Supplementary Table 1. Guidelines for critically appraising studies of prevalence or incidence of a health problem by Loney at al. (21)

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| Criteria | Scoring system |
| A. ARE THE STUDY METHODS VALID? |  |
| * Are the study designs and sampling method appropriate for the research question?
 | 1 point |
| * Is the sampling frame appropriate?
 | 1 point |
| * Is the sample size adequate?
 | 1 point |
| * Are objectives, suitable and standard criteria used for measurement of the health outcome?
 | 1 point |
| * Is the health outcome measured in an unbiased fashion?
 | 1 point |
| 6. Is the response rate adequate? Are the refusers described? | 1 point |
| B. WHAT IS THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RESULTS?    |  |
| 7. Are the estimates of prevalence or incidence given with confidence intervals and in detail by subgroup, if appropriate? | 1 point |
| C. WHAT IS THE APPLICABILITY OF THE RESULTS? |  |
| 8. Are the study subjects and the setting described in detail and similar to those of interest to you? | 1 point |
| Total | 8 points |