



XI. Strengths and limitations

The general recommendations and treatment algorithm are evidence- and consensus-based and they were developed in cooperation with Sbidian et al., which meant that the most-up-to-date systematic review and network meta-analysis was used and that the methods applied in the development of this review were rigorous – as detailed in the Cochrane Handbook - and peer reviewed independently through the Cochrane Skin Group.

While this allowed for an inclusion of newer treatment options, one limitation of this guideline is the absence of recommendations beyond induction treatment, as this was not covered by the review.

Another focus of this guideline is the explicit reporting on management and monitoring recommendations for patients receiving the different treatments. However, while these were developed taking the SmPCs and clinical practice in many European countries into account, the recommendations are often not evidence-based as there typically is no evidence available.