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What is already known about this subject?

- Body image in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) patients is relatively
 unexplored. However, it may potentially be an issue as symptoms and other
 factors associated with IBD could lead to body image dissatisfaction. Both of
 these conditions may lead to an increased risk of developing mental health
- disorders such as depression and self-harm, warranting research into the area.

What are the new findings?

- This review highlights associations between certain factors in IBD and body image dissatisfaction, as well as suggesting that increased body image dissatisfaction is related to reduced quality of life. The review also highlights the need for a validated, reliable tool to measure body image in IBD patients as well as clearer reporting of studies.

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INTRODUCTION

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is associated with a range of debilitating symptoms⁽¹⁾ and affects around 300,000 people in the UK⁽²⁾, over 1 million in the USA and 2.5 million across Europe⁽³⁾. A potentially overlooked issue for IBD patients is body image dissatisfaction (BID). Body image (BI) is how an individual perceives themselves physically⁽⁴⁾ and sufferers have a distorted and negative view of themselves, feeling anxious and uncomfortable about their body. Additionally, negative BI can have a serious impact on health and well-being⁽⁵⁾.

Social media and celebrity attention contribute to pressure to adhere to an "ideal" body and an obsession with appearance^(6, 7). Discontentment with aspects such as body weight, shape, appearance and skin may contribute toward an individual having BID⁽⁸⁾. Studies have shown patients with negative BI are more likely to suffer with depression, anxiety and feel suicidal and BID can impact negatively upon relationships⁽⁹⁾ and quality of life (QoL)⁽¹⁰⁾.

Various tools have been utilised in healthcare to measure BI including the Body Image Ideals Questionnaire, the Body Image Scale and the Cash Body Image Disturbance Questionnaire (BIDQ)⁽¹¹⁾. There are also condition-specific BI tools such as the Body Image Scale (BIS) for IBD⁽¹²⁾.

Both condition-specific symptoms and treatments may contribute to BID in IBD patients, particularly during periods of active disease rather than remission.

Symptoms can include urgent bowel movements, bloating, excess wind, fatigue,

skin problems and ulcers. Treatment with steroids can be associated with weight gain, acne and mood swings⁽¹³⁾. Surgeries may also impact upon BI due to scarring and implementation of a stoma⁽¹⁴⁾ (15). Those suffering with IBD or BID are at an increased risk of mental health issues^(16, 17); this could be worse for patients living with both conditions. Furthermore, most IBD patients are diagnosed at adolescence⁽¹⁸⁾, when BI is important. Body image is currently not routinely considered in the management of IBD.

No existing or ongoing systematic reviews on BI in IBD have been identified.

However multiple primary studies, mainly cross-sectional in nature assess BI as
an outcome in IBD patients, with disparate results. A systematic review is
therefore warranted to synthesise and clarify the evidence base.

The following four questions will be addressed:

- 1. What tools are used to measure body image in IBD patients and what are their components?
- 2. What is the prevalence and severity of body image dissatisfaction in IBDpatients?
- 3. What factors are associated with body image dissatisfaction in IBD patients?
- 4. Is there an association between body image dissatisfaction in IBD patientsand quality of life?

METHODS

This systematic review has been reported according to the Preferred Reporting Items of Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis (PRISMA) guidelines⁽¹⁹⁾. A protocol was previously registered (PROSPERO (CRD42018060999)) and submitted for publication and is currently in process⁽²⁰⁾. A summary of the methods is reported below. Selection, data extraction and quality assessment were carried out by two independent reviewers with disagreements resolved through discussion or third reviewer.

Search Strategy

Bibliographic databases (EMBASE, MEDLINE, PsycINFO, Cochrane CENTRAL) were searched to April 2018 using combinations of index and text terms for IBD and BI (see Supplementary table 1 for MEDLINE strategy)

Strategies were adapted for each database and run without date or language restrictions. Trial registries (Clinicaltrials.gov, EU Clinical Trial Register) were searched for ongoing trials and reference lists of included studies were checked.

Screening and Selection Criteria

- Study eligibility was based on the following criteria:
- Study design: Any primary study reporting quantitative data.

- Population: Patients of any age diagnosed with IBD. At least 50% of population must have IBD unless results are reported separately for sub-groups of individuals with IBD.
- Tools: Any tool measuring any aspect of BI (including QoL tools that had at least one BI related domain or question).
- Studies were also eligible (for question 2-4) where they reported: any measure
 of prevalence/frequency and severity of BID in IBD patients; data on
 associations between any factor in IBD patients and BID; or any association
 between BI and QoL measures in IBD patients, including associations between
 two separate domain measures of the same tool.
- Exclusion criteria: Case reports, qualitative research and conference abstracts published three years before the date of the searches.
- 158 Reasons for exclusion were recorded.

Data Extraction

- 161 A piloted data extraction form was used. Examples of the type of data extracted
- are shown below:
- 163 Study characteristics:
- Study design, aim and setting, inclusion/exclusion criteria, recruitment methods,
- follow-up period.
- 166 Participant characteristics:

- Number of patients, age, gender, type of IBD, disease severity and activity,
- 168 BMI, comorbidities, therapy/surgery.
- Data for synthesis/analysis:
- BI measurement tool, components of tools/scales, data on BID (e.g. body image
- scores, prevalence, thresholds for determining BID), factors associated with BI
- dissatisfaction and strength of association, QoL measures, strength of
- association between BID and QoL.

