Reviewer's report

**Title:** Effects and repercussions of local/hospital-based health technology assessment (HTA): A systematic review

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Minor essential revisions

The study is very interesting and covers an emerging issue in HTA and hospital management.

It is also well written and methodology seems to be consistent with declared aims of the study. The paper should be published with minor revisions.

Few points to look at.

1) The hospital based HTA World Wide Survey has been produced by HTAi Hospital Based interest group as reported by authors. Nevertheless correct citation of the study should be: Cicchetti, A., Marchetti, M. Dibidino R., Corio, M. on behalf of HTAi’s Hospital Based Sub Interest Group.

2) An interesting experience of hospital based HTA unit in Italy is reported by Catananti et al., Hospital-based Health Technology Assessment: the experience of Agostino Gemelli University Hospital’s HTA Unit, Italian Journal of Public Health, Year 3, Volume 2, Number 2, Summer 2005.

3) I’m surprised that some studies were not retrieved, in particular:

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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