

## **ELECTRONIC APPENDIX.**

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## Electronic Appendix 1. Reporting checklists.

### PRISMA 2020 Statement

Section and Topic	Item #	Checklist item	Location where item is reported
<b>TITLE</b>			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review.	NA
<b>ABSTRACT</b>			
Abstract	2	See the PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist.	2 and 3
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of existing knowledge.	6
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses.	6
<b>METHODS</b>			
Eligibility criteria	5	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses.	7
Information sources	6	Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted.	7
Search strategy	7	Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used.	7, appendix 3
Selection process	8	Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclusion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record and each report retrieved, whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	7
Data collection process	9	Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report, whether they worked independently, any processes for obtaining or confirming data from study investigators, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	7 and 8, appendix 4
Data items	10a	List and define all outcomes for which data were sought. Specify whether all results that were compatible with each outcome domain in each study were sought (e.g. for all measures, time points, analyses), and if not, the methods used to decide which results to collect.	7 and 8, appendix 4
	10b	List and define all other variables for which data were sought (e.g. participant and intervention characteristics, funding sources). Describe any assumptions made about any missing or unclear information.	7 and 8, appendix 4
Study risk of bias assessment	11	Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies, including details of the tool(s) used, how many reviewers assessed each study and whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used.	NA
Effect measures	12	Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results.	8
Synthesis methods	13a	Describe the processes used to decide which studies were eligible for each synthesis (e.g. tabulating the study intervention characteristics and comparing against the planned groups for each synthesis (item #5)).	NA
	13b	Describe any methods required to prepare the data for presentation or synthesis, such as handling of missing summary statistics, or data conversions.	8
	13c	Describe any methods used to tabulate or visually display results of individual studies and syntheses.	8
	13d	Describe any methods used to synthesize results and provide a rationale for the choice(s). If meta-analysis was performed, describe the model(s), method(s) to identify the presence and extent of statistical heterogeneity, and software used.	8
	13e	Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of heterogeneity among study results (e.g. subgroup analysis, meta-regression).	8
	13f	Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of the synthesized results.	NA

Section and Topic	Item #	Checklist item	Location where item is reported
Reporting bias assessment	14	Describe any methods used to assess risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis (arising from reporting biases).	NA
Certainty assessment	15	Describe any methods used to assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome.	NA
<b>RESULTS</b>			
Study selection	16a	Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow diagram.	8, Fig. 1
	16b	Cite studies that might appear to meet the inclusion criteria, but which were excluded, and explain why they were excluded.	8, appendix 5
Study characteristics	17	Cite each included study and present its characteristics.	Appendix 5
Risk of bias in studies	18	Present assessments of risk of bias for each included study.	NA
Results of individual studies	19	For all outcomes, present, for each study: (a) summary statistics for each group (where appropriate) and (b) an effect estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval), ideally using structured tables or plots.	9 and 10
Results of syntheses	20a	For each synthesis, briefly summarise the characteristics and risk of bias among contributing studies.	9 and 10
	20b	Present results of all statistical syntheses conducted. If meta-analysis was done, present for each the summary estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval) and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect.	9 and 10
	20c	Present results of all investigations of possible causes of heterogeneity among study results.	NA
	20d	Present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesized results.	NA
Reporting biases	21	Present assessments of risk of bias due to missing results (arising from reporting biases) for each synthesis assessed.	NA
Certainty of evidence	22	Present assessments of certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for each outcome assessed.	NA
<b>DISCUSSION</b>			
Discussion	23a	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence.	10-12
	23b	Discuss any limitations of the evidence included in the review.	10-12
	23c	Discuss any limitations of the review processes used.	10-12
	23d	Discuss implications of the results for practice, policy, and future research.	10-12
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>			
Registration and protocol	24a	Provide registration information for the review, including register name and registration number, or state that the review was not registered.	6
	24b	Indicate where the review protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared.	6
	24c	Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol.	6
Support	25	Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the review, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the review.	13
Competing interests	26	Declare any competing interests of review authors.	13
Availability of data, code and other materials	27	Report which of the following are publicly available and where they can be found: template data collection forms; data extracted from included studies; data used for all analyses; analytic code; any other materials used in the review.	14

