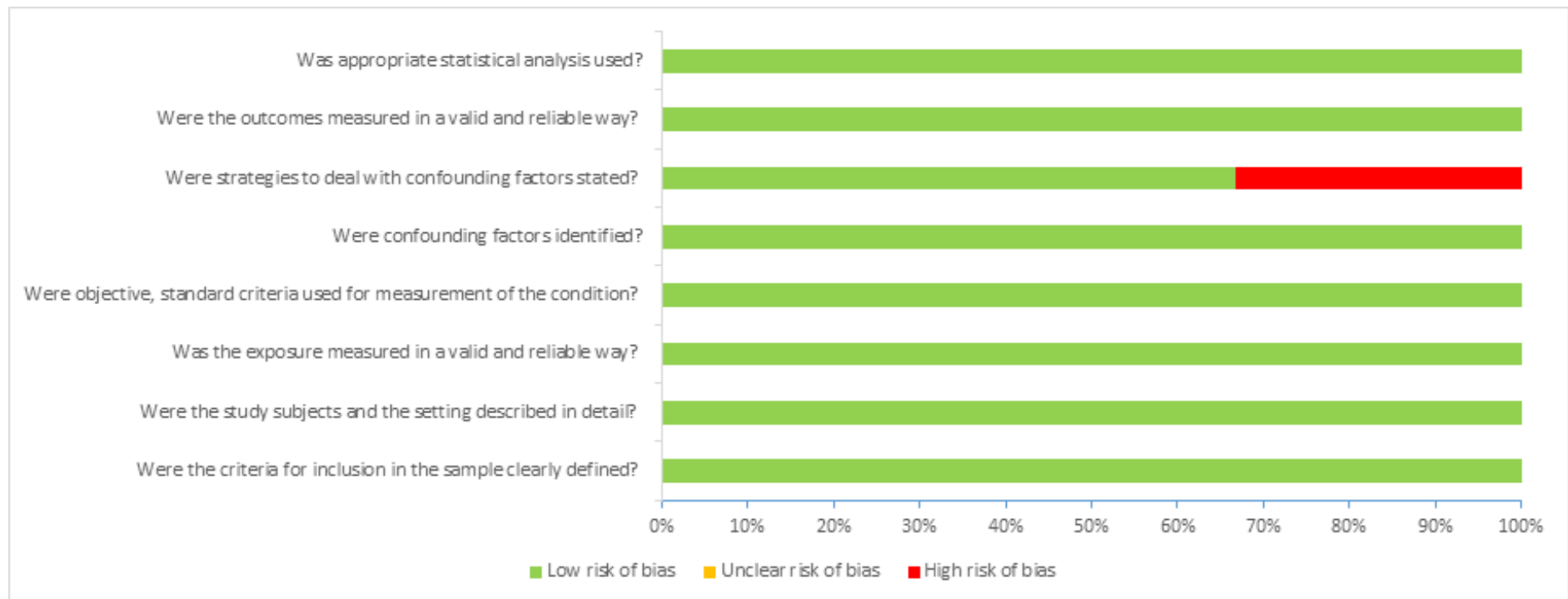
Appendix 2. Risk of bias analysis

A. Risk of bias summary: review of authors' judgments about each risk of bias question for each study included in the project.

	Castagna O. et al. 2008[1]	Pecci R. et al. 2012[2]	Chen W. et al. 2015[3]	Pizarro C. et al. 2016[4]	Houben-Wilke S. et al. 2017[5]	Crisafulli E. et al. 2017[6]	Tuleta I. et al. 2017[7]
Were the criteria for inclusion in the sample clearly defined?							
Were the study subjects and the setting described in detail?							
Was the exposure measured in a valid and reliable way?							
Were objective, standard criteria used for measurement of condition?							
Were confounding factors identified?							
Were strategies to deal with confounding factors stated?						NA	
Were the outcomes measured in a valid and reliable way?							
Was appropriate statistical analysis used?							

NA, not applicable, because the differences in the confounding parameters between compared groups were statistically insignificant.

B. Risk of bias graph: review of authors' judgments regarding each risk of bias question presented as percentages across all studies included in the project



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