

Table 2. Summary of the characteristics of depression clinical practices guidelines (n=15).

Characteristics	N	%
Number of authors		
>20	6	40
≥10 to ≤20	3	20
< 10	4	27
not mentioned	2	13
Year of publication		
2016	5	33
2015	1	7
2014	2	13
2013	4	27
2012	2	13
2011	1	7
Version		
updated	9	60
first	4	27
revised	1	7
adapted	1	7
Update period		
not mentioned	7	47
5 years	2	13
3-5 years	1	7
3 years	3	20
1-2 years	2	13
Continent		
North America	8	53
Europe	3	20
South America	2	13
Other	2	13
Type of institution		
Professional body	7	47
Governmental	6	40
Other	2	13
Topics covered (besides non-pharmacological and pharmacological treatment)		
diagnostic and prevention	4	27
screening, diagnostic and prevention	3	20
screening and diagnostic	3	20
only non-pharmacological and pharmacological treatment	2	13
diagnostic	2	13
prevention	1	7
Target user		
health care professionals	11	73
physicians	3	20
Medical specialists and mental health professionals	1	7

Target patient		
adult	12	80
children, youth, adult, and elderly	2	13
not mentioned	1	7
Development method		
systematic review	12	80
consensus and review	3	20
Method for formulating recommendations		
consensus not detailed	9	60
formal consensus	5	33
not mentioned	1	7
Level of evidence or grade the recommendations		
GRADE	7	47
other	8	53
Funding		
Yes	13	87
No	1	7
not mentioned	1	7