NA: Not applicable. Page MJ, McKenzie JE, Bossuyt PM, Boutron I, Hoffmann TC, Mulrow CD, et al. The PRISMA 2020 statement: an updated guideline for reporting systematic reviews. *BMJ* 2021;372:n71. doi: 10.1136/bmj.n71. For more information, visit: <http://www.prisma-statement.org/>

## STROBE Statement

	Item No	Recommendation	Location where item is reported
<b>Title and abstract</b>	1	(a) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract	1
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	2
<b>Introduction</b>			
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	6
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	6
<b>Methods</b>			
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	6
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	6
Participants	6	(a) <i>Cohort study</i> —Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants. Describe methods of follow-up <i>Case-control study</i> —Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of case ascertainment and control selection. Give the rationale for the choice of cases and controls <i>Cross-sectional study</i> —Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants	7
		(b) <i>Cohort study</i> —For matched studies, give matching criteria and number of exposed and unexposed <i>Case-control study</i> —For matched studies, give matching criteria and the number of controls per case	
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	7 and 8
Data sources/ measurement	8*	For each variable of interest, give sources of data and details of methods of assessment (measurement). Describe comparability of assessment methods if there is more than one group	7
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	8
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	NA
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	8
Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	8
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	8
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	NA
		(d) <i>Cohort study</i> —If applicable, explain how loss to follow-up was addressed <i>Case-control study</i> —If applicable, explain how matching of cases and controls was addressed <i>Cross-sectional study</i> —If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy	NA
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	NA

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<b>Results</b>			
Participants	13*	(a) Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—eg numbers potentially eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study, completing follow-up, and analysed	8, Fig. 1
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	Fig. 1, appendix
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	Fig. 1
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	8, Table 1, appendix
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	NA
		(c) <i>Cohort study</i> —Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)	NA
Outcome data	15*	<i>Cohort study</i> —Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time	NA
		<i>Case-control study</i> —Report numbers in each exposure category, or summary measures of exposure	NA
		<i>Cross-sectional study</i> —Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	NA
Main results	16	(a) Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and their precision (eg, 95% confidence interval). Make clear which confounders were adjusted for and why they were included	9 and 10, Tables 1-3
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized	NA
		(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period	NA
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	
<b>Discussion</b>			
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	10
Limitations	19	Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias	12 and 13
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	10-13
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	12
<b>Other information</b>			
Funding	22	Give the source of funding and the role of the funders for the present study and, if applicable, for the original study on which the present article is based	13

NA: not applicable. \*Give information separately for cases and controls in case-control studies and, if applicable, for exposed and unexposed groups in cohort and cross sectional studies. **Note:** An Explanation and Elaboration article discusses each checklist item and gives methodological background and published examples of transparent reporting. The STROBE checklist is best used in conjunction with this article (freely available on the Web sites of PLoS Medicine at <http://www.plosmedicine.org/>, Annals of Internal Medicine at <http://www.annals.org/>, and Epidemiology at <http://www.epidem.com/>). Information on the STROBE Initiative is available at [www.strobe-statement.org](http://www.strobe-statement.org).

## Electronic Appendix 2. Methods clarification and protocol deviations.

This study arose as a baseline cross-sectional analysis of the project that has been registered in the Open Science Framework (No. osf.io/gzaxr), and published in the open-access, peer-reviewed journal BMJ Open, available at: <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/10/2/e034463>

Searching. Page 2 of the published protocol stated: “(...) *In part two, we will search for articles indexed in 2012 and 2022, respectively, to further assess whether the transparency and reproducibility practices improved between 2012 (as it is 1 year before the publication of the CHEERS statement in 201330) and 2022 (10 years after).*”

Clarification: *In view of the results observed for 2019 (‘reference year’), the team has decided to allocate future efforts and resources prospectively, so data for articles indexed in 2012 and 2022 will not be collected. In part two, we will search for articles indexed in 2024, to further assess changing patterns in transparency and reproducibility practices”.*

Data extraction. Page 3 of the published protocol stated: “(...) *200 articles per year was assumed to be sufficient to capture potential differences. Data in each article will be extracted using a standardised data extraction form by multiple researchers, with a 33% random sample (n=200) extracted in duplicate”.*

Clarification (1): In the 2019 sample (n=200) analysed in this paper, all data from each health economic evaluation were extracted by two researchers (MR, LT-R and/or FC-L) independently in duplicate.

