

B VIDEO SCRIPT 2

This video shows you how to rate a piece of technology that can support autistic people for the available evidence. There is an accompanying video that explains the three key aspects of evidence and we recommend you watch this video if you have not already done so.

In this video you will work through an example, so you can see how to use the BETA project's online tool for evaluating the level of evidence available for technologies supporting autistic people. This will result in an evaluation of the evidence being complete, adequate, weak or that there is no - or very little - evidence available.

Complete means there is high quality available evidence on all (or mostly all) of what is needed.

Adequate means there is high quality evidence on some of what is needed, or adequate quality evidence on all (or mostly all) of what is needed.

Limited means there is adequate quality evidence on some of what is needed, or limited evidence for all (or mostly all) of what is needed.

None means there is no, or not enough, evidence. This includes 'I don't know', if you are unaware of any evidence.

This results in a gold, silver or bronze level award of evidence for a piece of technology, or no award if there is no, or very little, evidence.

We will use the FindMe app as an example to demonstrate how you can evaluate existing evidence for a product with our tool. To use the online tool, first go to this website.

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*** First, let's try to find the Find me app on the Apple and Google app stores.

We cannot find it, so we search a bit more on the web to see whether it's discontinued.

The app is indeed unavailable.

We cannot access a trial version and as a result we need to select None in the Trial version section.

We didn't find any online reviews or expert opinions either, so we select None for those too.

To look for academic sources, we start our search on Google scholar. We found a paper on the app and after reading it through we found complete information for its reliability so we select Complete.

We move on to the other two aspects of technology, Engagement and Effectiveness, and we rate them in the same way.

After we finish rating, we are given a summary of the three scores in addition to the total one. ***

The BETA project online tool showed that there is 'bronze level' evidence for this app.

The BETA project does not identify which technologies work, but rather the level of evidence supporting technologies for autism, so that an informed decision can then be made.

Thank you for watching.