Quality Assessment

- Quality assessment was based on critical appraisal checklists for both
- prevalence and cross-sectional analytical studies from the Joanna Briggs
- 178 Institute⁽²¹⁾. Studies solely included for question one were not quality assessed
- as the objective of this question was to compile a list of body image tools.
- 180 Important quality items included sample selection, response rate during
- enrolment in the study, clear inclusion criteria and measurement of outcomes in
- a valid and reliable way.

Analysis

- A narrative synthesis was carried out separately for each question, with key
- findings tabulated. Substantial heterogeneity relating to populations, tools and
- settings was apparent in the included studies meaning that meta-analysis was

188	not appropriate. Consistencies and discrepancies in findings between studies
189	were noted and discussed in the context of any likely sources of heterogeneity.
190	Quality assessment findings were used when considering the strength of
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Database searches identified 587 records and 57(14, 22-17) studies were included,
with some studies eligible for multiple questions (see Figure 1 for selection
process and reasons for exclusion). All 57 papers reported using BI tools, 31 ⁽¹⁴⁾
22-26, 30, 31, 33-39, 42, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 59, 61, 62, 64-66, 68, 70, 72, 73) reported prevalence or
mean/median BI scores, 16 ^(14, 23, 24, 30, 34-36, 47, 54, 59, 61, 62, 64, 66, 68, 72) studies
presented factors associated with BID and 8 ^(14, 22-24, 34, 62, 66, 72) studies reported
correlations between QoL and body image.

Question 1: What tools are used to measure body image and what are their components?

Of the 57 studies measuring BI, 51 were cross-sectional whilst the others varied (case-control⁽²⁵⁾,prospective cohort^(51, 66),case series⁽³⁹⁾, randomised controlled trial⁽⁶⁵⁾ and non-randomised intervention study⁽⁴²⁾). Study populations included adults and children in settings including outpatients, pre/post-surgery, summer camps and online registries, from countries across the world. Twenty studies focused on BI as one of the main outcomes but only six of these studies were non-surgery based.

Fifteen tools were identified (Table 1). Seven tools were specifically for BI and eight were QoL tools which included a BI domain or question(s). The most frequently applied tool specific to BI was the Body Image Questionnaire (BIQ) which was used in 14 studies. The Body Image Scale (BIS) was used in 5 studies and is the only tool validated in an IBD population. IMPACT-III (or earlier IMPACT-II) is a validated QoL questionnaire aimed at adolescents and children with IBD and includes a BI domain. It was used across 18 studies. The remaining 12 tools were used in only 1-3 studies respectively.

None of the tools included had a clear cut-off point for defining BID but offered an indication of increasing or decreasing likelihood of dissatisfaction. In some tools, a higher score indicated better BI (BIQ, EORTC, DUX-25). In others, a higher score indicated increased BID (IMPACT, BIS, RFIPC, IBDSI, Body Image Self-Consciousness during Intimacy Scale, BIDQ and ASWAP).

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Tools where items had similar themes were grouped to show general focus of

BI questions and are shown in Table 2.

 11 **Table 1.** Tools identified and used across included studies 12

13 ₁ Measurement Tool	Torres of Table	Interested toward	In to all	0	No. of
	Type of Tool	Intended target	Is tool	Scoring	No. of
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² ASWAP ²⁴	Body image	Initially used in	Yes but not in	15 items rated on 7-point	1
25		scleroderma	IBD patients	scale. Questions	
2 ÅSWAP 24 25 26 27 28 29		patients		corresponding to items	
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29				4–11 were reverse	
50				scored such that higher	
31 32				scores reflect greater	
32 33 34				dissatisfaction	
34				dissatisfaction	
35 Askevold's Body Image Test	Body image	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	2
³ Body Image and Self- 38	Body image and sexual	Women	No	0-75, higher scores	1
3 € onsciousness During	self-consciousness			poorer body image	
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42 Scale 43					
⁴⁴ ВІА/ВІА-Р 45	Body image	Adults, no specific	Unclear	Based on body image	1
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10	Body image	-		-	_
Disturbance Questionnaire		groups	IBD patients	body image	
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DUX-25	Quality of daily	School age	No	Higher scores, better	1
6 7	functioning. (1 of 4	children		QoL	
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EORTC-QLQ-CR38	Quality of Life	Cancer patients	Yes but not in	38 items with 4 category	1
23	questionnaire. (3 of 38		IBD patients	responses. Functional	
25	items relate to body			scales: higher score	
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31				score higher level of	
32 33				symptoms.	
ÉORTC-QLQ-CR29	Quality of Life	Cancer patients	Yes but not in	29 items with 4 category	1
35 36	questionnaire. (3 of 29		IBD patients	responses.	
37	items relate to body			Functional scales: higher	
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40	image)			score higher functioning.	
11				Symptoms scales: higher	
12 13				score higher level of	
14				symptoms.	
MPACT-III or IMPACT II	Health-related quality of	Children and	Yes	35-175, higher scores	18
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18 19	life. (3 of 35 items relate	adolescents with		better QoL	
50	to body image)	IBD			
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Assessing the extent to	IBD patients	Unclear	8 scales with a score of	1
Stress Index	which IBD has caused			0-3 (no impact-a great	
55	alterations in lifestyle. (1			deal of impact).	
56				deal of impact).	
57 58	of 10 items relate to body				

IBD patients

Stoma patients

No specific clinical

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Yes

Yes (in ostomy

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Yes

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Quality of life

questionnaire. (1 item of

25 relate to body image)

Stoma-related. (5 items

of 19 relate to body

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31Abbreviations: ASWAP: Adapted Satisfaction with Appearance scale; Bl/BIA-P: Body Image Assessment/Body Image Assessment32Preadolescent; BIQ: Body Image Questionnaire; BIS: Body Image Scale; DUX-25: Dutch Children's AZL/TNO Quality of Life
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34Questionnaire; EORT-QLQ-CR38/EORT-QLQ-CR29: European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) Quality
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36f Life questionnaire for Colorectal Cancer; IMPACT-II/IMPACT-III:A measure of health-related quality of life in paediatric
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Inflammatory bowel disease; RFIPC: Rating Form of IBD Patient Concerns.

