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Ergebnisse der empirischen erhebung [Impact from HTA-research for the Austrian health care system. Part 2: Results of the empirical survey]

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Authors’ objectives
In Austria, HTA research has been established in the 1990s. The aim of HTA is to produce independent scientific support for decision makers which should result in an improved health care system and in better population health. HTA has itself to undergo evaluation in order to legitimise further research resources and to guarantee the benefit of the research. The study addresses the impact of HTA research that has been conducted at the Institute of Technology Assessment at the Austrian Academy of Sciences and at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for HTA (LBI-HTA).

Authors’ conclusions
Multi-dimensional impact of HTA research has been demonstrated. However, the potential to further increase the impact is large. A lack of impact is strongly linked to external factors (e.g. lack of commitment among decision makers, counter-lobbies). Research that is closely linked to the decision making process in terms of content and time frame, standardised inclusion of HTA in decision making processes and resource flexibility have been identified as the strongest drivers for future impact.

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