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1	PRISMA Extension for Scoping Reviews (PRISMA-ScR): Checklist and Explanation. <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i> , 2018, 169, 467-473.	3.9	15,209
2	Conducting a meta-ethnography of qualitative literature: Lessons learnt. <i>BMC Medical Research Methodology</i> , 2008, 8, 21.	3.1	666
3	Lay health workers in primary and community health care for maternal and child health and the management of infectious diseases. <i>The Cochrane Library</i> , 2010, , CD004015.	2.8	641
4	Applying GRADE-CERQual to qualitative evidence synthesis findings: introduction to the series. <i>Implementation Science</i> , 2018, 13, 2.	6.9	578
5	Using Qualitative Evidence in Decision Making for Health and Social Interventions: An Approach to Assess Confidence in Findings from Qualitative Evidence Syntheses (GRADE-CERQual). <i>PLoS Medicine</i> , 2015, 12, e1001895.	8.4	571
6	Use of qualitative methods alongside randomised controlled trials of complex healthcare interventions: methodological study. <i>BMJ: British Medical Journal</i> , 2009, 339, b3496-b3496.	2.3	526
7	Non-specialist health worker interventions for the care of mental, neurological and substance-abuse disorders in low- and middle-income countries. <i>The Cochrane Library</i> , 2013, , CD009149.	2.8	357
8	Can We Systematically Review Studies That Evaluate Complex Interventions?. <i>PLoS Medicine</i> , 2009, 6, e1000086.	8.4	352
9	Barriers and facilitators to the implementation of lay health worker programmes to improve access to maternal and child health: qualitative evidence synthesis. , 2013, , CD010414.		287
10	Applying GRADE-CERQual to qualitative evidence synthesis findingsâ€”paper 2: how to make an overall CERQual assessment of confidence and create a Summary of Qualitative Findings table. <i>Implementation Science</i> , 2018, 13, 10.	6.9	287
11	Cochrane Qualitative and Implementation Methods Group guidance seriesâ€”paper 3: methods for assessing methodological limitations, data extraction and synthesis, and confidence in synthesized qualitative findings. <i>Journal of Clinical Epidemiology</i> , 2018, 97, 49-58.	5.0	281
12	SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP) 1: What is evidence-informed policymaking?. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2009, 7, S1.	2.8	270
13	Maximising the impact of qualitative research in feasibility studies for randomised controlled trials: guidance for researchers. <i>Pilot and Feasibility Studies</i> , 2015, 1, 32.	1.2	240
14	Improving reporting of meta-ethnography: the eMERGe reporting guidance. <i>BMC Medical Research Methodology</i> , 2019, 19, 25.	3.1	224
15	The female community health volunteer programme in Nepal: Decision makersâ€™ perceptions of volunteerism, payment and other incentives. <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> , 2010, 70, 1920-1927.	3.8	205
16	Purposive sampling in a qualitative evidence synthesis: a worked example from a synthesis on parental perceptions of vaccination communication. <i>BMC Medical Research Methodology</i> , 2019, 19, 26.	3.1	184
17	The GRADE Evidence to Decision (EtD) framework for health system and public health decisions. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2018, 16, 45.	2.8	179
18	Supporting the delivery of cost-effective interventions in primary health-care systems in low-income and middle-income countries: an overview of systematic reviews. <i>Lancet, The</i> , 2008, 372, 928-939.	13.7	173

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19	Parents' and informal caregivers' views and experiences of communication about routine childhood vaccination: a synthesis of qualitative evidence. The Cochrane Library, 2017, 2017, CD011787.	2.8	171
20	Taking healthcare interventions from trial to practice. BMJ: British Medical Journal, 2010, 341, c3852-c3852.	2.3	168
21	Applying GRADE-CERQual to qualitative evidence synthesis findingsâ€”paper 3: how to assess methodological limitations. Implementation Science, 2018, 13, 9.	6.9	149
22	SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP) 14: Organising and using policy dialogues to support evidence-informed policymaking. Health Research Policy and Systems, 2009, 7, S14.	2.8	147
23	Applying GRADE-CERQual to qualitative evidence synthesis findingsâ€”paper 6: how to assess relevance of the data. Implementation Science, 2018, 13, 4.	6.9	147
24	Applying GRADE-CERQual to qualitative evidence synthesis findingsâ€”paper 5: how to assess adequacy of data. Implementation Science, 2018, 13, 14.	6.9	146