Table 2. Body image tools with similar questions grouped into overarching themes

Body Image Tool	Components								
	Satisfaction	Attractive	Socialisi	Avoidance	Feeling	Effect of	Scar	Satisfaction	Distressing thoughts
	with	ness	ng/Work	of people	feminine/	disease	satisfacti	with body	
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BIS	✓	✓	\checkmark		✓	✓		✓	
BIQ	✓	\checkmark			√	9	\checkmark	✓	
CBIDQ	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					✓
ASWAP	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark				4)/	

N.B. Similar components of tools were grouped into themes shown above. BIS=Body Image Scale. BIQ=Body Image Questionnaire.

Image and Self-consciousness c.

Ing scales) were not included. CBDIQ=Cash Body Image Disturbance Questionnaire. ASWAP=Adapted Satisfaction with Appearance Scale. Askevold's Body Image Test (no information in paper or online), Body Image and Self-consciousness during Intimacy Scale (too specific) and the Body Image Assessment (based on figural drawing scales) were not included.

What is the prevalence of body image dissatisfaction in IBD patients? Thirty-one studies including a total of 3,634 patients reported on prevalence or severity of BID (see Table 3 for study characteristics). Seventeen studies(14, 22, 23, 25, 30, 31, 38, 42, 53, 54, 59, 61, 62, 66, 70, 72, 73) included both ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's disease (CD) patients. Ages ranged from 2-71 and eighteen studies⁽²²⁾ ^{30, 38, 40-42, 51-53, 58, 60-63, 70, 71, 73, 76)} included only children/adolescents. Fourteen studies(24-26, 33-37, 39, 47, 50, 64, 65, 68) included surgery patients and one study included only females⁽⁷²⁾. Only three studies reported prevalence. Brown (2015)(26) found that 21-34% UC patients reported negative impacts on BI using BIQ. McDermott (2015)(14) found that 87% patients reported some form of concern about an aspect of their BI using the Cash Body Image Disturbance Questionnaire. Muller (2010)⁽⁵⁹⁾ reported that 66.8% IBD patients stated they had impaired BI based on a researcher devised questionnaire. The other 28 studies reported mean/median BI scores based on a range of tools. In studies with populations undergoing surgery it was found that there was no significant difference in BI scores (using the BIQ) after laparoscopic or open/conventional surgery in IBD patients^(33-35, 64, 78). Only one study found BI scores to be significantly improved after laparoscopic surgery compared to conventional surgery in CD⁽³⁶⁾. BI was included as an outcome across 31 studies. All but one study compared results within the included IBD population e.g. UC vs CD, surgery vs no surgery,

males vs females. Bel (2015) found that women with IBD with disease in

remission scored comparably to women in a healthy population. One
longitudinal study by Saha (2015) ⁽⁶⁶⁾ measured scores over two years and
found that BI did not change despite improvements in symptoms.

Table 3. Study characteristics of papers included for questions two, three and four.

Study	Design	Population	Country	No.	No.	Body Image	Outcomes	Body Image
				patients	UC/CD/Other	Tool		Prevalence/Score
Beld et al	Cross	UC or FAP undergone restorative proctocolectomy	Netherla	26	UC (16) FAP	BIQ	Mean body image	Males 16.3 (3.1)
(2010)	sectional	IPAA Jan 92 to Oct 08	nds		(10)		scores (SD)	Females 13.5 (4.1)
Brown et	Cross	Patients with UC who had colectomy within the	Canada,	351	All UC	BIQ	Median body image	Males 8 (IQR 6-11)
al (2015)	sectional	past 10 years, data collected from Nov 2010 to	Australia,				scores (IQR)	Females 11 (IQR 8-
		July 2011.	UK				Prevalence of "quite a	14)
							bit" or "extreme"	Age group >50 years
							negative impacts on	8 (IQR 6-11)
							body image as a	Age group <50 years
							result of colectomy.	10 (IQR 7-13).
								21-34% reported
								negative impacts on
								body image.
Dunker et	Cross	CD patients undergoing open or laparoscopic	Netherla	34	All CD	BIQ	Mean body image	Open 16.4 (10-20)
al (1998)	sectional	resection at Leiden university medical centre	nds				scores	Laparoscopic 18 (13-
								20)
								(SD not reported)

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Dunker et	Cross	UC patients who underwent laparoscopic assisted	Netherla	32	UC (28) FAP	BIQ	Mean body image	Laparoscopic 19 (1.3)
al (2001)	sectional	IPAA and matched conventional IPAA patients.	nds		(4)		scores (SD)	Conventional 17.9
	matched							(SD not reported)
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Eshuis et	Repeated	Patients who underwent ileocolic resection for	Netherla	71	All CD	BIQ	Mean body image	Open 15.63 (6-20)
al (2008)	cross	Crohn's disease from 1995 until 1998 two centres.	nds	(medical			scores (range)	Laparoscopic 16.3 (7-
	sectional			file				20)
				analysis)				(SD not reported)
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				naires)				
Eshuis et	Repeated	CD patients who had ileocolic resections between	Netherla	55	All CD	BIQ	Median body image	Open 18.0 (IQR 16-
al (2010)	cross	September 1999 and November 2003.	nds				scores (IQR)	19) Laparoscopic
	sectional							19.0 (IQR 17-20)

