Evaluation of the Belgian guidelines website *EBMPracticeNet* in French general practice

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INTRODUCTION

CONTEXT

- EBM Guidelines is a collection of about 1000 guidelines for primary care, produced by the Finnish Medical Society Duodecim.
- EBMPracticeNet, a Belgian consortium of scientific and medical societies:
 - translates the collection into Dutch and French
 - adapts it to the Belgian health system context
 - makes it available for the Belgian GPs on the website ebmpracticenet

OBJECTIVES

- Experimentation of this Belgian website in French general practice
- The aim was to assess
 - physicians' participation
 - searches' effectiveness
 - users' global appraisal

METHODS

Data collected from March to September 2017

- The website logbook registered all searches
- Search-specific assessment questionnaire, periodically filled online, to evaluate searches' effectiveness
- Global assessment questionnaire to evaluate content and ergonomics (System Usability Scale, SUS)

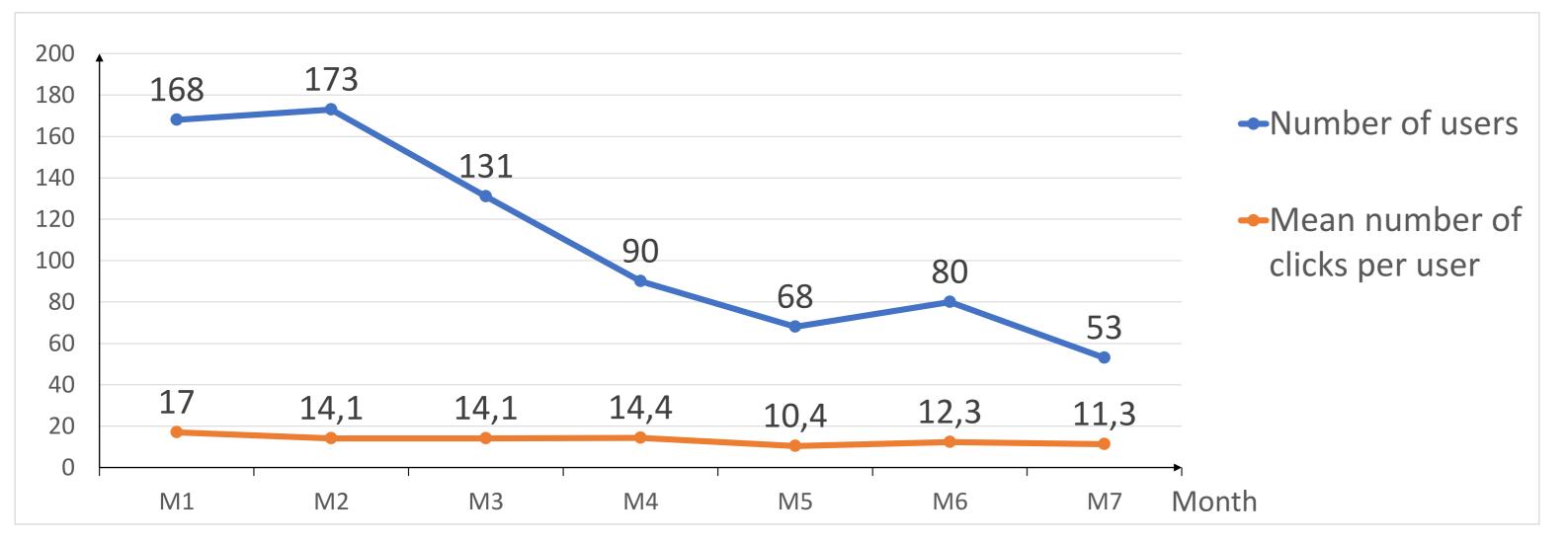
The frequency of use by each participant was defined as the number of clicks performed into the website, either for entering a query or for opening a guideline.

MAIN RESULTS

PHYSICIANS' PARTICIPATION

Logbook

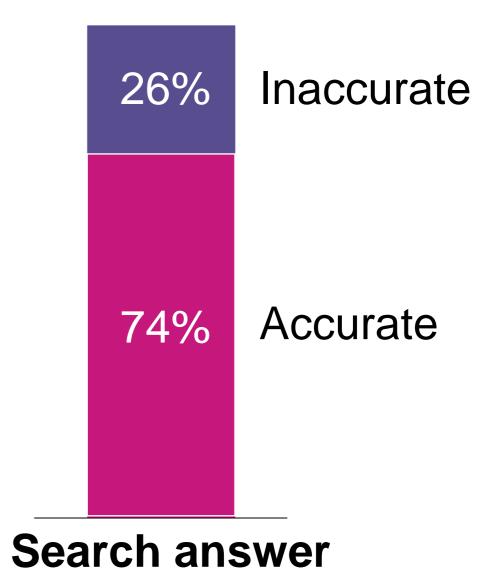
262 GPs did at least one search and performed 5,9 clicks/month on average



Evolution of monthly users and clicks per user during the study

SEARCHES' EFFECTIVENESS

Search-specific assessment questionnaire (n=194)



PERCEPTION OF THE ERGONOMICS

CONTENT EVALUATION

Global assessment questionnaire (n= 103) Rather unreliable _ 5% _ 8% No Rather useless 5% Medium 14% Medium Rather reliable 95% Yes Rather useful Information reliability Wishing to continue Website usefulness to use the website for practice



CONCLUSION

- ebmpracticenet seemed relevant to answer most French GPs' clinical questions
- Before implementing the website at a large scale in France, improvements should focus on guidelines indexing and their adaptation to the French context
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