Clarification (2): In this analysis, we downloaded all MEDLINE/PubMed records using Rayyan software (Rayyan Systems Inc, Cambridge, USA) for screening and selection, and exported the 784 unique records that meet inclusion criteria into Microsoft Excel (Microsoft Corp, Seattle, USA). After that, we randomly sorted them using the RAND() function, and then imported the first 200 randomly sorted health economic evaluations for data extraction into Microsoft Excel.

Data analysis. Page 4 of the published protocol stated: “*We will explore whether reproducible research practices are associated with the citation of the CHEERS statement.*”

Clarification: The number of studies citing CHEERS was low in the 2019 sample (n=37). For this reason, and considering that many other studies cited/mentioned other guidelines (such as Recommendations of the US Panel on Cost-Effectiveness in Health and Medicine), it was considered more appropriate to extend the analysis to any guidelines used. This analysis was guided by the recent meta-research on systematic reviews published in The BMJ (see Nguyen et al. 2022)

Data analysis. Page 4 of the published protocol stated: “*The proportion of general, methodological and reproducibility indicators stratified by year will be reported, as well as citation use of the CHEERS statement and journal (eg, according to whether it is an original CHEERS endorsed journal or not).*” As per our published protocol, the list of original CHEERS statement (2013) endorsed journals was:

Applied Health Economics and Health Policy; BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; BMC Medicine; The BMJ; British Journal of Psychiatry; Clinical Therapeutics; Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation; The European Journal of Health Economics; International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care; Pharmacoeconomics; and Value in Health.

Clarification: Given the number of individual studies citing/mentioning CHEERS was low, this subgroup analysis was considered not feasible. In addition, CHEERS 2022 statement was released during the present analysis, and thus the list of CHEERS endorsed journals may change.

Updates and additional analyses. Page 4 of the published protocol stated: “*We plan to conduct a continual surveillance of the health economic literature, keeping evidence as up-to-date as possible. Iterations of the searches and review process will be repeated at regular intervals (eg, 3-year intervals after 2022) to continue to present timely and accurate findings.*”

Clarification: Given the findings of the baseline analysis presented in the 2019 sample (‘reference year’), iterations of the searches and review process will be repeated at regular intervals of 5-years (e.g., next planned iteration will be 2024).

Reference: Nguyen PY, Kanukula R, McKenzie JE, et al. Changing patterns in reporting and sharing of review data in systematic reviews with meta-analysis of the effects of interventions: cross sectional meta-research study. *BMJ*. 2022;379:e072428. doi: 10.1136/bmj-2022-072428. PMID: 36414269; PMCID: PMC9679891.

### Electronic Appendix 3. Search strategy for MEDLINE.

1. "cost-benefit analysis"[mh] OR "costs and cost analysis"[mh] OR "cost-effective\*"[ti] OR "cost-utility"[ti] OR "economic evaluation"[ti]
2. Journal Article[pt] AND hasabstract[text] AND English[lang] AND ("humans"[mh] OR "humans"[All Fields])
3. Editorial[pt] OR Letter[pt] OR Historical Article[pt] OR Meta-Analysis[pt] OR Retracted Publication[sb] OR Review[pt] OR systematic[sb]
4. #1 AND #2
5. #4 NOT #3

Filters: Abstract, English, 2019/1/1:2019/12/31[pdat]

## Electronic Appendix 4. Data Extraction form.

Data in each health economic evaluation was collected using the following form.

