

## Additional file 1

EVEREST Statement: Checklist for health economics paper

	Study section	Additional remarks
<b>Study design</b>		
(1) The research question is stated	Introduction	
(2) The economic importance of the research question is stated	Introduction	
(3) The viewpoint(s) of the analysis are clearly stated and justified	Methods	Markov Model section
(4) The rationale for choosing the alternative programmes or interventions compared is stated	Introduction	
(5) The alternatives being compared are clearly described	Methods	
(6) The form of economic evaluation used is stated	Abstract	
(7) The choice of form of economic evaluation is justified in relation to the questions addressed	Methods	
<b>Data collection</b>		
(8) The source(s) of effectiveness estimates used are stated	Methods	Also in Table 1
(9) Details of the design and results of effectiveness study are given (if based on single study)	Methods	
(10) Details of the method of synthesis or meta-analysis of estimates are given (if based on an overview of a number of effectiveness studies)	Methods	
(11) The primary outcome measure(s) for the economic evaluation are clearly stated	Methods	
(12) Methods to value health states and other benefits are stated	Methods	
(13) Details of the subjects from whom valuations were obtained are given	Methods	Readers are referred to a previous publication supplying this information.
(14) Productivity changes (if included) are reported separately	n/a	
(15) The relevance of productivity changes to the study question is discussed	n/a	
(16) Quantities of resources are reported separately from their unit costs	Methods	
(17) Methods for the estimation of quantities and unit costs are described	Methods	

(18) Currency and price data are recorded	Methods	
(19) Details of currency of price adjustments for inflation or currency conversion are given	Methods	
(20) Details of any model used are given	Methods	Markov model section
(21) The choice of model used and the key parameters on which it is based are justified	Methods	
<b>Analysis and interpretation of results</b>		
(22) Time horizon of costs and benefits is stated	Methods	
(23) The discount rate(s) is stated	Methods	
(24) The choice of rate(s) is justified	Methods	
(25) An explanation is given if costs or benefits are not discounted	n/a	
(26) Details of statistical tests and confidence intervals are given for stochastic data	Methods	
(27) The approach to sensitivity analysis is given	Methods	
(28) The choice of variables for sensitivity analysis is justified	Methods	
(29) The ranges over which the variables are varied are stated	Methods	Also in Table 1
(30) Relevant alternatives are compared	Results	
(31) Incremental analysis is reported	Results	
(32) Major outcomes are presented in a disaggregated as well as aggregated form	Results	
(33) The answer to the study question is given	Results	
(34) Conclusions follow from the data reported	Conclusion	
(35) Conclusions are accompanied by the appropriate caveats	Conclusion	