

A checklist for HTA related documents

This summary form is intended as an aid for those who wish to make a record of the extent to which a health technology assessment report meets the 14 questions given in the checklist.

It is **NOT** intended as a scorecard to rate the standard of HTA reports — reports may be valid and useful without meeting all the criteria that have been listed.

Item	Yes	Partly	No				
Preliminary							
1. Appropriate contact details for further information?	X						
2. Authors identified?	X						
3. Statement regarding conflict of interest?	X						
4. Statement on whether report externally reviewed?	X						
5. Short summary in non-technical language?	X						
Why?							
6. Reference to the policy question that is addressed?	X						
7. Reference to the research question(s) that is/are addressed?	X						
8. Scope of the assessment specified?	X						
9. Description of the assessed health technology?	X						
How?							
10. Details on sources of information and literature search strategies provided? (In the document or within the published referenced document)							
Search strategy	Databases	Year range	Language restriction	Primary data	Other kind of information resources		
X	X	X	X	O	X		
Complete reference list of included studies		List of excluded studies		Inclusion criteria		Exclusion criteria	
O		O		X		X	
11. Information on basis for the assessment and interpretation of selected data and information?							
Method of data extraction described?	Critical appraisal method (for quality assessment of the literature) described?		Method of data synthesis described?		Results of the assessment clearly presented, e.g. in the form of evidence tables?		
X	X		X		O		
Context? <i>(may or may not apply to each HTA)</i>							
(Medico-) legal implications considered?	Economic analysis provided?	Ethical implications considered?	Social implications considered?	Other perspectives (stakeholders, patients, consumers) considered?			
X	O	O	O	X			
What then?				Yes	Partly	No	
12. Findings of the assessment discussed?				X			
13. Conclusions from assessment clearly stated?				X			
14. Suggestions for further action?				X			