Question	Response option
RefID	[Free text]
Study name (e.g. name of first author, year of publication)	[Free text]
Which journal is the health economic evaluation published in?	[Free text]
What is the journal impact factor (according to the JCR at the time of data extraction)?	[Free text]
Journal impact factor categories (according to the JCR at the time of data extraction)	0.0 – 5.0 5.1 – 10 10.1 – 15 > 15
Is the journal a fully open access or subscription-based journal? “Fully open access” journals are those that make all published articles immediately free to read and reuse without any subscription charges or access fees (e.g. PLoS Medicine, BMC Medicine) whereas “Subscription-based” journals typically require readers to pay for the content that they read, including those (“hybrid”) journals that may have open access content (e.g. JAMA, Value in Health)	Fully open access Subscription-based
Types of open access journals (when applicable). There are a number of different types of open access journals. For example: “Platinum open access” (sometimes referred to a ‘Diamond Open Access’) are journals that publish research open access, making content immediately free, without charging and article processing fee. “Gold open access” are journals that publish research open access (e.g., listed in DOAJ), making content immediately free to access, but that charge an article processing fee from authors. To be listed on the DOAJ, all articles in these journals must have a license in accordance with the Budapest Open Access Initiative. “Hybrid open access” are journals that have a mixture of content some of which is (Gold) open access and some of which is behind a paywall and requires a subscription to access. Some journals make particular content (e.g, commentaries) openly available while keeping other content (e.g., research articles) behind a paywall. Many subscription-based journals also allow for authors to pay an article processing charge to make their specific article open access. Further, some journals operate with a delayed OA model in which all content is eventually made OA after an embargo period. These journals therefore contain a hybrid of open and closed articles. Many subscription-based journals allow for self-archiving but may impose an embargo period. For further guidance, see <a href="http://www.ohri.ca/journalology/open-access">http://www.ohri.ca/journalology/open-access</a>	Platinum open access Gold open access Hybrid open access Not applicable

Question	Response option
Is the journal a general or specialty journal? "General" journals are those that cover a range of clinical conditions or intervention types (such as those in the general medicine or multidisciplinary according to Web of Science categorization e.g. NEJM, Lancet, PLoS Medicine, BMC Medicine, JAMA Network Open) whereas "Specialty" journals focus on a specific clinical condition, intervention type, domain or discipline (e.g. Diabetes Care, Neurology, PharmacoEconomics, Physical Therapy)	General Specialty
What is the year of publication?	[Free text]
Number of authors of this health economic evaluation	[Free text]
Number of female authors of this health economic evaluation	[Free text]
What is the name of the first author?	[Free text]
What is the name of the corresponding author?	[Free text]
What is the name of the last author?	[Free text]
What is the gender of the first author?	Male Female
What is the gender of the corresponding author?	Male Female
What is the gender of the last author?	Male Female
What is the country of the first author's reported affiliation in the health economic evaluation?	[Free text]
What is the country of the corresponding author's affiliation in the health economic evaluation?	[Free text]
What is the country of the last author's reported affiliation in the health economic evaluation?	[Free text]
Which of the following terms are in the title of the health economic evaluation? Please choose ONE only	Cost-effectiveness Cost-utility Economic evaluation Other (please specify)
What is the broad ICD-10 category investigated in this systematic review? For guidance, see <a href="http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd10/browse/2019/en">http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd10/browse/2019/en</a> . Please choose the most relevant disease according to the ICD-10 system (e.g. if the condition is lung cancer, please select "Neoplasms" rather than "Diseases of the respiratory system"). Please choose ONE only	Infections and parasitic diseases Neoplasms (incl. cancers, carcinomas, tumors) Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs, immune mechanism Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic disease Mental and behaviour disorders Diseases of the nervous system

