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Developing a conceptual framework for going from evidence to coverage decisions

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**Background:** DECIDE, a 5-year project funded by the EU's FP7, aims at improving the dissemination of evidence-based recommendations by building on the work of the GRADE Working Group to develop and evaluate methods that address the targeted dissemination of guidelines.

Within this project we are developing tools to assist policymakers to systematically and transparently consider factors that should influence decisions about whether to pay for the introduction of an intervention (coverage).

**Objectives:** To inform the development of a conceptual framework for going from evidence to coverage decision (EtD), using input collected through a structured consultation of stakeholders.

**Methods:** The EtD include criteria identified as necessary to inform the process that goes from evidence to coverage decisions. We collected stakeholders' feedbacks, through a structured questionnaire, on the main features of the EtD exploring dimensions such as comprehensiveness, relevance, applicability, simplicity, logic, clarity, usability, suitability, usefulness. We aimed at collecting suggestions and comments about the EtD that could be useful to ameliorate it.

**Results:** We had a total of 103 contacts accessing the questionnaire, but only the 77% of the questionnaire were complete.

Stakeholders generally liked the design and the structure of the EtD finding it adequate for the intended purpose (80%) and gave positive judgments about its simplicity (73%) and usefulness (76%).

According to the feedbacks collected all the factors included are relevant for taking coverage decision (79%) and are presented and organized in a clear (67%) and logic (86%) way that help the stakeholders through the process.

The main criticisms relate to the comprehensiveness (47%) of the information and to the usability (51%) by people responsible for coverage decisions.

**Conclusions:** The EtD received positive feedbacks in almost all the dimensions explored. The comments collected were used to make changes and refine the contents of some criteria.