

Table 4: Evidence table for papers on low birthweight and caries.(Quality score in parentheses).

Authors and Year (Ref. Number)	Age of Participants	Research Aims	Number of Controls	Nature of Controls	Inclusion/Excl. Criteria	Individual Birthweights Certified
Fearne et al, 1990 (8)	5 years	General (8)	93 (5)	Questionable (5)	Implied (4)	Certified (8)
Lai et al, 1997 (9)	33-52 months	General (6)	25 (5)	Same population (10)	Implied (4)	Certified (8)
Li et al, 1996 (10)	5 years	General (6)	Not stated (0)	Concurrent (8)	Implied (4)	Certified (7)
Peretz and Kafka, 1997 (11)	3-4 years	General (5)	50 (6)	Questionable (5)	Not stated (1)	Not certified (2)

Table 4 (continued)

Level of Caries Diagnosed	Nature of Caries Diagnosis	Examiner Reliability	Confounders Accounted For?	Measure of Risk	Internally Valid Conclusions?	Quality Score
Cavitated (3)	Clinical (3)	Percent agreement (5)	Multivariate (8)	Not given (2)	Stated, supported (10)	61
Not stated (0)	Clinical (4)	Kappa (6)	Stratified (7)	Not given (0)	Stated, supported (10)	60
Cavitated (3)	Clinical (4)	Not stated (1)	Kappa (6)	Not given (0)	Stated, supported (10)	49
Not stated (0)	Clinical (2)	Not stated (1)	Recognized only (2)	Not given (2)	Implied, supported (5)	31