Question	Response option
	Diseases of the eye and adnexa Diseases of the ear and mastoid process Diseases of the circulatory system Diseases of the respiratory system Diseases of the digestive system Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue Diseases of the genitourinary system Pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period Congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified Injury, poisoning, and certain other consequences of external causes External causes of morbidity and mortality Factors influencing health status and contact with health services Unclear
What was the primary focus of the health economic evaluation? Please choose ONE only	Treatment/Therapeutic Diagnosis Rehabilitation Unclear Other (please specify)
What type(s) of intervention(s) was/were studied? Please choose ONE only; Pharmacological interventions are drugs/vaccines. Non-pharmacological interventions are those interventions that does not involve drugs/vaccines (e.g. device, behavioral, organizational, supplements and vitamins...)	Pharmacological Non-pharmacological Both pharmacological and non-pharmacological
What type(s) of comparator(s) was/were studied? Please choose ONE only	Active alternative(s) Usual care Placebo or do nothing Unclear Other (please specify)

Question	Response option
<p>Did the authors provide adequate descriptions for the interventions and the comparators? “Adequate descriptions” are those providing the key elements essential to the intervention(s) replication (e.g. the name, dosage, duration or phrase of that describes the intervention(s), etc.) For guidance, see the template for intervention description and replication (TIDieR) checklist and guide: <a href="https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/tidier/">https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/tidier/</a></p>	<p>Yes, adequate description(s) No</p>
<p>What is the type of health economic evaluation? For guidance, see <a href="https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/">https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/</a> Which is the study design of the health economic evaluation?</p>	<p>Single study-based Model-based Randomized controlled trial Non-randomized controlled trial Observational study Deterministic decision analysis Markov model Discrete event simulation (DES) model Microsimulation (MS) model Unclear Other (please specify)</p>
<p>What was the total number of participants included or simulated in the health economic evaluation? If this total number is not clearly stated in the report, type 'NR' (e.g. it is not necessary to add up sample sizes reported in a table). Enter either the reported number, 'NR' if not reported, or 'Unclear'. If the unit of analysis is body parts (e.g. eyes, knees), please specify this.</p>	<p>[Free text]</p>
<p>Did the authors provide an adequate description of the characteristics of the base case population and subgroups analysed, including why they were chosen (when applicable) For guidance, see <a href="https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/">https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/</a></p>	<p>Yes No</p>
<p>What is the base case population analyzed in the health economic evaluation?</p>	<p>Adults Children and adolescents Newborn and infants (less than 1 year) Mixed population (e.g. children/adolescents/adults) Not reported</p>
<p>What is the perspective of the health economic evaluation? Please choose ONE only. For guidance, see <a href="https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/">https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/</a></p>	<p>Societal Health care system/payer Societal and health care system Unclear Other (please specify)</p>

Question	Response option
What are the costs being evaluated in the health economic evaluation? Please choose ONE only For guidance, see <a href="https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/">https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/</a>	Direct costs only Direct and indirect costs Unclear Other (please specify)
What is the time horizon over which costs are being evaluated? Please choose ONE only Note: The choice of time horizon is an important decision for health economic evaluations, and depends on the nature of the disease and intervention under consideration and the purpose of the analysis. A short time horizon (e.g. < 5 years) may be appropriate for some acute conditions, for which long-term consequences are less important. Long-time horizons (e.g. lifetime) are applicable to chronic conditions associated with on-going medical management, rather than a cure. A lifetime horizon is preferred (e.g. UK NICE), although it may be useful to test out intermediate time-horizons of 5 to 10 years, for which there may be more robust data.	Short time Intermediate time Long time Unclear
When appropriate, is a discount rate provided for costs and outcomes, with rationale? For guidance, see <a href="https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/">https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/</a> NA: Not applicable (e.g. short time horizon if < 1 year)	Yes No Unclear Not reported NA
What is the discount rate used for costs and outcomes?	[Free text]
Which health outcome measures were specified (e.g. in the Methods section) of the health economic evaluation? Check all that apply	Life-years gained (LYG) Quality-adjusted life years (QALYs) Disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) Other (please specify)
Choice of health outcomes. Did the authors discuss the relevance of the health outcome measure(s) for the type of analysis performed? For guidance, see <a href="https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/">https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/</a>	Yes No
Measurement of effectiveness. For single-study-based estimates, did the authors describe fully the design features of the single effectiveness study and why the single study was a sufficient source of clinical effectiveness data? For synthesis-based estimates, did the authors describe fully the methods used for identification of included studies and synthesis of clinical effectiveness data (such as systematic reviews and meta-analysis)?	Yes No
Estimate of resources and costs. Did the authors describe the approaches used to estimate resource use associated with the alternative interventions and describe methods for valuing each resource	Yes No

