**Supplementary File 2. Risk of bias assessment of included studies**

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| **Studies** | **UM and BD****comparability** | **Sample****representativeness** | **UM****definition** |
| **Age** | **Illness duration** | **Number of manic episodes** | **Observation ≥4 yrs** |
| Aghanwa, 2001 | **?** | **-** | **+** | **+** | **+** |
| Akarsu et al., 2012 | **+** | **+** | **+** | **+** | **-** |
| Amamou et al, 2018 | **-** | **+** | **+** | **+** | **-** |
| Andrade-Nascimento et al., 2011 | **-** | **-** | **+** | **-** | **+** |
| Angst et al., 2004 | **-** | **+** | **+** | **-** | **+** |
| Angst et al., 2019 | **-** | **+** | **+** | **-** | **-** |
| Beesdo et al., 2009 | **+** | **+** | **-** | **-** | **+** |
| Chang et al., 2022 - GREAT study | **+** | **+** | **+** | **-** | **-** |
| Dakhlaoui et al, 2008 | **-** | **+** | **+** | **-** | **+** |
| Gorgulu et al., 2021 | **+** | **+** | **+** | **+** | **+** |
| Grobler et al., 2014 | **-** | **?** | **-** | **+** | **-** |
| Grover et al., 2021 | **?** | **?** | **+** | **+** | **+** |
| Mittal et al., 2013 | **-** | **+** | **+** | **-** | **-** |
| Perugi et al., 2007 | **+** | **-** | **+** | **+** | **+** |
| Rajkumar, 2016 | **+** | **+** | **+** | **-** | **-** |
| Sangha et al., 2022 | **+** | **?** | **+** | **-** | **-** |
| Sonkurt et al., 2021 | **+** | **-** | **+** | **+** | **+** |
| Stokes et al., 2020 | France cohort | **-** | **-** | **+** | **+** | **+** |
| UK cohort | **+** | **+** | **+** | **+** | **+** |
| Subramanian et al., 2016 | **+** | **+** | **+** | **-** | **-** |
| Yazici and Çakir, 2012 | **?** | **?** | **+** | **+** | **+** |
| Yazici et al., 2002 | **-** | **+** | **+** | **+** | **+** |

UM = unipolar mania; md-BD = bipolar disorder with a manic-depressive course.

**+** = the study meets the quality criterion; **-** = the study does not meet the quality criterion; **?** = unclear.