

Supplemental Table 2. Characteristics of included systematic reviews

	Smartt 2009 ¹⁴	OHTAC 2010 ¹⁵	Ward 2011 ¹⁶	Hornberger 2012 ¹⁷	Rouzier 2013 ¹⁸
Dates of search and databases searched	<p>2007 to September 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMBASE • MEDLINE • The Cochrane Library • CINAHL <p>The searchers were limited to English (EMBASE, MEDLINE, and CINAHL). Non-human studies were excluded from EMBASE and MEDLINE searches.</p>	<p>1 January 2006 to 19 March 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVID MEDLINE • MEDLINE In-process • EMBASE • CINAHL • INAHTA 	<p>January 2009 to May 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEDLINE: 1950 to May 2011 • MEDLINE In-process: 1950 to May 2011 • EMBASE: 1980 to May 2011 • Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL): Issue 3, 2011 • Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews – Issue 8, 2011 • NHS Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness (DARE) – via Cochrane Library, Issue 3, 2011 • Health Technology Assessment Database (HTA) – via Cochrane Library, Issue 3, 2011 • BIOSIS previews: 1926 to May 2011 • Web of Knowledge: 1899 to May 2011 <p>Additional sources were searched including contacting manufacturers, experts in the field, screening reference list of included studies, citation searching of key papers. Conference proceedings</p>	<p>2000 to 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PubMed • CINAHL • Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews <p>Searches were supplemented by using Web of Science to identify additional studies, and searching publications from the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, and the European Society of Medical Oncology.</p>	<p>1 January 2002 to 7 January 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PubMed • Cochrane Library <p>HTA websites of the UK, Canada, Australia, and USA were searched</p> <p>Conference proceedings were search from 2009 to 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium • American Society of Clinical Oncology • European Breast Cancer Conference • St. Gallen Oncology Conference • European Society of Medical Oncology • European Cancer Organization • International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research

			from the St. Gallen International Breast Cancer were screened as well as relevant reviews and guidelines.		
Population	Women with early-stage breast cancer	Women with early stage (I-IIIa) invasive breast cancer that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estrogen receptor (ER) positive and/or progesterone receptor (PR) <i>positive</i> • Lymph node (LN) <i>negative</i> • Human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) <i>negative</i> 	Women with early-stage invasive breast cancer (stage I, II, or III) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lymph node (LN) <i>negative or positive (up to 3)</i> • Estrogen receptor (ER) <i>positive or negative</i> • HER2 <i>positive or negative</i> 	Women with early-stage breast cancer	“early-stage, nonmetastatic breast cancer patients who underwent curative-intent surgery”
GEP test(s)	Oncotype DX MammaPrint H/I ratio test	Oncotype DX	Randox Breast Cancer Array MammaPrint Blueprint PAM50 Oncotype DX Breast Cancer Index	Mammostrat MammaPrint Oncotype DX Molecular Grade Index BreastOncPx	Commercially available multi-gene assays (MGAs) : OncotypeDx MammaPrint Blueprint PAM50 Breast Cancer Index Mammostrat NPI+
Aims and objectives/Key Questions focused on clinical utility	To assess the evidence of GEP tests for improving prognostic accuracy, treatment choice, and health outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the predictive value of Oncotype-DX? • How does Oncotype-DX impact patient quality of life and clinical/patient decision-making? 	“The overall aim of the assessment is to assess the clinical effectiveness, effect on patient outcomes, and cost-effectiveness of the new GEP and expanded IHC tests”.	“The primary aim of our study was to systematically grade the Level-of-Evidence (LOE) in studies that assessed the clinical validity/utility of risk stratifiers for ESBC. A secondary aim was to document studies that provided evidence on changes in practice patterns and health economic implications of the stratifiers”.	“This systematic review summarizes the available evidence from health economic analyses on MGAs and molecular markers in breast cancer”

