

Additional File 2: List of excluded studies after full-text evaluation [in alphabetic order]

Number	Reference	Reason for exclusion
1	[No authors listed] Methodology of guideline development. <i>Neurosurgery</i> 2002, 50 (3):S2-6.	No handbook
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19	Eccles M, Clapp Z, Grimshaw J, Adams PC, Higgins B, Purves I, Russell I. Developing valid guidelines: methodological and procedural issues from the North of England Evidence Based Guideline Development Project. <i>Qual Health Care</i> 1996,5(1):44-50.	No updating guidance
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21	Figlin RA, Gilden R, Taylor C. Methodology of the Practice Guidelines. <i>Cancer J Sci Am</i> 1996,2(3A):S4.	Unable to retrieve
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58	Swiss Medical Association. Guideline für guidelines. Bern: Swiss Medical Association 2000.	No updating guidance
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