Supplementary Table 4: Identified methodological documents (last update: 10.05.2016)

| **Country** | **Agency** | **Methodological guide or other official document** | **Number** |
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| AT | BIQG/ GÖG | * ‘Prozesshandbuch Version 1.2010‘ *(Process handbook);* Available [here](http://www.goeg.at/cxdata/media/download/berichte/Prozesshandbuch_1.2010.pdf) * ‘Methodenhandbuch für Health Technology Assessment, Version 1.2012’ *(Methods handbook)*; Available[here](http://www.goeg.at/cxdata/media/download/berichte/methodenhandbuch_publikationsfassung.pdf) | 2 |
| HVB | * ‘Handbuch für EBM Berichte, 2008‘ *(Manual for EBM reports, short document)*; Available[here](http://www.hauptverband.at/portal27/portal/hvbportal/content/contentWindow?&contentid=10008.564479&action=b&cacheability=PAGE) | 1 |
| LBI-HTA | * ‘Externes Manual. Selbstverständnis und Arbeitsweise. Teil 1, 2007’ *(External manual)*; Available [here](http://hta.lbg.ac.at/uploads/tableTool/UllCmsPage/gallery/Externes%20Manual%20J%C3%A4nner%202007a.pdf) * ‘Internes Manual. Abläufe und Methoden. Teil 2, 2009’ *(Internal manual)*; Available [here](http://hta.lbg.ac.at/uploads/tableTool/UllCmsPage/gallery/InternesManual_2.Aufl..pdf) * ‚Evaluation diagnostischer Technologien -Hintergrund, Probleme, Methoden, 2010‘ *(Evaluation of diagnostic technologies)*; Available [here](http://eprints.hta.lbg.ac.at/898/1/HTA-Projektbericht_Nr36.pdf) * ‘Procedural guidance for the systematic evaluation of biomarker tests, 2014’; Available [here](http://eprints.hta.lbg.ac.at/1041/1/DSD_77.pdf) * ‘Methodenhandbuch für Health Technology Assessment, Version 1.2012’ *(Methods handbook, see BIQG)* ; Available [here](http://hta.lbg.ac.at/uploads/tableTool/UllCmsPage/gallery/Methodenhandbuch.pdf) | 4 +BIQG/ GÖG |
| BE | KCE | * ‘Search for Evidence & Critical Appraisal: Health technology Assessment (HTA), 2007’; Available [here](https://kce.fgov.be/sites/default/files/page_documents/kce_process_notes_hta.pdf) * ‘Search for Evidence & Critical Appraisal: Health Services Research (HSR), 2007’; Available [here](https://kce.fgov.be/sites/default/files/page_documents/kce_process_notes_hsr.pdf) * ‘Belgian guidelines for economic evaluations and budget impact analyses, second edition, 2012’; Available [here](https://kce.fgov.be/sites/default/files/page_documents/KCE_183_economic_evaluations_second_edition_Report.pdf)   *online handbook, process book; available [here](http://processbook.kce.fgov.be/?q=node/1)* | 3 |
| CH | MTU/SFOPH | * ‘Operationalisierung der Begriffe Wirksamkeit, Zweckmäßigkeit und Wirtschaftlichkeit, Arbeitspapier vom 21. Juni 2011’ (*Working paper*); Available [here](http://www.bag.admin.ch/themen/krankenversicherung/00263/00264/04853/index.html?lang=de&download=NHzLpZeg7t,lnp6I0NTU042l2Z6ln1acy4Zn4Z2qZpnO2Yuq2Z6gpJCKdXt9g2ym162epYbg2c_JjKbNoKSn6A--) | 1 |
| DE | DAHTA@DIMDI | * ‘Das Handbuch der DAHTA. Ziele, Inhalte und Arbeitsweisen der Deutschen Agentur für Health Technology Assessment des DIMDI, 2013‘ *(Handbook of DAHTA);* Available [here](http://www.dimdi.de/static/de/hta/methoden/handbuch.pdf) | 1 |
| G-BA | * ‘Verfahrensordnung, last update 2014‘ *(Code of procedure)* ; Available [here](https://www.g-ba.de/downloads/62-492-1002/VerfO_2014-12-18_iK-2015-04-16.pdf) | 1 |
| IQWiG | * ‘Allgemeine Methoden Version 4.2 vom 22.04.2015‘ *(General methods);* Available [here](https://www.iqwig.de/download/IQWiG_Methoden_Version_4-2.pdf)   (English version available [here](https://www.iqwig.de/download/IQWiG_General_Methods_Version_%204-2.pdf)) | 1 |
| DK | DACETHA | * ‘Health Technology Assessment Handbook, 2008’; Available [here](http://sundhedsstyrelsen.dk/publ/publ2008/mtv/metode/hta_handbook_net_final.pdf) * ‘Introduction to Mini-HTA for the hospital service, 2005’; Available [here](http://sundhedsstyrelsen.dk/~/media/AF4E8E32B4E34A5BA70206556DDFF757.ashx) | 2 |