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Giudici et	Case	December 2014-December 2015. Consecutive	Italy	10	All UC	Self-designed	Mean body image	59 (SD not reported)
al (2017)	series	patients undergoing laparoscopic proctectomy for				body image	score	
	(Abstract	ulcerative colitis.				questionnaire		
	only)							
Kjaer et al	Cross	Adult patients treated with laparoscopy-assisted or	Denmark	50	UC (44) FAP	BIQ	Median body image	Laparoscopic 8 (5-18)
(2014)	sectional	open IPAA at Odense University Hospital during			(4) Other (2)		scores (range)	Open 9.5 (5-20)
		the period between October 2008 and March						
		2012.						
Polle et al	Repeated	Patients eligible for an elective proctocolectomy	Netherla	53	UC (34) FAP	BIQ	Mean body image	Women open group
(2007)	cross	with IPAA for UC or FAP were included in a	nds		(19)		scores (limited data)	15
	sectional	randomized trial						Laparoscopic group:
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								(SD not reported)

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Ponsioen	Randomise	Eligible patients aged 18-80 years, had active	Netherla	70	All CD	BIQ	Mean body image	Resection group:
et al	d	Crohn's disease of the terminal ileum, and had not	nds and	Infliximab			scores (only given for	Baseline 16.
(2017)	controlled	responded to at least 3 months of conventional	UK	group 73			resection group)	Endpoint 17.8.
	trial	therapy with glucocorticosteroids, thiopurines, or		Laparosc				(SD not reported)
		methotrexate. Patients with diseased terminal		opic				
		ileum longer than 40 cm or abdominal abscesses		ileocaeca				
		were excluded.		I				
				resection				
Scarpa et	Prospectiv	Patients admitted for intestinal surgery for CD May	Italy	47	All CD	BIQ	Median body image	5 (5-8)
al (2009)	e case	06 - July 08					score (IQR)	
	series							
Voermans	Prospectiv	A consecutive series of patients who had an	Netherla	10	All CD	BIQ	Median body image	Before surgery 17.0
et al	e case	indication for a laparoscopic ileocolic resection	nds				scores	After surgery 19.0
(2010)	series	were invited to participate. CD patients.						
Bengtsso	Case-	Patients with preoperative diagnosis of UC or CD	Sweden	101	Controls; UC	BIS	Median body image	Study group: Males
n et al	control	who underwent IPAA		(72	(60) CD (0)		scores.	6.5 Females 10.
(2011)				controls,	Study group;			Control group Males

Table 3. Study characteristics of papers included for questions two, three and four.

Study	Design	Population	Country	No.	No.	Body Image	Outcomes	Body Image
				patients	UC/CD/Other	Tool		Prevalence/Score
				29 study	UC (25) CD			1 Females 3
				group)	(4)			
Trindade	Cross	Female participants with ages between 18 and 40	Portugal	96	UC (58) CD	BIS	Mean body image	10.10 (7.73)
et al	sectional	years old who had not undergone IBD-related			(38)		score (SD)	(SD not reported)
(2017)		surgery						
Vlahou et	Cross	Adolescents with IBD who attended clinics at two	USA	44	Breakdown not	BSQ (modified	Mean body image	BSQ: Males 36.45
al (2008)	sectional	separate hospitals and a camp for children with			reported	version of BIQ)	scores (SD)	(4.88) Females 33.52
		IBD				and BIA-P		(7.77).
								BIA-P: Males 0.41
								(0.85) Females 0.77
								(0.92)
Grootenh	Non-	Adolescents with IBD who were under medical	Netherla	18	Controls CD	DUX-25	Mean body image	Intervention: baseline
uis (2009)	randomise	care at Emma Children's Hospital AMC and	nds	controls;	(11) UC (4)		domain scores (SD)	55.4 (18.6) post
	d	members of Crohn's and colitis association		22	IBDU (3).			intervention 68.9
	controlled	Netherlands		interventi	Intervention			(17.7) Control:

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Study	Design	Population	Country	No.	No.	Body Image	Outcomes	Body Image
				patients	UC/CD/Other	Tool		Prevalence/Score
	study			on	CD (17) UC			baseline 60.0 (17.4)
					(5) IBDU (0)			post intervention 59.0
								(20.1)
Bel et al	Cross	18-70 UC or CD	Netherla	287	UC (132) CD	EORTC-QLQ-	Mean body image	Active: Males 5.61
(2015)	sectional		nds	(197	(155)	CR38	domain scores (SD)	(2.31) Females 6.2
	with			healthy				(2.78). Remission:
	controls			controls)				Males 3.82 (1.33)
								Females 4.58 (1.68)
Shepanksi	Before and	Children attending Camp Guts and Glory in	USA	61	CD:UC (2:1)	IMPACT II	Mean body image	By age;
(2009)	after study	Pennsylvania					domain scores (SD,	Age 9-10: pre 14.6
							for before and after	(4.1). Post 16.4 (3.7).
							camp)	Age 11-12: Pre 11.4
								(4.9). Post 13.2 (5.0).
								Age 13-14:Pre 12.9
								(5.2). Post 13.8 (5.9).
								Age 15-16: Pre 12.3

