### Uitgangsvraag 3: evidence tables

#### Cohort studies

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| Hjelms 1999 | • Single-cohort study  
• No source of funding or conflicts of interest declared  
• Setting: University hospital, Sweden  
• Sample size: N=11  
• Duration: mean postoperative follow-up of 25 months (range 11-41 months) | • Patients treated with Ivor Lewis procedure for malignant (N=10) or benign conditions (N=1) of the esophagus  
• No signs of megalocytic anemia preoperatively | Ivor Lewis procedure: esophageal resection with stomach as substitute  
Only confounder that has been taken into account is the preoperative absence of megalocytic anemia | Two patients with abnormally low absorption of vitamin B12 (i.e. urinary excreted fraction of Co$^{57}$ and Co$^{58}$ <10/24h). All patients had normal Co$^{57}$/Co$^{58}$ ratio demonstrating no important impairment of intrinsic factor production. | Not applicable | Level of evidence: C  
• Very small case series, no control group  
• Unclear patient selection  
• Very probably no blinding  
• Important confounders, such as nutritional status, recurrence, etc. are not taken into account |

**Reference List**