| ES | OSTEBA | * ‘Documento metodologico: La identification de tecnologias sanitarias emergentes, 2002’ *(Method manual)*; Available [here](http://www.osakidetza.euskadi.eus/r85-pkoste03/en/contenidos/informacion/osteba_tecnologias/en_osteba/adjuntos/documentoMetodologico.pdf) * ‘Protocolos de busqueda bibliografica, 2002’ *(Protocols literature search)*; Available [here](http://www.osakidetza.euskadi.net/contenidos/informacion/osteba_formacion/es_osteba/adjuntos/bibliografia.pdf) * ‘Guia de Evaluacion Economica en el Sector Sanitario, 1999’ *(Economic evalution guide)*; Available [here](http://www.osakidetza.euskadi.net/contenidos/informacion/osteba_formacion/es_osteba/adjuntos/economiaSanitaria.pdf) * ‘Priorizacion de los Temas a Evaluar, 1996’ *(Prioritisation of topics to evaluate);* Available [here](http://www.osakidetza.euskadi.net/contenidos/informacion/osteba_formacion/es_osteba/adjuntos/temasEvaluar.pdf) | 4\* |
| FR | HAS | * ‘General method for assessing health technologies, 2007’; Available [here](http://www.has-sante.fr/portail/upload/docs/application/pdf/general_method_eval_techno.pdf) * ‘Rapid assessment method for assessing medical and surgical procedures, 2007’; Available [here](http://www.has-sante.fr/portail/upload/docs/application/pdf/rapid_assessment_method_eval_actes.pdf) * ‘Methodological choices for the clinical development of medical devices, 2013; Available [here](http://www.has-sante.fr/portail/upload/docs/application/pdf/2014-03/methodological_choices_for_the_clinical_development_of_medical_devices.pdf) * ‘Choices in methods for economic evaluation - a methodological guide, 2012’; Available [here](http://www.has-sante.fr/portail/upload/docs/application/pdf/2012-10/choices_in_methods_for_economic_evaluation.pdf) | 4 |
| HR | AAZ | * ‘The Croatian Guideline for Health Technology Assessment Process and Reporting, 1st edition, February 2011’; Available [here](http://aaz.hr/sites/default/files/hrvatske_smjernice_za_procjenu_zdravstvenih_tehnologija.pdf) | 1 |
| HU | OGYÉI TEI (former: GYEMSZI ETF) | * ‘Az Emberi Erıforrások Minisztériuma szakmai irányelve az egészség-gazdaságtani elemzések készítéséhez, 2013‘ *(Regulation of the Ministry of Human Resources for healtheconomic analysis)*; Available [here](http://www.hbcs.hu/uploads/jogszabaly/1479/fajlok/EEMI_szakmai_iranyelve.pdf) | 1\* |
| IE | HIQA | * ‘Guidance for the Budget Impact Analysis of Health Technologies in Ireland, 2015’; Available [here](https://www.hiqa.ie/system/files/Guidance_on_Budget_Impact_Analysis_of_Health_Technologies_in_Ireland.pdf) * ‘Guidelines for Evaluating the Clinical Effectiveness of Health Technologies in Ireland, 2014’; Available [here](http://www.hiqa.ie/system/files/Clinical-Effectiveness-Guidelines.pdf) * ‘Guidelines for the Economic Evaluation of Health Technologies in Ireland, 2014’; Available [here](http://www.hiqa.ie/system/files/Revised_Economic_Guidelines_posted_100714.pdf) * ‘Guidelines for the Retrieval and Interpretation of Economic Evaluations of Health Technologies in Ireland, 2014’; Available [here](http://www.hiqa.ie/system/files/Guidelines-Retrieval-and-Interpretation-of-Econ-Lit.pdf) * ‘Stakeholder Engagement in Health Technology Assessment in Ireland, 2014’; Available [here](http://www.hiqa.ie/system/files/HTA-Guidelines-Stakeholder-Engagement.pdf) | 5 |
| IT | Agenas | * ’Manuale delle procedure HTA, 2014’ *(HTA process guide)*; Available [here](http://www.agenas.it/images/agenas/hta/Manuale_procedure_HTA.pdf) (Italian) | 1\* |