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				patients	UC/CD/Other	Tool		Prevalence/Score
		Ohride						(5.0). Post 11.2 (5.4)
Abdovic	Cross	Children aged nine years or older with confirmed	Croatia	104	UC (30) CD	IMPACT III	Mean body image	12.03 (1.96)
et al	sectional	diagnosis of IBD for more than six months from			(74)		domain score (SD).	
(2013)	validation	inpatient and outpatient clinics at particular						
	study	centres.						
Chouliara	Cross	UC and CD patients hospitalized or followed in	Greece	99	UC (37) CD	IMPACT III	Mean body image	Overall 71.5 (17.9)
s et al	sectional	outpatient clinic in Athens			(62)		domain scores (SD)	UC 67.3 (22.4) CD
(2017)								72.6 (19.3)
								No significant
								relationship between
								body image and
								assessed disease
								characteristics or

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Study	Design	Population	Country	No.	No.	Body Image	Outcomes	Body Image
				patients	UC/CD/Other	Tool		Prevalence/Score
								prescribed
								medications.
Gallo et al	Cross	Children between the ages of 8 and 18 years, who	Argentina	27	UC (17) CD	IMPACT III	Mean body image	76.54 (16.06)
(2014)	sectional	had been diagnosed with IBD at least 6 months			(9)		domain score (SD)	
		before, and were being followed at the Pediatric						
		Gastroenterology Service of the Hospital Italiano						
		de Buenos Aires, Argentina, or at the private office						
		of one of the co-authors (M.O.) and one of their						
		parents.						
Lee et al	Prospectiv	Children and young adults less than 22 years of	Canada	90	All CD	IMPACT III	Median body image	Baseline PEN 71
(2015)	е	age started on EN or anti-TNF therapy for active	and USA				domain scores	(54-75) EEN 58 (58-
	observatio	CD at Hospital for Sick Children Toronto and					(range)	75) TNf 67 (50-83)
	nal study	Children's Hospital Philadelphia.						

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Study	Design	Population	Country	No.	No.	Body Image	Outcomes	Body Image
				patients	UC/CD/Other	Tool		Prevalence/Score
Mason et	Prospectiv	Adolescents >10 years old with confirmed	Scotland	63	UC/IBDU (18)	IMPACT III	Mean body image	7 (SD not reported)
al (2015)	е	diagnosis of IBD attending gastroenterology clinic			CD (45)		domain score	
	observatio	at Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow						
	nal study							
Ogden et	Cross	Unclear - children with IBD	UK	97	UC (12) CD	IMPACT III	Mean body image	63.5 (95% CI 56.5 -
al (2011)	sectional				(64) IBDU (21)		domain score	70.6)
	validation							(SD not reported)
	study							
Perrin et	Cross	Children aged 8-17 years diagnosed with UC or	USA	220	UC (59) CD	IMPACT III	Mean body image	68.1 (19.6)
al (2008)	sectional	CD 6 mnths before the study followed at 1 of 6	00/1	220	(161)	NIII ACT III	domain scores (SD)	UC 68.6 (20.8)
		paediatric gastroenterology centres. No other						CD 67.9 (19.2)
		chronic conditions.					70/1	

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Study	Design	Population	Country	No.	No. UC/CD/Other	Body Image	Outcomes	Body Image Prevalence/Score
McDermot	Cross	Patients with histologically confirmed IBD	Ireland	330	UC (145) CD	Modified BIS	Median body image	6 (0-27)
t et al	sectional	attending ambulatory clinics in 1 of 2 medical			(194)	and Cash	score (range)	13% patients reported
(2015)		centres between July 2011 and November 2012				Body Image	Prevalence	no concerns about
						Scale		any aspect of body
						(qualitative		image
						only)		
Saha et al	Prospectiv	Patients with UC, CD or IBDU aged 18 and above	USA	274	CD (145)	ASWAP	Mean body image	Baseline: Females
(2015)	е	enrolled in the Ocean State Crohn's and Colitis			UC/IBDU		scores (SD)	30.1 (14.4) Males
	observatio	Area Registry (OSCCAR) with a minimum of 2			(129)			21.2 (8.4) Year 1:
	nal study	years of follow-up						Females 28.2 (14.1)
								Males 24.5 (12.5)
								Year 2: Females 28.8
								(13.2) Males 24.1
								(13.5)

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Study	Design	Population	Country	No.	No.	Body Image	Outcomes	Body Image
				patients	UC/CD/Other	Tool		Prevalence/Score
Muller et	Cross	IBD patients aged 18-50 from a database of IBD	Australia	217	UC (85) CD	No specific	Prevalence (%) of	66.8% of patients
al (2010)	sectional	patients maintained by the Southern Adelaide IBD			(127) IBDU (5)	tool - range of	body image	reported impaired
		Service				questions	dissatisfaction	body image
						regarding body		
						image and		
		Service				impact of IBD		
						on this		
de Rooy	Cross	Outpatients of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease	USA	241	UC (121) CD	RFIPC	"Feelings about body"	42.84 (33.97)
et al	sectional	Center, Mount Sinai Hospital. Subjects were a			(120)		question mean score	
(2001)		convenience sample waiting for a regularly					(SD)	
		scheduled physician appointment.						
Maunder	Retrospecti	Patients with IBD who had completed the RFIPC	Unclear	343	UC (186) CD	RFIPC	"Feelings about body"	Female 52.13 (34.8)
et al	ve analysis	and a survey of demographic and disease-related			(157)		question mean scores	Male 38.16 (33.83)
(1999)		variables in one of three previous studies						
Kuruvilla	Cross-	Consecutive patients who had undergone IPAA or	USA	59	All UC. IPAA	Stoma Quality	Mean (SD) and	IPAA; Mean 93.1
et al	sectional	a permanent ileostomy for ulcerative colitis by a			(35); TPC (24).	of Life Scale	median (range) body	(9.7). Median 100.