25	SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP) 13: Preparing and using policy briefs to support evidence-informed policymaking. Health Research Policy and Systems, 2009, 7, S13.	2.8	142
26	Applying GRADE-CERQual to qualitative evidence synthesis findingsâ€”paper 4: how to assess coherence. Implementation Science, 2018, 13, 13.	6.9	137
27	Factors that influence the provision of intrapartum and postnatal care by skilled birth attendants in low- and middle-income countries: a qualitative evidence synthesis. The Cochrane Library, 2018, 2018, CD011558.	2.8	126
28	Cochrane Qualitative and Implementation Methods Group guidance seriesâ€”paper 1: introduction. Journal of Clinical Epidemiology, 2018, 97, 35-38.	5.0	123
29	Implementation strategies for health systems in low-income countries: an overview of systematic reviews. The Cochrane Library, 2017, 2017, CD011086.	2.8	120
30	A systematic review of qualitative evidence on barriers and facilitators to the implementation of task-shifting in midwifery services. Midwifery, 2013, 29, 1211-1221.	2.3	98
31	Guidance for Evidence-Informed Policies about Health Systems: Rationale for and Challenges of Guidance Development. PLoS Medicine, 2012, 9, e1001185.	8.4	94
32	Assessing the complexity of interventions within systematic reviews: development, content and use of a new tool (iCAT_SR). BMC Medical Research Methodology, 2017, 17, 76.	3.1	94
33	Guidance for Evidence-Informed Policies about Health Systems: Linking Guidance Development to Policy Development. PLoS Medicine, 2012, 9, e1001186.	8.4	92
34	The emergence of community health worker programmes in the late apartheid era in South Africa: An historical analysis. Social Science and Medicine, 2010, 71, 1110-1118.	3.8	77
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37	Effects of the Informed Health Choices primary school intervention on the ability of children in Uganda to assess the reliability of claims about treatment effects: a cluster-randomised controlled trial. <i>Lancet, The</i> , 2017, 390, 374-388.	13.7	72
38	Barriers and facilitators to the implementation of doctor-nurse substitution strategies in primary care: a qualitative evidence synthesis. <i>The Cochrane Library</i> , 2019, 2019, CD010412.	2.8	69
39	A research and development agenda for systematic reviews that ask complex questions about complex interventions. <i>Journal of Clinical Epidemiology</i> , 2013, 66, 1262-1270.	5.0	68
40	Can lay health workers increase the uptake of childhood immunisation? Systematic review and typology. <i>Tropical Medicine and International Health</i> , 2011, 16, 1044-1053.	2.3	65
41	Assessing the applicability of findings in systematic reviews of complex interventions can enhance the utility of reviews for decision making. <i>Journal of Clinical Epidemiology</i> , 2013, 66, 1251-1261.	5.0	65
42	Interventions aimed at communities to inform and/or educate about early childhood vaccination. <i>The Cochrane Library</i> , 2014, 2014, CD010232.	2.8	64
43	Still too little qualitative research to shed light on results from reviews of effectiveness trials: A case study of a Cochrane review on the use of lay health workers. <i>Implementation Science</i> , 2011, 6, 53.	6.9	62
44	Delivery arrangements for health systems in low-income countries: an overview of systematic reviews. <i>The Cochrane Library</i> , 2017, 2017, CD011083.	2.8	62
45	Improving reporting of meta-ethnography: The <sc>eMERG</sc> reporting guidance. <i>Journal of Advanced Nursing</i> , 2019, 75, 1126-1139.	3.3	58
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47	Mobile technologies to support healthcare provider to healthcare provider communication and management of care. <i>The Cochrane Library</i> , 2020, 2020, CD012927.	2.8	58
48	Clients'™ perceptions and experiences of targeted digital communication accessible via mobile devices for reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health: a qualitative evidence synthesis. <i>The Cochrane Library</i> , 2019, 2019, CD013447.	2.8	54
49	SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed Policymaking in health 11: Finding and using evidence about local conditions. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2009, 7, S11.	2.8	51
50	SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP) 15: Engaging the public in evidence-informed policymaking. <i>Health Research Policy and Systems</i> , 2009, 7, S15.	2.8	51
51	Applying GRADE-CERQual to qualitative evidence synthesis findings'paper 7: understanding the potential impacts of dissemination bias. <i>Implementation Science</i> , 2018, 13, 12.	6.9	50
52	Guidance for Evidence-Informed Policies about Health Systems: Assessing How Much Confidence to Place in the Research Evidence. <i>PLoS Medicine</i> , 2012, 9, e1001187.	8.4	49
