SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

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Evidence-based medicine levels	Evidence-based medicine types
la	Systematic review with homogeneity of level 1 studies
Ib	Level 1 studies
Ш	Level 2 studies
	Systematic review of level 2 studies
III	Level 3 studies
	Systematic review of level 3 studies
IV	Consensus, expert opinions without explicit critical assessment
Level 1 studies	They meet:
	 Blinded comparison with a reference test (gold standard) valid
	Adequate spectrum of patients
Level 2 studies	They present only one of these biases:
	 Non-representative population (the sample does not reflect
	the population where the test will be applied)
	 Inadequate comparison with the reference standard (gold
	standard) (the test to be evaluated is part of the gold standard
	or the result of the test influences the realization of the gold
	standard)
	Unblinded comparison
	Case-control studies
Level 3 studies	Present two or more of the criteria described in level 2 studies

Table 1S. Evidence-based medicine levels.

Table 2S. Recommendation levels used in POLINA guideline.

A	At least one meta-analysis, systematic review or randomized clinical trial classified as 1++ and directly applicable to the target population, or a volume of scientific evidence derived from studies classified as 1+ and with great consistency between them
В	A volume of scientific evidence derived from studies classified as 2++, directly applicable to the guideline's target population and showing great consistency between them; or extrapolated evidence from studies rated 1++ or 1+
C	A volume of scientific evidence derived from studies classified as 2+, directly applicable to the guideline's target population and showing great consistency between them; or evidence extrapolated from studies classified as 2++
D	Level 3 or 4 scientific evidence, or extrapolated scientific evidence from level 2+ studies

Table 3S. Scores of the evaluation of methodological rigor and transparency in the process of elaboration of the POLINA Guide (AGREE II instrument)

Section	Reviewer	Reviewer	Reviewer	Final	%		
	1	2	3	score			
I. Scope and Objective							
1. The overall objective(s) of the guide	7	7	7	21			
is(are) specifically described							
2. The health question(s) covered by	7	7	7	21			
the guideline is(are) specifically							
described					98		
3. The population (patients, public, etc.)	7	6	7	20			
to whom the guideline is meant to							
applied are specifically described							
	21	20	21	62			
II. P	articipation	1					
4. The guideline development group	7	7	7	21			
includes individuals from all relevant							
professional groups.							
5. The patients' views and preferences	6	7	7	20	0.2		
have been sought					93		
6. The target users of the guide are	6	7	5	18			
clearly defined							
	19	21	19	59			
III. Rigor ir	h the develo	pment					
7. Systematic methods were used to	6	7	5	18			
search for evidence							
8. The criteria for selecting the evidence	6	7	7	20			
are clearly described							
9. The strengths and limitations of the	7	7	7	21			
body of evidence are clearly described							
10. The methods for formulating the	7	7	7	21			
recommendations are clearly described							
11. The health benefits, side effects,	7	6	7	20	84		
and risks have been considered in	-	C C					
formulating the recommendations							
12. There is an explicit link between the	7	7	7	21			
recommendations and the supporting							
evidence							
13. The guide has been externally	7	7	7	21			
reviewed by experts prior to its	,	,	,				
publication							
publication	1	I			1		

14. A procedure for updating the guide is provided	1	1	1	3			
	48	49	48	145			
IV. Clarity of Presentation							
15. The recommendations are specific and unambiguous	7	7	7	21			
16. The different options for	7	7	7	21			
management the condition are clearly presented.					100		
17. The key recommendations are easily identifiable.	7	7	7	21			
	21	21	21	63			
V. /	Applicability	,					
18. The guideline describes facilitators	7	6	6	19			
and barriers to its application							
19. The guideline provides advice	7	1	7	15			
and/or tools on how the							
recommendations can be put into							
practice					60		
20. The potential resource implications	6	1	5	12	00		
of applying the recommendations have							
been considered							
21. The guideline presents monitoring	7	1	1	9			
and/ or auditing criteria							
	27	9	19	55			
	rial Indepen	dence					
22. The views of the funding body have	3	7	1	11			
not influenced the content of the							
guideline							
23. Competing interests of guideline	1	1	1	3	22		
development group members have							
been recorded and addressed							
	4	8	2	14			
Quality rate							
1. Rate the overall quality of the	6	5	6				
guideline between 1 (Lowest							
possible quality) to 7 (Highest							
possible quality):							
2. Would you recommend this guide for							
use in practice?							
Yes	X		X				
Yes, with modifications		X					
No							

	R.1	R.2	R.3	Final	%
I. CLINICAL APPLICABILITY			<u> </u>	score	
1. Evidence		7	7	21	
2. Applicability to target users		7	7	21	\sum
3. Applicability to patients/populations	7	7	7	21	63
Score	-	21	21	63	
II. VALUES AND PREFERENCES				00	
4. Values and preferences of target users		7	7	20	
5. Values and preferences of patients/populations	6	7	7	20	
6. Values and preferences of policy/decision- Makers		1	1	3	47
7. Settings and preferences of guideline developers		1	1	3	
Score	14	14	16	46	
III. IMPLEMENTABILITY					
8. Purpose	7	7	7	21	
9. Local application and adoption	7	7	5	19	94
Score	14	14	12	40	
GLOBAL EVALUATION					
1. Rate the overall quality of the recommendation from 1 (Lowest possible quality) to 7 (Highest possible quality)		6	7	6,33	
2. Would you recommend this recommendation					
from the guide for its use in practice?					
Yes		х	Х		
Yes, with modification		0	0		
No		0	0		

Table 4S. Scores of the credibility of the recommendations and possibility of implementation of the POLINA Guide (AGREE REX instrument)

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