

**Additional file 7 – Table 4: AGREE II criteria for assessing quality of studies of proposed ERAS packages in elective caesarean**

AGREE II items	Lucas [30]	Wrench [32]	Halder [31]	Abell / Long [34–36]	Damluji [33]
<b>Domain 1. Scope and Purpose</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>67%</b>
1. The overall objective(s) of the guideline is (are) specifically described.	6	7	7	6	6
2. The health question(s) covered by the guideline is (are) specifically described.	1	1	1	1	1
3. The population (patients, public etc) to whom the guideline is meant to apply is specifically described.	2	6	7	6	7
<b>Domain 2. Stakeholder involvement</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>19%</b>
4. The guideline development group includes individuals from all the relevant professional groups.	1	7	4	2	1
5. The views and preferences of the target population (patients, public etc) have been sought	1	7	2	1	1
6. The target users of the guideline are clearly defined.	1	7	7	2	2
<b>Domain 3. Rigour of development</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>
7. Systematic methods were used to search for evidence.	1	1	1	1	1
8. The criteria for selecting the evidence are clearly used.	1	1	1	1	1
9. The strengths and limitations of the body of evidence are clearly described.	1	1	1	1	1
10. The methods for formulating the recommendations are clearly described.	1	1	1	1	1
11. The health benefits, side effects and risks have been considered in formulating the recommendations.	1	1	6	1	1
12. There is an explicit link between the recommendation and the supporting evidence.	1	1	1	1	1
13. The guideline has been externally reviewed by experts prior to its publication	1	1	1	1	1
14. A procedure for updating the guideline is provided.	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Domain 4. Clarity of presentation</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>38%</b>
15. The recommendations are specific and unambiguous.	6	4	7	6	6
16. The different options for management of the condition or health issue are clearly presented.	1	1	7	1	1
17. Key recommendations are easily identifiable.	7	7	7	4	1
<b>Domain 5. Applicability</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>
18. The guideline provides advice and/or tools on how the recommendations can be put into practice	1	2	7	1	1
19. The guideline described facilitators and barriers to its application.	7	3	1	1	1
20. The potential resource implications of applying the recommendations have been considered.	2	2	1	1	1

21. The guideline presents monitoring and/or auditing criteria.	1	1	7	1	1
<b>Domain 6. Editorial Independence</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>
22. The views of the funding body have not influenced the context of the guideline.	7	7	7	1	1
23. Competing interests of guideline development group members have been recorded and addressed.	1	7	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>28%</b>