

eviQ as required review protocol categorisation

As of January 2023, there are currently 400 drug treatment protocols that were published more than 10 years ago, 76 of which have been discontinued. Haem BMT-161 (29 discontinued) MO-239 (47 discontinued).

Due to the continuously growing number of protocols, it has become unmanageable to review everything in a timely manner as per the current criteria. Therefore, protocols that have been published more than 10 years ago will be evaluated using the criteria provided below.

Based on this assessment, reviews for older protocols will no longer be automatically initiated based on a review due date but on an as required basis when issues are identified by users, reference committee (RC) members or eviQ content authors (CA's). For instance, if there are any changes related to protocol content.

The initial assessment will be conducted by the relevant CA's and the actions taken will be based on the scores assigned according to the criteria. The ongoing annual assessments will be part of the eviQ protocol review and included in the protocol review surveys sent to RC members. Whilst the initial assessment will involve a significant number of protocols for each content area, ongoing assessment for older protocols will be incorporated into the current protocol review process.

Decision matrix for not reviewing:				
Criteria	Details		Score	
Level of evidence	Standard = 2	Limited = 1		
Status of protocol	Superseded = 1	Endorsed = 5		
Latest review period	2 years = 1	4 or 5 years = 5		
Recent non sitewide protocol content changes e.g. clinical info, dose mods (not ADDIKD), admin, evidence	< 5 years = 1	5-10 years = 3	> 10 years = 5	
Original study date	10-15 years = 1	15-20 years = 3	Over 20 years = 5	
Final outcomes published	Yes = 5	No = 1		
No of hits in last year	>1000 = 1	500-1000 = 2	<500 = 3	
Total				/30

Scores

- 15 or more-as required review
- Less than 15- continues with date triggered review

The relevant RC's will be tasked with reviewing protocols that have scored 15 or above, via a quick survey. The purpose of this review is to determine whether any of these protocols should be superseded or discontinued or if they should continue in the current review cycle, before being designated for a required review. Any protocols identified for superseding or discontinuing will be flagged for discussion at the next RC meeting.

Protocols that are assigned as required review will remain endorsed but have a distinct flag added at the top of the page and the "review due date" located at the bottom of the page will be removed.

This process will be applied annually to all protocols reaching their 10-year anniversary. Noting, that these protocols can still be reviewed as needed and identified by RC members or eviQ CA's.