

Appendix 1. Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic reviews and Meta-Analyses extension for Scoping Reviews (PRISMA-ScR) Checklist

SECTION	ITEM	PRISMA-ScR CHECKLIST ITEM	REPORTED ON PAGE #
TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a scoping review.	
ABSTRACT			
Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary that includes (as applicable): background, objectives, eligibility criteria, sources of evidence, charting methods, results, and conclusions that relate to the review questions and objectives.	
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known. Explain why the review questions/objectives lend themselves to a scoping review approach.	
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the questions and objectives being addressed with reference to their key elements (e.g., population or participants, concepts, and context) or other relevant key elements used to conceptualize the review questions and/or objectives.	
METHODS			
Protocol and registration	5	Indicate whether a review protocol exists; state if and where it can be accessed (e.g., a Web address); and if available, provide registration information, including the registration number.	
Eligibility criteria	6	Specify characteristics of the sources of evidence used as eligibility criteria (e.g., years considered, language, and publication status), and provide a rationale.	
Information sources*	7	Describe all information sources in the search (e.g., databases with dates of coverage and contact with authors to identify additional sources), as well as the date the most recent search was executed.	
Search	8	Present the full electronic search strategy for at least 1 database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	
Selection of sources of evidence†	9	State the process for selecting sources of evidence (i.e., screening and eligibility) included in the scoping review.	
Data charting process‡	10	Describe the methods of charting data from the included sources of evidence (e.g., calibrated forms or forms that have been tested by the team before their use, and whether data charting was done independently or in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators.	
Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought and any assumptions and simplifications made.	
Critical appraisal of individual sources of evidence§	12	If done, provide a rationale for conducting a critical appraisal of included sources of evidence; describe the methods used and how this information was used in any data synthesis (if appropriate).	
Synthesis of results	13	Describe the methods of handling and summarizing the data that were charted.	

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RESULTS			
Selection of sources of evidence	14	Give numbers of sources of evidence screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, with reasons for exclusions at each stage, ideally using a flow diagram.	
Characteristics of sources of evidence	15	For each source of evidence, present characteristics for which data were charted and provide the citations.	
Critical appraisal within sources of evidence	16	If done, present data on critical appraisal of included sources of evidence (see item 12).	
Results of individual sources of evidence	17	For each included source of evidence, present the relevant data that were charted that relate to the review questions and objectives.	
Synthesis of results	18	Summarize and/or present the charting results as they relate to the review questions and objectives.	
DISCUSSION			
Summary of evidence	19	Summarize the main results (including an overview of concepts, themes, and types of evidence available), link to the review questions and objectives, and consider the relevance to key groups.	
Limitations	20	Discuss the limitations of the scoping review process.	
Conclusions	21	Provide a general interpretation of the results with respect to the review questions and objectives, as well as potential implications and/or next steps.	
FUNDING			
Funding	22	Describe sources of funding for the included sources of evidence, as well as sources of funding for the scoping review. Describe the role of the funders of the scoping review.	

JB1 = Joanna Briggs Institute; PRISMA-ScR = Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic reviews and Meta-Analyses extension for Scoping Reviews.

* Where *sources of evidence* (see second footnote) are compiled from, such as bibliographic databases, social media platforms, and Web sites.

† A more inclusive/heterogeneous term used to account for the different types of evidence or data sources (e.g., quantitative and/or qualitative research, expert opinion, and policy documents) that may be eligible in a scoping review as opposed to only studies. This is not to be confused with *information sources* (see first footnote).

‡ The frameworks by Arksey and O'Malley (6) and Levac and colleagues (7) and the JBI guidance (4, 5) refer to the process of data extraction in a scoping review as data charting.

§ The process of systematically examining research evidence to assess its validity, results, and relevance before using it to inform a decision. This term is used for items 12 and 19 instead of "risk of bias" (which is more applicable to systematic reviews of interventions) to include and acknowledge the various sources of evidence that may be used in a scoping review (e.g., quantitative and/or qualitative research, expert opinion, and policy document).

