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**Aim**

To assess the safety and effectiveness of the service and under what circumstances public

funding should be supported for the service.

**Conclusions and results:**

*Safety* ABBI is safe.

*Effectiveness* Available evidence does not suggest that ABBI is superior to conventional

core biopsy diagnostic testing.

*Cost-effectiveness* This was not undertaken.

**Recommendations**

ABBI should continue to be funded under existing arrangements as additional funding is not

currently warranted.

**Method**

MSAC conducted a systematic review of medical literature on ABBI from 1982 until May

1998 via Medline, HealthSTAR, EmBase, Austrom, Austhealth, the Cochrane Library,

Biosis, CANCERLIT, IAC Health & Wellness, Pascal and Elsevier Biobase databases. In addition information was sought from the internet, international technology assessment agencies, from references quoted in retrieved articles and from the distributor for ABBI.