Records identified through database searching
(n = 1005)
Pubmed: n = 810
Scopus: n = 4
Science Direct: n = 78
EbscoH: n = 87
EconLite: n = 26

Additional records identified through other sources
(n = 68)
WHO Bulletin: n = 63
Health Policy and Planning: n = 2
World Bank: n = 1
WHO: n = 2

Records after duplicates removed
(n = 679)

Records screened
(n = 394)

Records excluded
(n = 337)
high-income country: n = 54
not HTA-tool-related: n = 128
background on HTA: n = 155

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility
(n = 57)

Full-text articles excluded, with reasons
(n = 51)
only economic analysis: n = 7
priority setting focus: n = 29
tool not described sufficiently: n = 3
no sufficient HTA information: n = 12

Studies included in qualitative synthesis
(n = 6)