

Table 3 Status of Iranian health technology assessment reports

Item	Yes		Partly		No	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Preliminary						
1. Appropriate contact details for further information?	9	10.0	43	47.8	38	42.2
2. Authors identified?	8	8.9	44	48.9	38	42.2
3. Statement regarding conflict of interest?	5	5.6	5	5.6	80	88.9
4. Statement on whether report externally reviewed?	1	1.1	0	0	89	98.9
5. Short summary in non-technical language?	42	46.7	16	17.8	32	35.6
Why?						
6. Reference to the policy question that is addressed?	52	57.8	31	34.4	7	7.8
7. Reference to the research question(s) that is/are addressed?	67	74.4	20	22.2	3	3.3
8. Scope of the assessment specified?	79	87.8	8	8.9	3	3.3
9. Description of the assessed health technology?	74	82.2	14	15.6	2	2.2
How?						
10. Details on sources of information and literature search strategies provided?						
Search strategy	77	85.6	5	5.6	8	8.9
Databases	78	86.7	2	2.2	1	1.1
Year range	76	84.4	0	0	14	15.6
Language restriction	70	77.8	0	0	20	22.2
Primary data	47	52.2	0	0	43	47.7
Other kind of information resources	70	77.8	0	0	20	22.2
Complete reference list of included studies	88	97.8	0	0	2	2.2
List of excluded studies	20	22.2	0	0	71	78.9
Inclusion criteria	73	81.1	9	10	8	8.9
Exclusion criteria	64	71.1	12	13.3	14	15.6
11. Information on basis for the assessment and interpretation of selected data and information?						
Method of data extraction described?	62	68.8	17	18.9	11	12.2
Critical appraisal method (for quality assessment of the literature) described?	55	61.1	15	16.7	20	22.2
Method of data synthesis described?	55	61.1	19	21.1	16	17.8
Results of the assessment clearly presented, e.g. in the form of evidence tables?	71	78.9	13	14.4	6	6.8
Context? (may or may not apply to each HTA)						
(Medico-) legal implications considered?	7	7.8	3	3.3	80	88.9
Economic analysis provided?	67	74.4	7	7.8	16	17.8
Ethical implications considered?	10	11.1	2	2.2	78	86.7
Social implications considered?	8	8.9	1	1.1	81	90
Other perspectives (stakeholders, patients, consumers) considered?	4	4.4	10	11.1	76	84.4
What then?						
12. Findings of the assessment discussed?	76	84.4	16	16.6	0	0
13. Conclusions from assessment clearly stated?	61	67.8	22	24.4	7	7.8
14. Suggestions for further action?	15	16.7	16	17.8	59	65.6