

Supplementary File 1 Syntax used in the search to retrieve economic evaluation of diagnostic strategies for the management of sepsis.

SCOPUS

```
(TITLE-ABS-KEY(pharmacoconomic *)  
OR TITLE-ABS-KEY(cost-effectiveness)  
OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("economic evaluation")  
OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("health technology assessment"))  
AND (TITLE-ABS-KEY(antibiotic*))  
OR TITLE-ABS-KEY(infectious)  
OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("bacterial infection")  
OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("viral infection"))  
AND (TITLE-ABS-KEY("diagnostic")  
OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("diagnostics")  
OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("test")  
OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("tests")  
OR TITLE-ABS-KEY("testing"))  
AND (TITLE-ABS-KEY("sepsis"))  
AND PUBYEAR >1999  
AND PUBYEAR <2020
```

PUBMED

```
((infectious  
OR "bacterial infection"  
OR "viral infection"  
OR antibiotic *  
OR antimicrobial)  
AND ("diagnostic"  
OR "diagnostics"  
OR "test"  
OR "tests"  
OR "testing")  
AND (pharmacoconomic *  
OR "cost-effectiveness"  
OR "economic evaluation"  
OR "health technology assessment")  
AND ("sepsis")  
) AND ((2000/01/01"[Date - Publication] : "2020/12/31"[Date -  
Publication]))
```

WEB OF SCIENCE

```
TS = (((("bacterial infection"  
OR "viral infection"  
OR antibiotic *  
OR antimicrobial  
OR infectious)  
AND ("diagnostics"  
OR "diagnostic"  
OR "test"  
OR "tests"  
OR "testing")  
AND (pharmacoconomic*  
OR cost-effectiveness
```

OR “economic evaluation”
 OR “health technology assessment”)
 AND (“sepsis”)))
 Period of time: 2000–2020

Supplementary File S2 CHEERS Checklist Results

CHEERS Item	Percentage of Articles that Reported the Item (n = 16)
Title	100%
Abstract	100%
Background and objective	100%
Target population	100%
Setting	100%
Study perspective	100%
Interventions compared	100%
Treatment	100%
Time horizon	93.7%
Discount rate for health outcomes	6.3%
Discount rate for economic outcomes	0%
Reported clinical outcomes	100%
Measurement of effectiveness	100%
Resource and cost estimations	100%
Currency year used	100%
Type of model	100%
Assumptions	100%
Analytical methods	100%
Study parameters	100%
Characterizing uncertainty	93.7%
Study findings, limitations, generalizability, and current knowledge	100%
Source of funding	87.5%
Conflicts of interest	75%