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Appendix 2 – Database search strategy

Medline (OVID)

Date of the search: 24-03-2022

Database limit: No database limit has been applied

Concepts	#	Search strategy	Results
Caregivers (Controlled vocabulary)	1	Caregivers/ OR Caregiver Burden/	44794
Caregivers (Free vocabulary)	2	caregiv*.ti,ab,kw,kf OR "informal care".ti,ab,kw,kf OR "care giver*".ti,ab,kw,kf	87654
Caregivers (Combined)	3	1 OR 2	100601
Economic burden (Controlled vocabulary)	4	Cost of Illness/ OR exp "Salaries and Fringe Benefits"/ OR Employment/ OR Absenteeism/ OR "Health Expenditures"/ OR Financial Stress/	135054
Economic burden (Free vocabulary)	5	((financial OR economic) adj2 (burden? OR strain)).ti,ab,kw,kf OR ((Direct OR indirect) adj2 cost?).ti,ab,kw,kf OR Absenteeism.ti,ab,kw,kf OR Sick Leave.ti,ab,kw,kf OR Employee?.ti,ab,kw,kf OR Employment.ti,ab,kw,kf OR Wage.ti,ab,kw,kf OR Salar*.ti,ab,kw,kf OR ((Health OR Indirect OR Direct) adj2 (Expenditure? OR Expense?)).ti,ab,kw,kf OR (Cost adj2 (Illness OR sick*)).ti,ab,kw,kf	182147
Economic burden (Combined)	6	4 OR 5	272346
Combination of concepts	7	3 AND 6	8916
Publications between 2012 and 2022	8	limit 7 to yr="2012-2022"	4988

Embase (Embase.com)

Date of the search: 24-03-2022

Database limit: No database limit has been applied

Concepts	#	Search strategy	Results
Caregivers (Controlled vocabulary)	1	'caregiver'/de OR 'caregiver burden'/de	103,745
Caregivers (Free vocabulary)	2	caregiv*.ti,ab,kw OR "informal care".ti,ab,kw OR "care giver*".ti,ab,kw	122,033
Caregivers (Combined)	3	#1 OR #2	145,776
Economic burden (Controlled vocabulary)	4	'cost of illness'/de OR 'salary and fringe benefit'/exp OR 'financial stress'/de OR 'financial distress'/de OR 'employment'/de OR 'absenteeism'/de OR 'health care cost'/de	337,991
Economic burden (Free vocabulary)	5	(Cost NEAR/2 (Illness OR sick*)):ti,ab,kw OR ((financial OR economic) NEAR/2 (burden\$ OR strain)):ti,ab,kw OR ((Direct OR indirect) NEAR/2 cost\$):ti,ab,kw OR Absenteeism:ti,ab,kw OR "Sick Leave":ti,ab,kw OR Employee\$:ti,ab,kw OR Employment:ti,ab,kw OR Wage:ti,ab,kw OR Salar*:ti,ab,kw OR ((Health OR Indirect OR Direct) NEAR/2 (Expenditure\$ OR Expense\$)):ti,ab,kw	247,812
Economic burden	6	#4 OR #5	496,563

(Combined)			
Combination of concepts	7	#3 AND #6	11,804
Publications between 2012 and 2022	8	#7 AND [2012-2022]/py	7,593
Embase Results only	9	#8 AND [embase]/lim NOT ([embase]/lim AND [medline]/lim)	2,965

CINAHL (EBSCO)

