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| | <i>Study design</i> | Response | N/A |
| 1 | The research question is stated | Yes | |
| 2 | The economic importance of the research question is stated | Yes | |
| 3 | The viewpoint(s) of the analysis are clearly stated and justified | Yes | |
| 4 | The rationale for choosing the alternative programmes or interventions compared is stated | Yes | |
| 5 | The alternatives being compared are clearly described | Yes | |
| 6 | The form of economic evaluation used is stated | Yes | |
| 7 | The choice of form of economic evaluation is justified in relation to the questions addressed | Yes | |
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| | <i>Data collection</i> | | |
| 8 | The source(s) of effectiveness estimates used are stated | Yes | |
| 9 | Details of the design and results of effectiveness study are given (if based on a single study) | No | |
| 10 | Details of the method of synthesis or meta-analysis of estimates are given (if based on an overview of a number of effectiveness studies) | | N/A |
| 11 | The primary outcome measure(s) for the economic evaluation are clearly stated | Yes | |
| 12 | Methods to value health states and other benefits are stated | Yes | |
| 13 | Details of the subjects from whom valuations were obtained are given | Yes | |
| 14 | Productivity changes (if included) are reported separately | Yes | |
| 15 | The relevance of productivity changes to the study question is discussed | Unclear | |
| 16 | Quantities of resources are reported separately from their unit costs | Yes | |
| 17 | Methods for the estimation of quantities and unit costs are described | Yes | |
| 18 | Currency and price data are recorded | Yes | |
| 19 | Details of currency of price adjustments for inflation or currency conversion are given | Yes | |
| 20 | Details of any model used are given | | N/A |
| 21 | The choice of model used and the key parameters on which it is based are justified | | N/A |
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| | <i>Analysis and interpretation of results</i> | | |
| 22 | Time horizon of costs and benefits is stated | Yes | |
| 23 | The discount rate(s) is stated | | N/A |
| 24 | The choice of rate(s) is justified | | N/A |
| 25 | An explanation is given if costs or benefits are not discounted | | N/A |
| 26 | Details of statistical tests and confidence intervals are given for stochastic data | Yes | |
| 27 | The approach to sensitivity analysis is given | No | |
| 28 | The choice of variables for sensitivity analysis is justified | | N/A |
| 29 | The ranges over which the variables are varied are stated | | N/A |
| 30 | Relevant alternatives are compared | Yes | |
| 31 | Incremental analysis is reported | Yes | |
| 32 | Major outcomes are presented in a disaggregated as well as aggregated form | Yes | |
| 33 | The answer to the study question is given | Yes | |
| 34 | Conclusions follow from the data reported | Yes | |
| 35 | Conclusions are accompanied by the appropriate caveats | Yes | |

Response categories: Yes, No, Unclear. Authors may enter N/A if an item on the checklist is not appropriate, but this is only acceptable for items 9,10, 12-15, 20, 21, 23-29, and 31. Drummond checklist: Drummond MF, Jefferson TO. Guidelines for authors and peer reviewers of economic submissions to the BMJ. The BMJ Economic Evaluation Working Party. BMJ Source: <http://resources.bmj.com/bmj/authors/checklists-forms/health-economics>