








## Supplementary information to:

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## EFFICACY OF AUTOMATED FASTENERS VERSUS HAND-TIED KNOTS IN CARDIAC SURGERY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

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**Supplementary Table 1:** Quality assessment of included studies using JBI critical appraisal checklist for cohort studies

Studies	Baseline characteristics	Similar exposure status	Exposure measured reliably	Identification of confounding factors	Strategies dealing with confounding factors	No outcome at the start	Measurement of outcome reliability	Follow up	Follow up complete or not	Strategies for incomplete follow up	Appropriate statistical methods
<b>Beute et al., 2018</b>	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Loberman et al., 2018</b>	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Plestis et al., 2018</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Sabik et al., 2018</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Perin et al., 2019</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Grapow et al., 2015</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Unclear	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Ler et al., 2021</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Morgant et al., 2020</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes

**Supplementary Table 2:** Quality assessment of included studies using JBI critical appraisal checklist for RCTs

Studies	Randomization method reported?	Treatment group allocation	Baseline	Blinding of participants	Treatment Delivering Blinding	Outcome Assessers Blinding	Same Treatment	Follow up	Intention to treat	Outcome Measurement	Outcome Reliability	Statistical Analysis	Appropriate Trial Design
<b>Etiway et al., 2018</b>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Lee et al., 2018</b>	No	No	No	Unclear	No	No	Unclear	No	No	No	Unclear	Yes	No