Date of the search: 24-03-2022

Database limit: No database limit has been applied

Concepts	#	Search strategy	Results
Caregivers (Controlled vocabulary)	1	MH Caregivers OR MH "Caregiver Burden"	45,867
Caregivers (Free vocabulary)	2	TI caregiv* OR AB caregiv* OR TI "informal care" OR AB "informal care" OR TI "care giver*" OR AB "care giver*"	63,723
Caregivers (Combined)	3	S1 OR S2	80,926
Economic burden (Controlled vocabulary)	4	MH "Economic Aspects of Illness" OR MH "Salaries and Fringe Benefits+" OR MH Employment OR MH Absenteeism OR MH "Financial Stress" OR MH "Sick Leave" OR MH "Salaries and Fringe Benefits"	73,960
Economic burden (Free vocabulary)	5	TI (Cost N2 (Illness OR sick*)) OR AB (Cost N2 (Illness OR sick*)) OR TI ((financial OR economic) N2 (burden# OR strain)) OR AB ((financial OR economic) N2 (burden# OR strain)) OR TI ((Direct OR indirect) N2 cost#) OR AB ((Direct OR indirect) N2 cost#) OR TI Absenteeism OR AB Absenteeism OR TI "Sick Leave" OR AB "Sick Leave" OR TI Employee# OR AB Employee# OR TI Employment OR AB Employment OR TI Wage OR AB Wage OR TI Salar* OR AB Salar* OR TI ((Health OR Indirect OR Direct) N2 (Expenditure# OR Expense#)) OR AB ((Health OR Indirect OR Direct) N2 (Expenditure# OR Expense#))	93,853
Economic burden (Combined)	6	S4 OR S5	146,270
Combination of concepts	7	S3 AND S6	4,251
Publications between 2012 and 2022	8	S7 AND PY 2012-2022	2,628

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)

Date of the search: 24-03-2022

Database limit: Publication's year limit between 2012 and 2022 and peer review journals limits have been applied

Concepts	#	Search strategy	Results
Caregivers (Controlled vocabulary)	1	DE "CAREGIVERS" OR DE "BURDEN of care"	28,397
Caregivers (Free vocabulary)	2	TI caregiv* OR AB caregiv* OR KW caregiv* OR TI "informal care" OR AB "informal care" OR KW "informal care" OR TI "care giver*" OR AB "care giver*" OR KW "care giver*"	69,054

Caregivers (Combined)	3	S1 OR S2	74,677
Economic burden (Controlled vocabulary)	4	DE "MEDICAL care costs" OR DE "OUT of pocket medical costs" OR DE "SICK leave" OR DE "EMPLOYMENT" OR DE "JOB absenteeism" OR DE "FINANCIAL stress"	107,794
Economic burden (Free vocabulary)	5	TI (Cost N2 (Illness OR sick*)) OR AB (Cost N2 (Illness OR sick*)) OR KW (Cost N2 (Illness OR sick*)) OR TI ((financial OR economic) N2 (burden# OR strain)) OR AB ((financial OR economic) N2 (burden# OR strain)) OR KW ((financial OR economic) N2 (burden# OR strain)) OR TI ((Direct OR indirect) N2 cost#) OR AB ((Direct OR indirect) N2 cost#) OR KW ((Direct OR indirect) N2 cost#) OR TI Absenteeism OR AB Absenteeism OR KW Absenteeism OR TI "Sick Leave" OR AB "Sick Leave" OR KW "Sick Leave" OR TI Employee# OR AB Employee# OR KW Employee# OR TI Employment OR AB Employment OR KW Employment OR TI Wage OR AB Wage OR KW Wage OR TI Salar* OR AB Salar* OR KW Salar* OR TI ((Health OR Indirect OR Direct) N2 (Expenditure# OR Expense#)) OR AB ((Health OR Indirect OR Direct) N2 (Expenditure# OR Expense#)) OR KW ((Health OR Indirect OR Direct) N2 (Expenditure# OR Expense#))	410,816
Economic burden (Combined)	6	S4 OR S5	475,663
Combination of concepts	7	S3 AND S6	4,344
Publications between 2012 and 2022	8	Publication's year limit between 2012 and 2022	2,971
Peer review journals only	9	Peer review journals only limit	2,806