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Study	Design	Population	Country	No.	No.	Body Image	Outcomes	Body Image
				patients	UC/CD/Other	Tool		Prevalence/Score
(2012)	(Abstract	single surgeon, presenting for their annual follow-					image/sexuality	(65-100). TPC: Mean
	only)	up visit from July through September 2011, were					domain scores.	76.4 (14.6) Median 80
		offered participation in the study. A randomly						(50-100).
		chosen group of subjects who did not have						
		scheduled appointments during the study period						
		were sent a letter inviting them to participate in the						
		study.	//•					

Abbreviations: UC: Ulcerative Colitis; CD: Crohn's disease; IBD: Inflammatory bowel disease; IBDU: Inflammatory bowel disease unclassified; FAP: Familial adenomatous polyposis; IPAA: ileal pouch-anal anastomosis; TPC: Total proctocolectomy; PEN: Partial Enteral Nutrition; EEN: Exclusive Enteral Nutrition; TNF; Tumour Necrosis Factor; TNF: Tumour necrosis factor; IQR: Interquartile range; SD; Standard deviation; ASWAP: Adapted Satisfaction with Appearance scale; BI/BIA-P: Body Image Assessment/Body Image Assessment-Preadolescent; BIQ: Body Image Questionnaire; BIS: Body Image Scale; DUX-25: Dutch Children's AZL/TNO Quality of Life Questionnaire; EORT-QLQ-CR38/EORT-QLQ-CR29: European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) Quality of Life questionnaire for Colorectal Cancer; IMPACT-II/IMPACT-III:A measure of health-related quality of life in paediatric inflammatory bowel disease; RFIPC: Rating Form of IBD Patient Concerns; BSQ: Body Satisfaction Questionnaire.

 What factors are associated with body image dissatisfaction in IBD patients?

Sixteen studies^(14, 23, 24, 30, 34-36, 47, 54, 59, 61, 62, 64, 66, 68, 72) totalling 2333 IBD patients reported the association between various factors and BID (see Table 4).

Factors included those related to demographics as well as disease and treatment-related characteristics. Ten studies^(14, 24, 34-36, 47, 64, 66, 68, 72) utilised a specific BI tool and six^(34-36, 47, 64, 68) focused on comparative surgery techniques. Three studies^(30, 61, 62) included a paediatric population; the remaining studies included adults. BI was one of the main outcomes in most of these studies and the study by Saha (2015)⁽⁶⁶⁾ was the first longitudinal follow up of BID in IBD according to the authors.

In 6/10 studies^(14, 23, 54, 59, 64, 66) female gender was found to be significantly associated with increased BID. One study⁽⁵⁹⁾ reported the odds of BID was over 3 times more in females than males (p=0.001), with strong associations reported in the other five studies. Increased disease activity was found to have a significant but moderate positive association in 7/9 studies^(14, 23, 34, 62, 66, 68, 72) Other factors found to be significantly associated with increased BID included steroid use^(14, 61, 66, 72), age^(14, 23), increased BMI^(14, 72), smoking⁽¹⁴⁾ and fatigue⁽²³⁾(Table 4). Saha (2015)⁽⁶⁶⁾ also found a significant association between extraintestinal manifestations (EIM) and increased BID, but were the only study to assess this. Laparoscopic surgery was found to be associated with improved body image in 2/6 studies^(36, 68). Ileal pouch-anal anastomosis (IPAA) seemed to

result in patients being satisfied with their body image in two studies^(24, 26) but

they lacked a comparative surgery group. One study⁽⁵⁰⁾ compared IPAA and ileostomy and found better body image scores in the IPAA group. No significant associations were found between disease sub-type and increased BID.

Is there an association between body image dissatisfaction and quality of life in IBD patients?

Eight studies^(14, 22-24, 34, 62, 66, 72) explored a potential association between BID and QoL across a total of 1371 patients, with seven presenting a significant association. Three studies^(22, 24, 62) (Table 4) focused on younger populations with the rest including adults only. The majority of studies included populations with both UC and CD whilst two ^(24, 34) included only one subtype.

Statistically significant weak to moderately strong correlations were present in five studies $^{(22, 23, 34, 62, 72)}$ ranging from r = 0.34 to r = 0.67. Furthermore, McDermott(2015) $^{(14)}$ found that when using the BI scale there was a significant difference in scores between those with good or poor QoL. Trindade(2017) $^{(72)}$ found that BI was positively correlated with psychological and physical QoL. Saha(2015) $^{(66)}$ found that a one unit increase in the total ASWAP score (indicating poorer body image) was associated with a 0.62 decrease in QoL score (p<0.0001).

Various QoL tools (See Table 1) were used across studies with some using more than one. Four of these questionnaires used (IMPACT II and III, GIQLI and WHOQOL-BREF) contain a question or domain on BI, potentially making them more likely to correlate with BI questionnaires.

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Table 4. Most common factors found to be significantly associated with impaired body image in IBD as reported in each study, including associations between reduced body image and reduced QoL.

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N.B: With some tools, higher scores indicate better body image/QoL and in others higher scores indicate worse body image/QoL. This may result in both positive and negative correlation coefficients. Where applicable, signs have been flipped for ease of interpretation to clearly show the positive correlation between body image and quality of life. OSİTIVE C.

