

Background

The choice of perspective in health economic evaluations is central to the outcome [1]. In Sweden, the Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency (TLV) bases reimbursement decisions on health economic evaluations, adopting a societal perspective [2]. Unlike the healthcare payer perspective, the societal perspective accounts for costs and benefits arising both within and outside the regional healthcare system [3].

Aim

This study aimed to investigate how TLV applies the societal perspective, focusing on their assessment of non-healthcare costs.

Methods

A health economic analysis was defined as having a societal perspective if it included costs beyond direct healthcare expenditures, i.e., cost incurred outside the Swedish regions and hospitals. The NMAi tool [4] was used to retrieve reimbursement decisions published by TLV. The NMAi tool consists of a database with documents from year 2000 published by Nordic HTA bodies. The NMAi tool allowed for filtering searches by date range, country, language, category, subcategory, and medicine. TLV reimbursement decisions published between 2022 and 2024 were included in the analysis. **Figure 1** presents the methodology for data extraction.

Figure 1. Methodology of data collection using the NMAi tool

