

# FOSTERING THE IDENTIFICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT STUDIES: THE BRAZILIAN HTA DATABASE CASE STUDY

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## BACKGROUND

- Bibliographic databases are essential for obtaining information quickly and in a standardized manner. Currently, the search for information related to health technology assessment (HTA) in Brazil is carried out by individually accessing publications on online journals or institutional websites.

## OBJECTIVE

- To present the Brazilian HTA Database, an online platform indexing HTA studies focused on the Brazilian context.

## METHODS

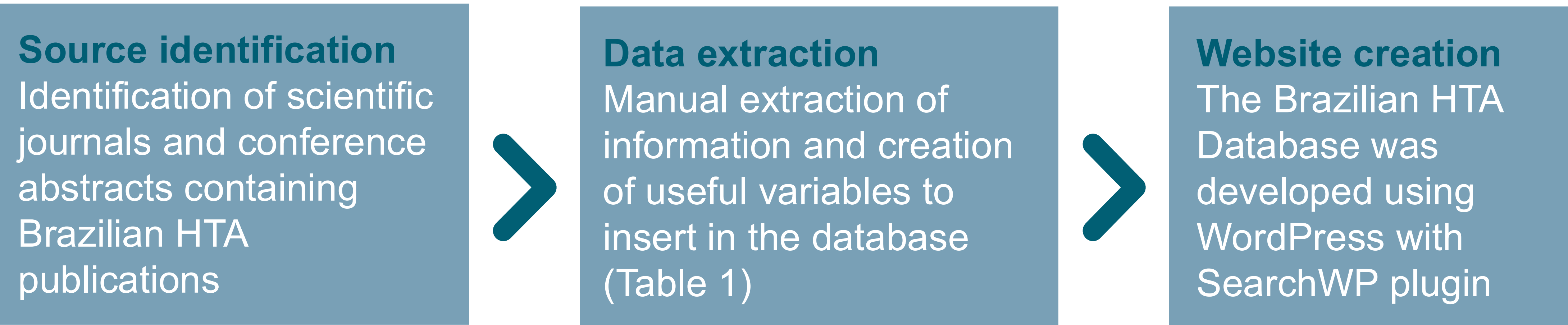


Table 1: Information available in the database.

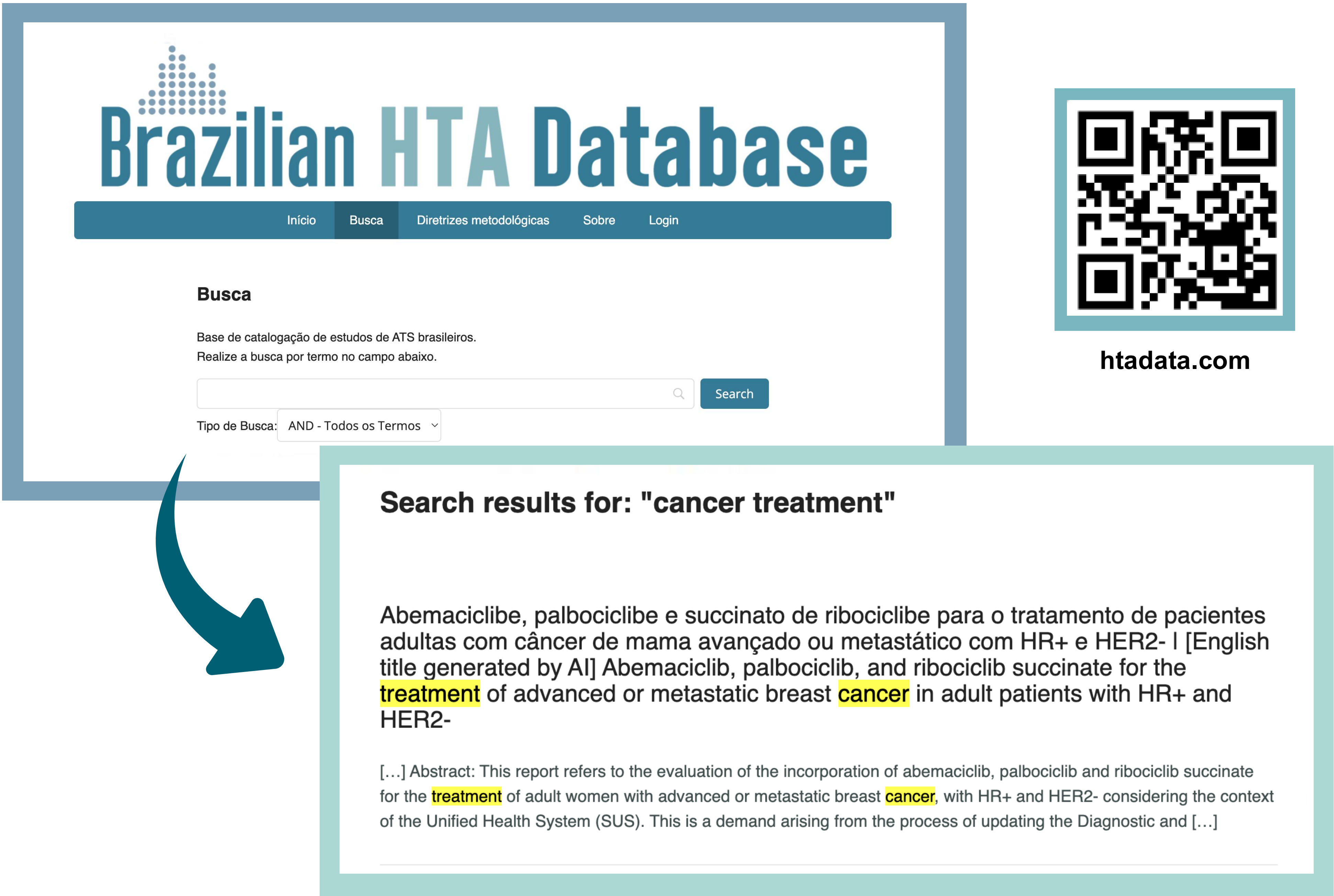
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<sup>b</sup> Translated into English or Portuguese with the help of AI.ANS: Agência Nacional de Saúde Suplementar; CONITEC: Comissão Nacional de Incorporação de Tecnologias no Sistema Único de Saúde; DOI: digital object identifier; ISPOR: International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research; JBES: Jornal brasileiro de economia da saúde; JAFF: Jornal de assistência farmacêutica e farmacoconomia; REBRATS: Rede Brasileira de Avaliação de Tecnologias em Saúde.

## RESULTS

- The database is hosted at [www.htadata.com](http://www.htadata.com). Access is available upon individual registration and is free of charge for non-commercial purposes.
- Currently, universities and most registered users are from HTA centers of hospitals, and pharmaceutical companies in Brazil.

Figure 1: Search in Brazilian HTA Database.



- The database currently contains over 5,000 documents, all accessible through simple searches using Boolean operators (Figure 1).
- HTA reports, systematic reviews of the literature, and cost-effectiveness studies constitute the majority of documents indexed in the database.
- Brazilian HTA guidelines are also available on the website.

## CONCLUSION

- The Brazilian HTA Database provide bilingual, systematic, and centralized access to Brazilian HTA studies.
- The project highlights the importance of making local HTA information accessible, especially considering that many decision-relevant studies are not published in indexed journals.
- This initiative can be replicated in other contexts, promoting more informed and equitable health technology assessment globally.