

S1 Checklist. PRISMA-ScR (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses Extension for Scoping Reviews) Checklist

Manuscript: Experiences and Burden of Family Caregivers of Older Adults with Chronic Life-Limiting Illnesses in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Scoping Review

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TITLE				
Title	1	Identify the report as a scoping review.	Yes	1
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.	Yes	2–3
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.	Yes	3–6
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).	Yes	6–7
METHODS				
Protocol and registration	5	Indicate whether a review protocol exists; state if and where it can be accessed; and if available, provide registration information, including the registration number.	Yes	7
Eligibility criteria	6	Specify characteristics of the sources of evidence used as eligibility criteria (e.g., years considered, language, publication status), and provide a rationale.	Yes	8–9
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.	Yes	9–10
Search	8	Present the full electronic search strategy for at least one database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	Yes	9–10
Selection of sources of evidence	9	State the process for selecting sources of evidence (i.e., screening and eligibility) included in the scoping review.	Yes	10–11
Data charting process	10	Describe the methods of charting data from the included sources of evidence (e.g., calibrated/tested forms, whether done independently or in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining/confirming data from investigators.	Yes	11
Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought and any assumptions and simplifications made.	Yes	11
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.	Yes	12
Synthesis of results	13	Describe the methods of handling and summarizing the data that were charted.	Yes	11–12
RESULTS				

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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.	Yes	11, 13
Characteristics of sources of evidence	15	For each source of evidence, present characteristics for which data were charted and provide the citations.	Yes	14–18
Critical appraisal within sources of evidence	16	If done, present data on critical appraisal of included sources of evidence (see item 12).	N/A	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.	Yes	14–18, 20–29
Synthesis of results	18	Summarize and/or present the charting results as they relate to the review questions and objectives.	Yes	19–20, 20–29
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.	Yes	29–33
Limitations	20	Discuss the limitations of the scoping review process.	Yes	33–35
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.	Yes	3, 39–40
FUNDING				
Funding	22	Describe sources of funding for the included sources of evidence, as well as sources of funding for the scoping review itself. Describe the role of the funders of the scoping review.	Yes	41