Risk of Bias

The 31 studies relevant for questions 2-4 were assessed using criteria from the Joanna Briggs Institute critical appraisal tools for analytical cross-sectional and prevalence designs (Supplementary Table 2). Only cross-sectional data was relevant for the review. Poor reporting of quality criteria in many studies made quality assessment difficult. Where criteria were reported, the overall quality was variable. Most studies had some areas of low and higher quality. Only one study, McDermott (2015)⁽¹⁴⁾, was able to demonstrate adequate response rates, validated outcome measurement tools and adjustment for confounders. However, Chouliaras (2017)⁽³⁰⁾, Trindade (2017)⁽⁷²⁾, Lee (2015)⁽⁵¹⁾ and Bel (2015)(23) adjusted for confounders and used validated outcome measurement tools but lacked adequate response rates. Twenty studies (64.5%) used an appropriate sample frame with acquisition of patients from outpatient settings, IBD registries or healthcare records. Eighteen studies (58.1%) clearly reported inclusion criteria applied when recruiting participants. Only twelve studies (38.7%) had response rates >75%. Fifteen studies (48.4%) used a tool which had been validated using factor analysis and internal consistency analysis to measure BI. The others used non-validated tools. Twelve studies^(14, 35, 50, 51, 59, 65, 66, 73) adjusted for potential confounders such as age, gender, BMI and previous surgery often using multiple regression models. Several studies reported limited demographic data. It should also be noted that sample sizes of many of the studies were small and confidence intervals were mostly not presented.

DISCUSSION

Summary of Findings

Overall, fifteen different tools were used across 57 studies to measure BI in IBD patients. These included QoL tools incorporating BI questions or domains, BI tools and other adapted questionnaires. None offer a defining threshold for presence or absence of BID, which is not commonly considered as a specific psychological disorder unlike body dysmorphia.

It remains unclear whether IBD patients suffer with BID more so than the general population as most studies reported mean values with no reference to healthy population values. Three studies estimated a prevalence of a negative BI based on one question and this varied between 21 and 81%. This wide variation likely reflects the differences in tools and study characteristics. All three studies were based on self-report questionnaires with a wide age range and registry or hospital-based population.

Certain factors including female gender, disease activity and steroid use were consistently found to be significantly associated with increased BID in IBD patients. There was also a significant association between increasing BID and decreasing QoL reported in eight studies. These findings are consistent with a previous narrative review⁽⁷⁹⁾ assessing BID and sexual functioning in IBD patients.

Strengths and Weaknesses of the Review

This is the first systematic review assessing BID in an IBD population, and a robust methodology was employed to ensure that bias and errors were minimised. A sensitive search strategy means that it is unlikely that relevant studies were missed and over 50 studies have contributed to the evidence base in an area previously unexplored by a systematic review.

The review has some limitations. Some of the extracted data is based on abstracts only where full texts could not be obtained from the authors. This will have resulted in some missing information.

Furthermore, qualitative studies were not included as this was considered beyond the scope of this review. It's likely that there are qualitative studies which could offer a deeper insight into perception of BI in IBD patients.

Strengths and Weaknesses of the Evidence

There are some weaknesses within the included evidence. All studies had some areas of high risk of bias or had poorly reported methodological criteria thus hampering quality assessment. Some studies had very low response rates leading to possible under-representation of certain groups. Few studies adjusted for confounders which could have resulted in overestimates of associations.

A further issue is the lack of healthy control groups. Although it appears that IBD patients are concerned about BI, it is difficult to determine whether they are

affected more than the general population. However, it has been found that children and adolescents with chronic illnesses such as asthma, cystic fibrosis and diabetes do have increased BID compared to healthy peers⁽⁸⁰⁾.

Non-validated tools were often used for measuring BI and the reliability and validity of findings based on these is therefore unknown. There is also still little known about potential changes in BI perception over time.

Findings in Context

This review is consistent with findings from the narrative review by Jedel (2015)⁽⁷⁹⁾which found that BI could potentially be a problem in IBD patients. Whilst surgery has been found to be an important contributing factor in BID in other research ⁽⁸¹⁾, it is unclear how it impacts upon IBD patients. An association between BID and poorer QoL has been highlighted in both.

Females and adolescents are more likely to be concerned with BI and to suffer with BID compared with males and older people⁽⁸²⁻⁸⁷⁾. Whilst we found inconsistent results surrounding age, IBD is often diagnosed in adolescence when BID could be more of a concern.

In oncology, BI is more widely researched. One study suggested gynaecologic cancer patients suffered with BID which predicted emotional well-being⁽⁸⁸⁾.

Another study with advanced cancer patients suggested BID was associated

with depression, anxiety and fatigue⁽⁸⁹⁾. Qualitative research in pregnancy⁽⁹⁰⁾

and systematic lupus⁽⁹¹⁾ suggests BI can affect medication compliance and that

patients would like more support around dealing with BI issues. This could also be true for IBD patients.

Finally, a previous systematic review found that children with chronic conditions were more likely to be dissatisfied with their body than healthy peers⁽⁹²⁾.

Although IBD patients were not included, patients with similar chronic diseases

like diabetes, cancer, asthma and scoliosis were, suggesting IBD patients could

be similarly affected.

Implications

This evidence identified in this review suggests an association between BID and poorer QoL as well as finding factors influencing BI in IBD patients. There were however limitations to the evidence in terms of methodological quality and/or reporting. Also, results were difficult to compare across studies. More promisingly, BI is becoming an increasingly assessed outcome, highlighting the need for continued research in this area.

