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**Introduction.** Give concise background information relevant to the study so that the readers may be able to understand why the study was done.

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**Acknowledgement.** State personal or institutional contributions, and financial or material support. Supply full information for nature of support (technical help, critical review, data collection, and participation in clinical trial), number of grants-in-aid, and name and location of institution or organization.

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- 1) Hinohara S. The past, present and future of International Health Evaluation Association (IHEA). *Methods Inf Med* 2002; 41: 191-5.
- 2) Nishizaki Y, Kubo A, Kuwahira I, Kuroda E, Nigou N, Sueno T, et. al. Anti-aging health check-up system – For the prevention of potentially progress aging related disadvantageous changes in elderly–. *HEP* 2012; 39: 549-57.
- 3) Collen MF. Evaluation of MHTS. Chap. II Evaluation of Progress in Health Monitoring. Editor: Yasaka T. *Proceedings of the International Conference on Automated Multiphasic Health Testing and Services*. Amsterdam-Oxford-Princeton: Excerpta Medica, 1981; 105-39.
- 4) Wolff T, Miller T. Evidence for the Reaffirmation of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation on Screening for High Blood Pressure [Internet]. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (US); 2007. (Accessed August 5, 2012, at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK33934/>)

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