Table 1. Frequency distribution of elements of the Q-SEA tool in Iranian health technology assessment reports published up to 2020

Element	Description	Yes No.	Yes %	Partially[a] No.	Partially[a] %	No No.	No %
Process domain							
Research question	Was the research question clearly stated a priori ?	83	91.2	3	3.3	5	5.5
Literature search	Was the search for literature comprehensive?	76	83.5	8	8.8	7	7.7
Inclusion and exclusion criteria	Did the analysis clearly state inclusion and exclusion criteria?	75	82.4	10	11.0	6.0	6.6
Perspective	Was the analysis conducted from an impartial perspective? (i.e. considers how the technology impacts on various stakeholders: patients, health system, care providers, etc.)	12	13.2	25	27.5	54	59.3
Ethics framework	Did the analysis identify which ethics framework (s) it has adopted?	6	6.6	4	4.4	81	89.0
Output domain							
Completeness	Did the analysis acknowledge gaps in the ethical literature?	2	2.2	8	8.8	81	89.0
Bias	Were possible sources of bias identified?	4	4.4	6	6.6	81	89.0
Implications	Were policy implications identified?	9	9.9	16	17.6	66	72.5
	Were implications differentiated by stakeholder (e.g. patient, health professionals, policy-makers, health system, industry, etc.)	9	9.9	24	26.4	58	63.7
Conceptual clarification	Were key terms in the analysis defined?	13	14.3	30	33.0	48	52.7
Conflicting values	Were potential conflicts of values identified?	2	2.2	6	6.6	83	91.0

[a]Can be inferred.