| LV | NHS LV | * ‘Ārstniecībā izmantojamo medicīnisko tehnoloģiju apstiprināšanas un jaunu medicīnisko tehnoloģiju ieviešanas kārtība’ *(Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers on the Approval of Medical Technologies […] and the Implementation of New Technologies, No. 468, 28 June 2005*);Available [here](http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=111618) | 1\* |
| NL | ZiN (former CVZ) | * ‘Kosteneffectiviteit in de praktijk, 2015’ *(Cost-effectiveness in practice)*; Available [here](https://www.zorginstituutnederland.nl/binaries/content/documents/zinl-www/documenten/publicaties/rapporten-en-standpunten/2015/1506-kosteneffectiviteit-in-de-praktijk/Kosteneffectiviteit+in+de+praktijk.pdf) (Dutch) * ‘Kosteneffectiviteit in de zorg: Op weg naar een genuanceerd en geaccepteerd gebruik van kosteneffectiviteitsgegevens in de zorg, 2013‘ *(Cost-effectiveness in health care: Towards a nuanced and accepted use of cost data in healthcare)*; Available [here](http://www.zorgvisie.nl/PageFiles/81056/CVZ_Kosteneffectiviteit_in_de_zorg.pdf) (Dutch) * ‘Conditional reimbursement of health care, 2012’; Available [here](http://www.zorginstituutnederland.nl/binaries/content/documents/zinl-www/documenten/publicaties/publications-in-english/2012/1204-conditional-reimbursement-of-health-care/1204-conditional-reimbursement-of-health-care/Conditional+reimbursement+of+health+care.pdf) * ‘Assessment of established medical science and medical practice, 2007’; Available [here](http://www.zorginstituutnederland.nl/binaries/content/documents/zinl-www/documenten/publicaties/publications-in-english/2007/0711-assessment-of-established-medical-science-and-medical-practice/0711-assessment-of-established-medical-science-and-medical-practice/Assessment+of+established+medical+science+and+medical+practice.pdf)   + Update (in Dutch), 2015; Available [here](https://www.zorginstituutnederland.nl/binaries/content/documents/zinl-www/documenten/publicaties/rapporten-en-standpunten/2015/1501-beoordeling-stand-van-de-wetenschap-en-praktijk/Beoordeling+stand+van+de+wetenschap+en+praktijk.pdf)   + English summary of update; Available [here](https://www.zorginstituutnederland.nl/binaries/content/documents/zinl-www/documenten/publicaties/publications-in-english/2015/1501-assessment-of-%E2%80%98established-medical-science-and-medical-practice%E2%80%99-update-2015/1501-assessment-of-%E2%80%98established-medical-science-and-medical-practice%E2%80%99-update-2015/Assessment+of+%E2%80%98established+medical+science+and+medical+practice%E2%80%99+%28update+2015%29.pdf) * ‘Medical tests: assessment of established medical science and medical practice, 2011’; Available [here](http://www.zorginstituutnederland.nl/binaries/content/documents/zinl-www/documenten/publicaties/publications-in-english/2011/1101-medical-tests-assessment-of-established-medical-science-and-medical-practice/1101-medical-tests-assessment-of-established-medical-science-and-medical-practice/Medical+tests+%28assessment+of+established+medical+science+and+medical+practice%29.pdf)   *Summary of update on ‘Assessment of established medical science and medical practice’ also touched the assessment of medical tests* | 5 |
| NO | NOKC | * ‘Slik oppsummerer vi forskning. Håndbok for Nasjonalt kunnskapssenter for helsetjenesten, 2015’ (*Manual*); Available [here](http://www.kunnskapssenteret.no/verktoy/_attachment/167644?_ts=14853cd7f31) (Norwegian) | 1\* |
| PL | AOTMiT (former: AOTM) | * ‘Guidelines for conducting Health Technology Assessment (HTA), 2009’; Available [here](http://www.aotm.gov.pl/www/assets/files/wytyczne_hta/2009/Guidelines_HTA_eng_MS_29062009.pdf) * ‘Regulation of the Minister Of Health of 2 April 2012 on the minimum requirements to be satisfied by the analyses accounted for in the applications for reimbursement and setting the official sales price and for increasing the official sales price of a drug, a special purpose dietary supplement, a medical device, which do not have a reimbursed counterpart in a given indication’; Available [here](http://www.aotm.gov.pl/www/assets/files/wytyczne_hta/2012/Regulation_MoH_minimum_requirements_03042012_eng.pdf) | 2 |