Current research suggests that age, gender, medication and disease activity in IBD may impact upon BI. These could be taken into account by clinicians and patients by altering therapy or targeting comorbidities which could have a beneficial effect on BID. Interventions to improve BI could be incorporated into treatment strategies, which may in turn help to improve QoL. A recent systematic review⁽⁹³⁾ found that stress-management, mindfulness and talking therapies may offer small to moderate improvements in BI however there is a lack of evidence from good randomised controlled trials.

Future Research

Future research should focus on developing a consensus around which validated tool or tools are best suited to measuring BID in an IBD population. Whilst we describe validity of tools such as the Body Image Scale, we have not independently verified this, therefore we could not recommend a particular tool. Defining thresholds may allow estimation of the prevalence of BID in this population. Establishing reference values in a healthy population would allow for more meaningful interpretation of BID scores across different chronic diseases. Enrolling patients from diagnosis and following them over time would be useful to measure how BI changes with duration, activity of disease and treatment. Whilst more severe IBD symptoms or invasive treatment options may exacerbate BID, BID itself and any associated anxiety or depressive symptoms may in turn exacerbate IBD symptoms (94, 95), and future research should also address this association. If BID is recognised and treated early it may contribute to preventing worsening disease course. It may also be useful to encourage the use of BI as a patient reported outcome in future IBD studies. This would increase data on BID and lead to a greater understanding of the condition.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the evidence suggests a detrimental effect of IBD on BI, but uncertainty remains due a lack of comparison data from healthy populations.

Associations of BID with disease-related factors such as steroid treatment, fatigue, disease activity and surgery are apparent and findings suggest a

correlation between impaired BI and poorer QoL. These results should be cautiously interpreted due to risk of bias and/or poor reporting of methodological criteria amongst included studies, and the wide variation between populations, BI tools, and scoring systems. Future studies should make use of validated measurement tools and include BI as a main outcome where appropriate.

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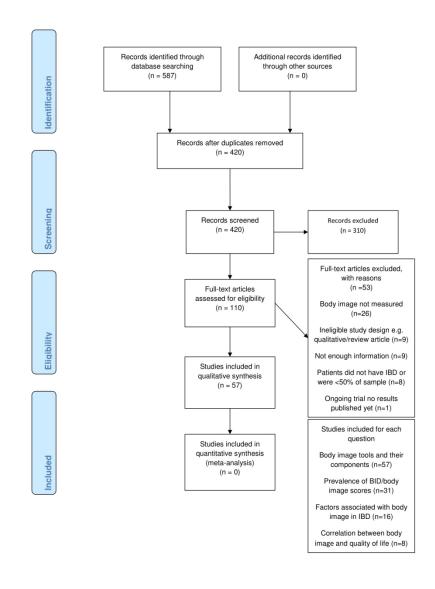
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Figures

1. The selection process of records for inclusion/exclusion detailed in a PRISMA





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Supplementary Data Content - Table 1

MEDLINE Search Strategy – OVID MEDLINE In process & other non-indexed citations and OVID MEDLINE.

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1 Supplementary Data Content - Table 2 Results of risk of bias assessment using Joanna Briggs Institute Tools

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.0 1	Bengtsson	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Unclear	No	Yes	Yes	No
2	et al (2011)										
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.6 !7	Brown et al	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	No	No	Yes	No
.7 .8 .9	(2015)										
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2	Chouliaras	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear
3 4 -	et al (2017)										
5 6											
7 8	de Rooy et	Unclear	No	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear

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1 <u>2</u> 3	Dunker et al	No	No	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
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) 	(2001)										
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, 1 5	Eshuis et al	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
) 5 7	(2008)										
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18 19						condition?					(>75%)
20	(2010)										
21	-										
22 23											
23 24	Gallo et al	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
25		. 55	. 55	. 55	. 55				. 55	. 55	. 55
26	(2014)										
27 20											
28 29											
30	Giudici et al	No	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
31	(2017)										
32	(2017)										
33 34											
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36	Grootenhuis	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Unclear	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
37	(2009)										
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	Kuruvilla et	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
8 9	al (2012)										
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2 3	Lee et al	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear
4 5	(2015)										
6 7		V	V	V	V	N 1/A				V	
8	Mason et al	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes	Unclear
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:1 :2 :3	Maunder et	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes	Unclear
.5 .4 .5	al (1999)										
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.7 .8	McDermott	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	et al (2015)										
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3 4	Muller et al	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unclear
5 6	(2010)										
7 8											
9 0	Ogden et al	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
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20 ⁻ 21	(2011)				•						
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23	Dawin of al	Vaa	Vac	Vaa	Unalaan	NI/A	NI/A	N1/A	Vaa	Vaa	Na
24 25	Perrin et al	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	No
26	(2008)										
27 28											
29	.							(1/2)			
	Polle et al	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
31 32	(2007)										
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34 35											
36	Ponsioen et	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	No
37 38	al (2017)										
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7 8 9						condition?					(>75%)
0 -	Saha et al	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	No
!1 !2	(2015)										
:3 :4											
	Scarpa et al	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	(2009)										
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_	Shepanksi	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	No	Yes	Yes	No
3 4	(2005)										
5 6											
7 8	Trindade et	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear
9	al (2017)										
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22	Vlahou et al	Yes	Unclear	No	Unclear	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unclear
23 24 25	(2008)										
26 27											ļ
8	Voermans et	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	N/A	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
9	al (2010)										
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