| Year | First Author | Clearly stated aim | Inclusion of consecutive patients | Prospective collection of data | Endpoints appropriate to aim of study | Unbiased assessment of study endpoint | Follow-up period appropriate to study aim | Loss to follow-up less than 5% | Prospective calculation of sample size | Total score (out of 16) |
|------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2012 | Adolfsson    | 2                 | 1                                | 2                             | 0                                   | 0                                     | 2                                       | 1                            | 0                                        | 8               |
| 2019 | Al-Hamdani   | 0                 | 2                                | 0                             | 1                                   | 0                                     | 2                                       | 1                            | 0                                        | 6               |
| 2012 | Argintar     | 2                 | 2                                | 0                             | 0                                   | 0                                     | 2                                       | 2                            | 0                                        | 8               |
| 2015 | Heijink      | 1                 | 2                                | 0                             | 2                                   | 0                                     | 2                                       | 1                            | 0                                        | 8               |
| 2014 | Hohman       | 2                 | 2                                | 2                             | 2                                   | 1                                     | 2                                       | 1                            | 0                                        | 12              |
| 2015 | Nestorson    | 2                 | 1                                | 2                             | 1                                   | 0                                     | 2                                       | 1                            | 0                                        | 9               |
| 2005 | Parsons      | 0                 | 0                                | 0                             | 0                                   | 0                                     | 0                                       | 1                            | 0                                        | 1               |
| 2015 | Phadnis      | 2                 | 2                                | 0                             | 1                                   | 0                                     | 2                                       | 1                            | 0                                        | 8               |
| 2017 | Schultzel    | 2                 | 2                                | 0                             | 0                                   | 2                                     | 2                                       | 1                            | 0                                        | 7               |
| 2013 | Smith        | 2                 | 2                                | 0                             | 1                                   | 2                                     | 2                                       | 1                            | 0                                        | 10              |
| 2016 | Smith        | 2                 | 2                                | 0                             | 1                                   | 2                                     | 2                                       | 1                            | 0                                        | 10              |

**Appendix Table 2.** Risk of bias assessment using the MINORS tool.