**Supplementary Table 6:** Abbreviations of included institutions

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| A. Gemelli UVT | HTA Unit in A. Gemelli Teaching Hospital  |
| AAZ | Agencija za kvalitetu i akreditaciju u zdravstvu i socijalnoj skrbi / Agency for Quality and Accreditation in Health Care and Social Welfare |
| AETS | Agencia de Evaluación de Tecnologias Sanitarias/ Agency for Health Technology Assessment |
| AETSA  | Agencia de Evaluación de Tecnologías Sanitarias de Andalucía/ Andalusian Agency for Health Technology Assessment |
| Agenas | Agenzia Nazionale per i Servizi Sanitari Regionali/ National Agency for Regional Health Services |
| AOTMiT (former: AOTM)\* | Agencja Oceny Technologii Medycznych i Taryfikacji/ Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Tariff System (former: Agencja Oceny Technologii Medycznych / Agency for Health Technology Assessment) |
| AQuAS | Agència de Qualitat i Avaluació Sanitaries de Catalunya (AQuAS)/ Catalan Agency for Health Information, Assessment, and Quality (CAHIAQ) (former: Catalan Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Research (CAHTA)) |
| ASSR | Agenzia Sanitaria e Sociale Regionale/ Regione Emilia Romagna, Regional Agency for Health and Social Care  |
| Avalia-t | Axencia de Avaliación de Tecnoloxías Sanitarias de Galicia/ Galician Agency for HTA |
| BAZIAN | Bazian Ltd |
| BIQG | Bundesinstitut für Qualität im Gesundheitswesen |
| CAST | Centre for Applied Health Services Research and Technology Assessment |
| CEDIT | Comité d´Evaluation et de Diffusion des Innovations Technologiques/ Committee for the Evaluation and Diffusion of Medical Technology |
| CRD | Centre for reviews and dissemination |
| DACEHTA | Danish Centre for Health Technology Assessment |
| DAHTA@DIMDI | Deutsche Agentur für Health Technology Assessment (DAHTA) beim Deutschen Institut für Medizinische Dokumentation und Information (DIMDI)/ German Agency for HTA at the German Institute for Medical Documentation and Information (DAHTA@DIMDI)  |
| DPA/MHEC | Directorate for Pharmaceutical Affairs, Ministry for Health, the Elderly and Community Care |
| FinOHTA | Finnish Office for Health Technology Assessment |
| G-BA | Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuss/ Federal Joint Committee |
| HAS | Haute Autorité de Santé/ French National Authority for Health |
| HIQA | Health Information and Quality Authority |
| HIS | Healthcare Improvement Scotland |
| HTA-HSR/DHTA (CFK) | HTA and Health Services Research, Public Health and Quality Improvement, Central Denmark Region (HTA-HSR/DHTA)/ Folkesundhed og Kvalitetsudvikling (CFK) |
| HVB | Hauptverband der Österreichischen Sozialversicherungsträger/ Main Association of Austrian Social Insurance Institutions |
| iMTA/iBMG | Institute for Medical Technology Assessment/ Instituut Beleid & Management Gezondheidszorg/ Institute of Health Policy and Management |
| IQWiG | Institut für Qualität und Wirtschaftlichkeit im Gesundheitswesen / Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care |
| KCE | Federaal Kenniscentrum - Centre fédéral d'expertise/ Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre |
| LBI-HTA | Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Health Technology Assessment |
| MTU/SFOPH | The Medical Technology Unit of the Federal Social Insurance Office Switzerland |
| NHS LV | National Health Service Latvia |
| NICE | National Institute for Health and Care Excellence |
| NIHR\_HSC | National Institute for Health Research – Horizon Scanning Centre |
| NIHR\_NETSCC | National Institute for Health Research – Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre |
| NOKC | Nasjonalt kunnskapssenter for helsetjenesten/ Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services |
| OGYÉI TEI (former: GYEMSZI ETF)\* | Technológia-értékelő Főosztály/ National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition, Department of HTA(former: National Institute for Quality and Organizational Development in Healthcare and Medicines) |
| OSTEBA | Servicio de Evaluación de Technologías of the Vasco Country, Department of Health, Basque Government/ Basque Agency for HTA, Department of Health and Consumers Affairs |
| PenTag | Peninsula Technology Assessment Group |
| Polish Soc | Polish Society for Quality Promotion in Health Care |
| Regione Veneto | Regione del Veneto |
| SBU | Statens beredning för medicinsk utvärdering/ Swedish Council on HTA |
| SLOVAHTA | Slovenská agentúra pre hodnotenie zdravotníckych technológii/ Slovak Agency for Health Technology Assessment |
| TLV | Tandvårds och läkemedelsförmånsverket/ The Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency |
| UETS | Health Technology Assessment Unit, Laín Entralgo Agency/ HTA Unit of the Autonomous Community of Madrid |
| Unif Shef | University of Sheffield |
| UTA | Department of Public Health of the University of Tartu (Centre for Health Technology Assessment) |
| VASPVT | VALSTYBINĖ AKREDITAVIMO SVEIKATOS PRIEŽIŪROS VEIKLAI TARNYBA prie Sveikatos apsaugos ministerijos/ State Health Care Accreditation Agency under the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania |
| ZiN (former: CVZ)\* | Zorginstituut Nederland/ Dutch Health Care Insurance Board (former: College voor Zorgverzekeringen) |

**Notes:** \* for the systematic search the institutional names valid at the time were used