**SDC 5**

**Structure and content of the AGREE instrument**

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| **Domain** | **Content** | **No. of items** |
| Scope and purpose | Addresses the overall aim of the guideline, the specific clinical questions and the target patient population | 3 |
| Stakeholder involvement | Addresses the extent to which the guideline represents the views of its intended users (relevant professional groups, patients, target users defined, piloting among target users) | 4 |
| Rigour of development | Addresses the process used to collect and synthesize the evidence, the methods to formulate the recommendations, process for updating the guidelines, external review | 7 |
| Clarity and presentation | Addresses the language and format of the guideline (recommendations are specific and unambiguous, different options for management are presented, key recommendations are identifiable, tools for application are available) | 4 |
| Applicability | Addresses the likely organisational, behavioural, and cost implications of applying the guideline, key criteria for monitoring and/or audit purposes | 3 |
| Editorial independence | Addresses the independence of the recommendations and acknowledgement of possible conflict of interest from the guideline development group | 2 |