

Table S1. Population demographics of 69 studies included in this scoping review

	Number of studies
Australia	1
Brazil	1
Canada	3
China	2
Denmark	1
Ethiopia	1
France	1
India	5
Iran	1
Israel	1
Italy	3
The Netherlands	2
New Zealand	1
Nigeria	1
Portugal	1
South Africa	2
Spain	2
Thailand	1
Turkey	2
UK	10
US	20
Not specified	7

Table S2. Quality assessment of 69 studies included in this scoping review

	Authors, publication year	Clear statement of study aims	Qualitative methodology appropriate	Study design appropriate to address the study aim	Recruitment appropriate	Data Collection	Relationship between research and participants	Ethical issues considered	Data analysis
1	Dhavale P et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
2	Wu C et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	No details	Yes
3	Nielsen DS et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
4	Parma V et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
5	Kumar D et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	No details	Yes
6	Bouman J et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
7	Kürtüncü M, et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
8	Jesmi AA et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
9	Feder S et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
10	Mohammadi F et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes

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12	Tay DL et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
13	Kentish-Barnes N et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
14	Simpson N et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
15	Selman LE et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
16	Hanna JR et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
17	Gorbenko K, et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	No details	Yes
18	Fernández Ó et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
19	Lafferty A et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
20	Testoni I et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
21	Menichetti Delor JP et al. 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
22	Gergerich E et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	No details	Yes

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23	Hamid W et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
24	Burrell A et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
25	Iheduru-Anderson K et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
26	Lapum J et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
27	Goberna-Tricas J et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
28	Bhatt N, et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
29	Gomez T et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
30	Schiff M et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
31	Panda N et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	No details	Yes
32	Giebel C et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
33	Rosenberg AR et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes

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34	Murphy AA et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
35	Saleem J et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
36	Kuntz JC et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	No details	Yes
37	Gaddy S et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
38	Jimenez ME et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
39	Fernandez R, et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
40	Liberati E et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
41	Lafave L et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
42	Nyashanu M et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
43	DiGiovanni M et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
44	Cubitt LJ et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes

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45	Williams SN et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
46	Recto P et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
47	Gratz KL et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	No details	Yes
48	Ogueji IA., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
49	Wang W et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
50	Testoni I et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
51	Zhang H et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	No details	Yes
52	Mathias K et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
53	Singh K et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
54	Nyashanu M et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
55	Suratana S et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes

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56	Branquinho C et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
57	Kee CE et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
58	de Maio Nascimento M et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
59	Hagedorn RL et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
60	Pasyk VS et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	No details	Yes
61	Kinser PA, et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
62	Hailemariam S et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
63	Anderson E et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
64	Chivers BR et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
65	Claridge AM et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	No details	Yes
66	Kumari A et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes

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67	Sirin H et al., 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
68	Verhage M et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes
69	Fish J et al., 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No details	Yes	Yes

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