

TABLE W2

METHODOLOGIC QUALITY OF 13 STUDIES REGARDING THE ACCURACY OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF MENISCAL LESIONS OF THE KNEE ACCORDING TO THE CHECKLIST OF TABLE W1

Study	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
Noble, 1980 ¹²	AT	NA	b	d	a	-	c	c	a	-	+	-	-	-	?	-
Barry, 1983 ²³	AT	NA	b	d	a	-	b	c	a	-	+	-	-	-	?	-
Anderson, 1986 ²⁴	AS	NA	b	d	a	-	c	b	d	+	-	+	+	-	?	-
Steinbrück, 1988 ¹²	AS	NA	b	d	a	-	b	a	a	-	+	-	-	-	?	-
Fowler, 1989 ¹³	AS	NA	b	c	a	-	c	a	a	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Abdon, 1990 ¹⁴	AS	NA	b	d	a	NA	c	a	a	+	-	-	-	-	?	-
Boeree, 199 ⁵	MRI	NA	e	c	a	-	b	a	a	-	-	-	-	?	?	+
Saengnipanthkul, 1992 ¹⁵	AS	NA	a	c	a	NA	c	b	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evans, 1993 ^{12,5}	AS	NA	b	c	a	-	c	a	a	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Corea, 1994 ¹⁸	AT/AS	-	b	d	a	NA	c	c	d	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Grifka, 1994 ¹⁹	AS	NA	b	d	a	+	c	c	d	-	-	+	+	?	+	-
Shelbourne, 1995 ²⁰	AS	NA	b	d	a	NA	b	a	a	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mariani, 1996 ²¹	AS	NA	a	c	a	NA	c	a	d	+	-	+	+	+	?	+

AT denotes arthrotomy; AS, arthroscopy; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; +, yes; -, no; ?, not specified/unclear; NA, not applicable.

Note for an explanation of a-e, see the checklist in Table W1.