| SE | SBU | * ‘Utvärdering av metoder i hälso- och sjukvården En handbok, 2014’ *(Handbook)* ; Available [here](http://www.sbu.se/upload/ebm/metodbok/SBUsHandbok.pdf)   *Evaluation and synthesis of studies using qualitative methods of analysis, 2014’ (part of complete handbook in English); Available [here](http://www.sbu.se/upload/ebm/metodbok/SBUHandbook_QualitativeMethodsOfAnalysis.pdf)* | 1\* |
| UK/ England & Wales | CRD | * ‘CRD's guidance for undertaking systematic reviews in health care, 2009’; Available [here](https://www.york.ac.uk/media/crd/Systematic_Reviews.pdf) | 1 |
| NICE | * ‘Guide to the methods of technology appraisal, 2013’; Available [here](http://www.nice.org.uk/article/pmg9/resources/non-guidance-guide-to-the-methods-of-technology-appraisal-2013-pdf) * ‘Guide to the process of technology appraisal, 2014’; Available [here](http://www.nice.org.uk/article/pmg19/resources/non-guidance-guide-to-the-processes-of-technology-appraisal-pdf) * ‘Diagnostics Assessment Programme manual, December 2011’; Available [here](http://www.nice.org.uk/Media/Default/About/what-we-do/NICE-guidance/NICE-diagnostics-guidance/Diagnostics-assessment-programme-manual.pdf) * ‘Medical Technologies Evaluation Programme, Methods guide, 2011’; Available [here](http://www.nice.org.uk/Media/Default/About/what-we-do/NICE-guidance/NICE-medical-technologies/Medical-technologies-evaluation-programme-methods-guide.pdf) * ‘Medical Technologies Evaluation Programme, Process guide, 2011’; Available [here](http://www.nice.org.uk/Media/Default/About/what-we-do/NICE-guidance/NICE-medical-technologies/Medical-technologies-evaluation-programme-process-guide.pdf) * ‘Interventional Procedures Programme, Methods guide, 2007’; Available [here](http://www.nice.org.uk/Media/Default/About/what-we-do/NICE-guidance/NICE-interventional-procedures/The-interventional-procedures-programme-methods-guide.pdf) * ‘Interventional Procedures Programme, Process guide, 2009’; Available [here](http://www.nice.org.uk/media/default/about/what-we-do/nice-guidance/nice-interventional-procedures/interventional-procedures-programme-process-guide.pdf)   *‘Medtech Innovation Briefings (MIBs): integrated process statement on how NICE select topics and prepare the documents’; Available [here](https://www.nice.org.uk/Media/Default/About/what-we-do/NICE-advice/Medtech-innovation-briefings/MIB-interim-process-methods-statement.pdf)* | 7 |
| UK/ Scotland | SHTG/HIS | * ‘Standard operating procedure for production of technologies scoping reports, 2013’; Available [here](http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/his/idoc.ashx?docid=499aeb1d-dbe9-4434-97c0-fdd6cb485937&version=-1) * ‘Standard operating procedure for production of evidence notes, 2012’; Available [here](http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/his/idoc.ashx?docid=a3ecc845-8fcd-44bf-b274-f8c14253c4be&version=-1) * ‘Framework for producing SHTG Advice Statements, 2013’; Available [here](http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/his/idoc.ashx?docid=8d586d3b-576b-4118-b2de-9db88c0b38ce&version=-1)   *‘Draft standard operating procedure for innovative medical technology overviews, 2014’ (Pilot project); Available [here](http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/technologies_and_medicines/shtg/standard_operating_procedures.aspx)* | 4 |
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**Notes:** Documents/links given in italics are provided only for additional information and were not considered in the analysis; \*Document not extracted due to language barrier