

IQWiG in Dialogue 2017

The IQWiG Methods in an International Context

– Introduction –

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General Methods^a

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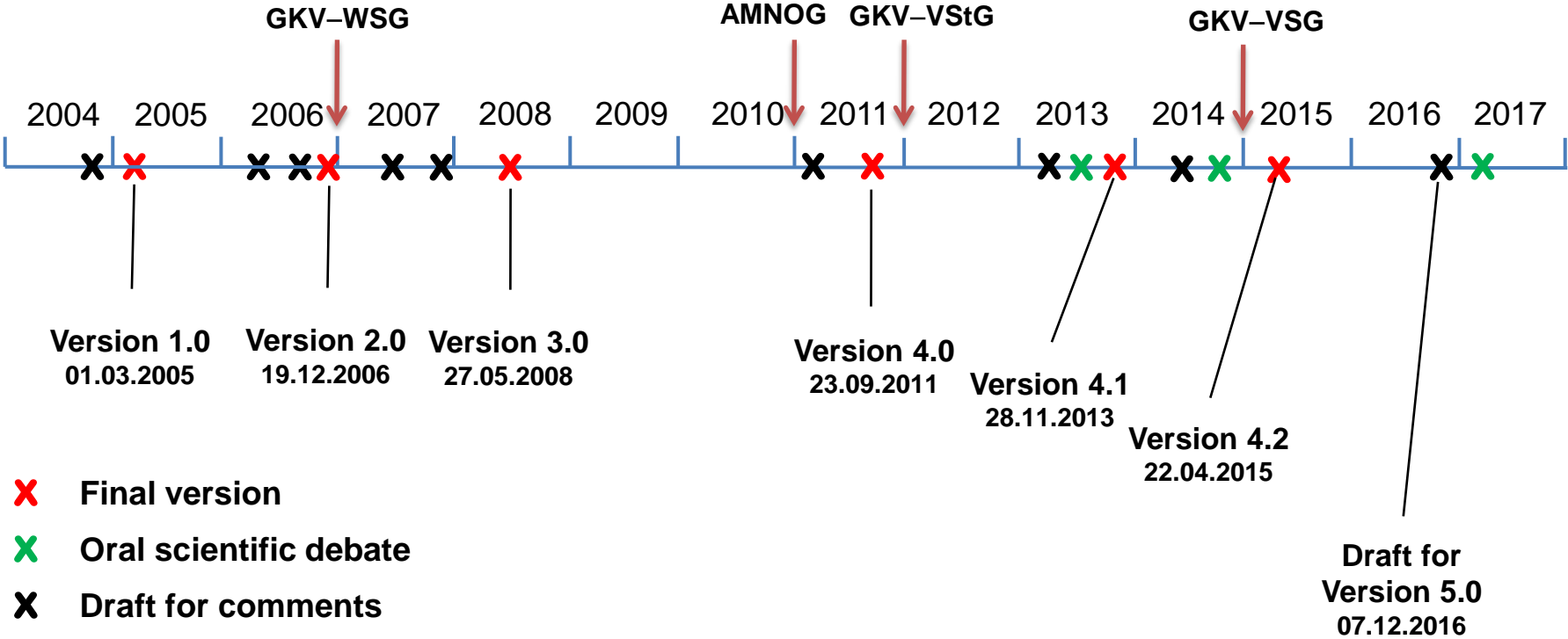
New Draft
(final version will be
published soon)

Allgemeine Methoden

Entwurf für Version 5.0 vom 07.12.2016

<https://www.iqwig.de/en/methods/methods-paper.3020.html>

General Methods of IQWiG – History



Legal foundations of IQWiG

Legal regulations

Chronology

- 2004 Health Care Reform: **Establishment**
- 2007 Act to Promote Competition in Statutory Health Insurance (GKV-WSG):
Health economic evaluations
- 2011 Act on the Reform of the Market for Medicinal Products (AMNOG),
Regulation on the Benefit Assessment of Drugs (AM-NutzenV)
Early benefit assessment
- 2012 Structure of Health Care Act of the Statutory Health Insurance (GKV-VStG):
Testing regulations for new examination or treatment methods (coverage with evidence development)
- 2015 Act to Strengthen the Provision of Health Care (GKV-VSG):
Systematic assessment of high-risk class medical devices
HTA reports based on public proposals

Reasons for a Methods Paper

- **Implementation of legal regulations**
 - Framework given by legal foundations
- **Objective and evidence-based recommendations**
 - Use of high-quality scientific methods
- **Transparent methods**
 - Publication of methods paper, public comments
- **Scientific and up-to-date**
 - Regular updates of methods paper

Specifications in IQWiG methods

Three categories for the certainty of benefit:

- Proof (“Beleg”):
 - Meta-analysis of studies with high certainty of results
 - At least 2 significant studies with high certainty of results
- Indication (“Hinweis”):
 - Meta-analysis of studies with moderate certainty of results
 - One significant study with high certainty of results
- Hint (“Anhaltspunkt”):
 - Meta-analysis of studies with low certainty of results
 - One significant study with moderate certainty of results

Principles of work at IQWiG

- **Independent**
 - Assessment methods, results of assessment
- **Objective and evidence-based**
 - Assessment reports based on evidence, analyzed using scientific methods
- **Patient-oriented**
 - Assessment based on patient-relevant outcomes, consultation of patient representatives
- **Transparent**
 - Publication of project results in intermediate and final stages, no acceptance of commercial in-confidence data
- **Scientific**
 - Regular exchange with the scientific community

IQWiG in Dialogue
– 10-year Anniversary –

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Speakers:

Dawid Pieper (Witten/Herdecke University, Germany)

Patrice Chalon (KCE, Belgium)

Claudia Wild (LBI-HTA, Austria)

Conor Teljeur (HIQA, Ireland)

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