Question	Response option
item in terms of its unit costs? For guidance, see <a href="https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/">https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/</a>	
Currency and price date. Did the authors report the dates of the estimated resource quantities and unit costs, and if necessary, the methods for adjusting estimated unit costs to the year of reported costs?	Yes No
Choice of model. Did the authors describe (e.g. a diagram or figure to show model structure) and give reasons for the specific type of decision analytical model? (when applicable) NA: not applicable	Yes No NA
Assumptions. Did the authors describe all structural or other assumptions underpinning the decision-analytical model? (when applicable)	Yes No
Analytical methods. Did the authors describe all analytical methods supporting the evaluation? For example, this could include methods for dealing with skewed, missing, or censored data; extrapolation methods; methods for pooling data; approaches to validate or make adjustments (such as half cycle corrections) to a model; and methods for handling population heterogeneity and uncertainty. For guidance, see <a href="https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/">https://www.equator-network.org/reporting-guidelines/cheers/</a>	Yes No
For each intervention, did the authors report mean values for the main categories of estimated costs and outcomes of interest, as well as mean differences between the comparator groups (e.g. net costs and net benefits)?	Yes No
What was the number of incremental cost-effectiveness ratios (ICERs) reported for the base case analysis in the ABSTRACT and/or RESULTS section (preferably, main text) of the report? Enter 'Unclear' if unclear.	[Free text]
Values of the incremental cost-effectiveness ratios ICER estimate for the base case analysis in the ABSTRACT and/or RESULT section (preferably, main text) of the report. Enter 'Unclear' if unclear.	[Free text]
What are the results of the main reported ICER estimates for the base case analysis? Note that the main result may be identified from the ABSTRACT and/or RESULTS section of the report, depending on where it is first reported in the publication. If it is unclear which is the “intervention” and which is the “comparator” (e.g. because the authors compare two interventions e.g. drug dose A versus drug dose B, without specifying which one is the “active” intervention, select “Unclear”)	More costs, more outcomes Less costs, more outcomes Less costs, comparable outcomes More costs, comparable outcomes More costs, less outcomes Less costs, less outcomes Comparable costs, more outcomes
Did the authors report analyses to characterize uncertainty? For example, effects of sampling uncertainty for incremental cost-effectiveness (such as confidence/credibility intervals), uncertainty	Yes No

Question	Response option
for input parameters, structure of the model, impact of methodological assumptions (such sensitivity analyses)	
What type of analyses did the authors report to characterize uncertainty in this health economic evaluation? Check all that apply	95% confidence intervals/Bayesian credibility intervals Sensitivity analyses (e.g. deterministic/probabilistic) Cost-effectiveness planes Cost-effectiveness curves Tornado diagrams Other (please specify) None
Did the authors report analyses to characterize heterogeneity (e.g. any patient subgroup analysis)? For examples, examining differences in costs, outcomes, or cost-effectiveness that can be explained by variations between subgroups of patients with different baseline characteristics or other observed variability in effects that are not reducible by more information)	Yes No
What are the study conclusions? Conclusions including favourable if the intervention clearly claims to be the preferred choice (e.g. cited as “cost-effective”, “reduced costs”, “produced cost savings”, “an affordable option”, “value for money”), unfavourable if the final comments are negative (e.g. the intervention is “unlikely to be cost-effective”, “produced higher costs”, “is economically unattractive” or “exceeded conventional thresholds of willingness to pay”) and neutral or uncertain when the intervention of interest do not surpass the comparator and/or when some uncertainty is expressed in the conclusions.	Favourable Unfavourable Neutral or unclear
Did the authors report a hypothetical willingness-to-pay (WTP) threshold?	Yes No
Values of hypothetical willingness-to-pay (WTP) threshold. Enter 'Unclear' if unclear	[Free text]
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