<p>Inclusion/exclusion criteria</p>	<p>“Articles were considered to be ineligible if the study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only applied to breast cancer biology (ie were not clinical studies) • did not involve OncotypeDX™ or MammaPrint® or H/I gene expression profiling tests • did not involve original data or original data analysis • did not involve breast cancer patients • was not reported in English • did not apply to any of the key questions of the review • other (give reason) • eligibility was unclear. “ <p>letters, editorial, comments and news articles were excluded</p> <p>conference abstracts were included if they presented relevant data</p>	<p>“Inclusion Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any observational trial, controlled clinical trial, randomized controlled trial (RCT), meta-analysis or systematic review that reported on the laboratory performance, prognostic value and/or predictive value of Oncotype-DX testing, or other outcome relevant to the Key Questions, specific to the target population was included. <p>Exclusion Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Studies that did not report original data or original data analysis, ▪ Studies published in a language other than English, ▪ Studies reported only in abstract or as poster presentations (such publications were not sought nor included in this review since the Medical Advisory Secretariat (MAS) does not generally consider evidence that is not subject to peer review nor does the MAS consider evidence that lacks detailed description of methodology).” 	<p>Exclusion criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Animal models ▪ Preclinical and biological studies ▪ Editorials and opinion pieces ▪ Non-English publications ▪ Conference abstracts ▪ Studies related to breast cancer biology ▪ Studies conducted in the neo-adjuvant treatment setting <p>“...studies will be excluded if they...appear to be methodologically unsound, or do not report methods and/or results in the necessary detail.”</p>	<p>Inclusion criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original data on an assay’s ability to predict risk of progression or response to chemotherapy ▪ Studies reporting assay’s impact on clinical decisions, practice patterns, or economics <p>Exclusion criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Studies reporting individual components of the assay ▪ Pathophysiological or in vitro studies ▪ No original data ▪ Non early-stage breast cancer ▪ Non-English language publication ▪ Did not report on the clinical validity, clinical decisions, or economics 	<p>Inclusion criteria:</p> <p>“publications assessing the cost-effectiveness or budget impact of prognostic MGAs”</p>
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<p>Included studies addressing key questions related to clinical utility</p>	<p><u>OncotypeDx:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ 1: 3 studies (Akashi-Tanaka 2009²⁰; Kok 2009²¹; Li 2009²²) • KQ 2: 3 studies (Asad 2008²⁷; Henry 2009²⁹; Rayhanabad 2008²⁸) <p><u>MammaPrint:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ 2: 1 study (Bueno-de-Mesquita 2007³⁹) 	<p><u>Oncotype Dx:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ 1: 2 studies (Paik 2006²³; Albain 2010²⁴) • KQ 2: 3 studies (Asad 2008²⁷; Geffen 2009³⁰; Lo 2010³¹) 	<p><u>OncotypeDx:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ 1: 3 studies (Albain 2010²⁴; Tang 2011²⁵; Tang 2010²⁶) • KQ 2: 4 studies (Ademuyiwa 2011³²; Geffen 2009³⁰; Holt 2011³³; Lo 2010³¹) <p><u>MammaPrint:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ 2: 1 study (Gevensleben 2010⁴⁰) 	<p><u>Oncotype DX:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ 1: 3 studies (Paik 2006²³; Tang 2011²⁵; Albain 2010²⁴) • KQ 2: 10 studies (Ademuyiwa 2011³²; Asad 2008²⁷; Henry 2009²⁹; Hornberger 2011³⁶; Joh 2011³⁷; Klang 2010³⁵; Lo 2010³¹; Oratz 2007³⁴; Partin 2011³⁸; Rayhanabad 2008²⁸) • KQ3: 8 included studies were not considered in this overview as their methodological quality was not evaluated. <p><u>MammaPrint:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ 2: 1 study (Bueno-de-Mesquita 2007³⁹) • KQ 3: 3 included studies were not considered in this overview as the methodological quality was not evaluated. 	<p><u>OncotpyeDX:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ 3: 22 studies (Hornberger 2005⁴¹; Lyman 2007⁴²; Kondo 2008⁴³; Cosler 2009⁴⁴; de Lima Lopes 2010⁴⁵; Klang 2010³⁵; O’Leary 2010⁴⁶; Tsoi 2010⁴⁷; de Lima Lopes 2011⁴⁸; Holt 2011b⁴⁹; Hornberger 2011³⁶; Kondo 2011⁵⁰; Hassan 2011⁵¹; Lacey 2011a⁵²; Lacey 2011b⁵³; Paulden 2011⁵⁴; Ragaz 2011⁵⁵; Vanderlaan 2011⁵⁶; Hall 2012⁵⁷; Lamond 2012⁵⁸; Madaras 2012⁵⁹; Wilson 2012⁶⁰) <p><u>MammaPrint:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ 3: 5 studies (Oestreicher 2005⁶⁴; Zarca 2009⁶⁵; Chen 2010⁶³; Retel 2010⁶¹; Kondo 2012⁶²)
<p>Quality assessment</p>	<p>Quality of individual studies was assessed with a 44-item checklist based on REMARK criteria, and STARD criteria were used to compare quality between studies.</p>	<p>The quality of the body of evidence was assessed according to the GRADE criteria for: 1) quality; 2) consistency; and 3) directness.</p>	<p>Quality of individual studies was assessed using six dimensions related to internal validity purposed by Altman 2001: 1) sample of participants; 2) follow-up of participants; 3) outcomes; 4) prognostic variables; 5) analysis; and 6) treatment subsequent to inclusion in cohort.</p>	<p>Rated included studies according to the level of evidence outlined by Simon 2009¹⁹.</p>	<p>“The Quality Health Economic Studies (QHEs) instrument was used to evaluate the quality of economic evaluations”</p>