

Table 1 The stratification analysis of the AGREE II quality evaluation results

		Scope and purpose	Stakeholder involvement	Rigour of development	Clarity of presentation	Applicability	Editorial independence
Consensus	VS Guideline						
Consensus (n=10)	Scope % $\bar{X} \pm SD$	38.89-83.33 45.37±24.14	27.78-61.11 40.91±17.08	6.25-45.83 21.97±15.21	33.33-72.22 50.51±20.25	4.17--37.50 20.08±11.61	16.67-66.67 34.09±23.99
Guideline (n=9)	Scope % $\bar{X} \pm SD$	44.44-72.22 52.47±10.43	33.33-55.56 40.74±10.02	4.17-43.75 19.68±11.18	38.89-72.22 52.47±10.06	16.67-33.33 19.91±5.81	16.67-58.33 38.89±21.25
	P	0.4	0.98	0.79	0.79	0.97	0.64
The number of the persons for formulating the recommendations							
≤9(n=9)	Scope % $\bar{X} \pm SD$	44.44-72.22 51.23±9.53	33.33-55.56 42.59±10.02	10.42-31.25 18.75±6.75	38.89-66.67 54.94±11.26	16.67-33.33 20.83±5.89	16.67-58.33 34.26±21.02
≥10 (n=10)	Scope % $\bar{X} \pm SD$	38.89-83.33 55.56±13.09	27.78-55.56 43.33±11.36	4.17-45.83 25.00±16.08	33.33-72.22 53.33±11.17	4.17-37.50 21.25±10.10	16.67-58.33 41.67±21.87
	P	0.41	0.88	0.26	0.76	0.91	0.45
Time (≤ 2009 VS ≥ 2010 years)							
Before the AGREE II released	Scope % $\bar{X} \pm SD$	44.44-83.33 59.72±12.15	33.33-61.11 50.00±9.39	4.17-45.83 31.25±13.91	50.00-72.22 60.42±8.10	16.67-37.50 25.00±8.33	50.00-66.67 57.29±5.34
After the AGREE II released	Scope % $\bar{X} \pm SD$	38.89-72.22 48.99±8.90	27.78-55.56 37.88±8.17	6.25-20.83 15.34±5.91	33.33-72.22 49.49±10.67	4.17-33.33 18.18±7.04	16.67-58.33 24.24±16.85
	P	0.03	0.003	0.002	0.01	0.06	<0.00001