Supplementary Table 2 – Hofmann’s framework for integrating moral issues into HTAs

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| What are the morally relevant *consequences* of the implementation of this technology?  |
| Does the implementation or use of the tech challenge patient autonomy? |
| Does the technology in anyway violate or interfere with basic human rights? |
| Does the technology challenge human integrity? |
| Does the technology challenge human dignity?  |
| Will there be a moral obligation related to the implementation and use of a technology?  |
| Does the technology challenge social values and arrangements?  |
| Does the widespread use of the technology change our conception of certain persons? (eg. with certain diseases) |
| Does the technology contest religious, social or cultural conditions? |
| Can use of the technology in anyway challenge relevant law?  |
| How does the assessed technology relate to more general challenges of modern medicine? |
| Have any related technologies turned out to be morally-challenging? |
| Does the technology change or challenge the relationship between physician and patient?  |
| How does the implementation of the technology affect the distribution of healthcare? |
| How does the technology contribute to or challenge professional autonomy? |
| Can the technology harm the patient? |
| **Questions with respect to stakeholders** |
| What patient group is the beneficiary of the technology? |
| Are third party agents involved? |
| What are the interests of the users of the technology? |
| What are the interests of the producers of the technology? (eg. industry, universities) |
| **Questions related to technology** |
| Are there moral challenges related to components of a technology that are relevant to the technology as such?  |
| What is the characteristic of the technology to be assessed? |
| Is the symbolic value of the technology of any moral relevance?  |
| Moral aspects of methodological choices |
| Are there morally-relevant issues related to the choices of endpoints in the assessment?  |
| Are there morally relevant issues related to the selection of studies to be included in the HTA? |
| Are users of the technology in the studies representative of the users that will apply it in clinical practice? |
| Are there morally-relevant aspects with respect to the level of generalization? |
| Are there moral issues in research ethics that are important to the HTA?  |
| **Questions related to technology assessment** |
| What are the reasons that this technology was selected to be assessed?  |
| What are the interests of the persons participating in the technology assessment? |
| At what time in its development is the technology assessed?  |
| Are there related technologies that have or have not been assessed?  |
| What are the moral consequences of the HTA?  |

Caption:

Supplementary Table 2:

Shown are the thirty-three questions making up Hofmann’s framework for integrating moral issues into HTAs (1).

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