



Evidence-informed country-level policymaking - Citations (short version)

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Below are the bibliographic references of papers and other literature cited by HIFA members during the discussion. The citations are organised approximately under each of the 5 questions. A longer version with selected extracts and HIFA members' comments is available on request.

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