Additional File 5. Utility weights used

Details	Source/Notes
Utility adjustments made for	Utility for HIV and AIDs sourced from published literature. No
asymptomatic HIV, AIDs, maintenance	utilities available for substance disorders so these values are
treatment and quality of life of IDU.	assumed. The authors justify these utility adjustments by
	comparing to other conditions which limit activities.
Assumption of 0.02 utility decrement	Assumption tested in sensitivity analyses only
each day per month of heroin use	
NR	Nottingham Health Profile as reported in a multicentre study
	comparing three MMT programmes in five drug treatment
	centres in Barcelona
Utility adjustment applied to all health	Based on utility weights from a societal perspective study
	Utility adjustments made for asymptomatic HIV, AIDs, maintenance treatment and quality of life of IDU. Assumption of 0.02 utility decrement each day per month of heroin use NR

(2012) [4]	states in the model for in treatment, off	which used a panel of UK general population members to
	drugs; in treatment, on drugs, out of	make valuations on given health states using standard gamble
	treatment, off drugs and out of	method
	treatment, on drugs	
Stephen	Utility adjustments used for 'Untreated	Based on utility weights from a societal perspective study
(2012) [5]	or relapse, reduced use of heroin, and	which used a panel of UK general population members to
	heroin-free states	make valuations on given health states using standard gamble
		method
Tran (2012)	Utility adjustment applied for health	Based on mapping of World Health Organisation Quality of life-
[6]	states: ART and on MMT ongoing drug	Brief version (WHOQOL-BREF) to QALYs
	abuse; ART and on MMT ongoing drug	
	abstinence	
Zaric (2000)	Utility based on infection status and	Assumptions based on literature on quality of life impacts in
	IDU in MMT, IDU not in MMT and non	
		2

[7]	IDU	non-AIDS HIV and AIDS
Zaric (2000)	Utility based on infection status and	Assumptions based on literature on quality of life impacts in
[8]	IDU in MMT, IDU not in MMT and non	non-AIDS HIV and AIDS
	IDU	
Adi (2007) [9]	Mean utilities on NAL, placebo and not	Bespoke utility study based on utility weights from a societal
	on treatment	perspective study which used a panel of UK general population
		members to make valuations on given health states using
		standard gamble method
Connock	Mean utilities on MMT and BMT for first	Based on utility weights from a societal perspective study
(2007) [10]	2 weeks then week 3-52	which used a panel of UK general population members to
		make valuations on given health states using standard gamble
		methods study
Schering-	NR	Full details not available, but based on published literature.

Plough (2007)	
[11]	

AIDS, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; ART, ; BMT, buprenorphine maintenance treatment; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; IDU, injecting drug user; MMT, methadone maintenance treatment; NAL, naltrexone; NR, not reported; QALY, quality-adjusted life-year; UK, United Kingdom.

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