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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.