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54	Are we entering a new era for qualitative research? Using qualitative evidence to support guidance and guideline development by the World Health Organization. <i>International Journal for Equity in Health</i> , 2018, 17, 126.	3.5	46

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60	‘Communicate to vaccinate’ (COMMVAC). building evidence for improving communication about childhood vaccinations in low- and middle-income countries: protocol for a programme of research. Implementation Science, 2011, 6, 125.	6.9	37
61	Governance arrangements for health systems in low-income countries: an overview of systematic reviews. The Cochrane Library, 2017, 2017, CD011085.	2.8	35
62	Improving reporting of meta-ethnography: The eMERGe reporting guidance. Psycho-Oncology, 2019, 28, 447-458.	2.3	34
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64	Effects of the Informed Health Choices podcast on the ability of parents of primary school children in Uganda to assess claims about treatment effects: a randomised controlled trial. Lancet, The, 2017, 390, 389-398.	13.7	33
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67	Communication strategies to promote the uptake of childhood vaccination in Nigeria: a systematic map. Global Health Action, 2016, 9, 30337.	1.9	32
68	Systematic mapping of existing tools to appraise methodological strengths and limitations of qualitative research: first stage in the development of the CAMELOT tool. BMC Medical Research Methodology, 2019, 19, 113.	3.1	31
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75	Targeted client communication via mobile devices for improving maternal, neonatal, and child health. <i>The Cochrane Library</i> , 2020, 2020, CD013679.	2.8	28
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78	Targeted client communication via mobile devices for improving sexual and reproductive health. <i>The Cochrane Library</i> , 2020, 2020, CD013680.	2.8	26
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80	Perceptions and experiences of childhood vaccination communication strategies among caregivers and health workers in Nigeria: A qualitative study. <i>PLoS ONE</i> , 2017, 12, e0186733.	2.5	25
81	Effects of the Informed Health Choices primary school intervention on the ability of children in Uganda to assess the reliability of claims about treatment effects, 1-year follow-up: a cluster-randomised trial. <i>Trials</i> , 2020, 21, 27.	1.6	24
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89	Developing Evidence to Decision Frameworks and an Interactive Evidence to Decision Tool for Making and Using Decisions and Recommendations in Health Care. <i>Global Challenges</i> , 2018, 2, 1700081.	3.6	19
90	Communication around HPV vaccination for adolescents in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic scoping overview of systematic reviews. <i>Systematic Reviews</i> , 2019, 8, 190.	5.3	19

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92	Healthcare workersâ€™ perceptions and experiences of communicating with people over 50 years of age about vaccination: a qualitative evidence synthesis. The Cochrane Library, 2021, 2021, CD013706.	2.8	18
93	Mapping how information about childhood vaccination is communicated in two regions of Cameroon: What is done and where are the gaps?. BMC Public Health, 2015, 15, 1264.	2.9	17
94	Stakeholder perceptions of communication about vaccination in two regions of Cameroon: A qualitative case study. PLoS ONE, 2017, 12, e0183721.	2.5	17
95	Improving uptake and completion of pulmonary rehabilitation in COPD with lay health workers: feasibility of a clinical trial. International Journal of COPD, 2019, Volume 14, 631-643.	2.3	17
96	Qualitative Evidence Synthesis (QES) for Guidelines: Paper 2 – Using qualitative evidence synthesis findings to inform evidence-to-decision frameworks and recommendations. Health Research Policy and Systems, 2019, 17, 75.	2.8	15
97	Development of mass media resources to improve the ability of parents of primary school children in Uganda to assess the trustworthiness of claims about the effects of treatments: a human-centred design approach. Pilot and Feasibility Studies, 2019, 5, 155.	1.2	15
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104	Multiple and mixed methods in formative evaluation: Is more better? Reflections from a South African study. BMC Medical Research Methodology, 2016, 16, 173.	3.1	13
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107	Learning to think critically about health using digital technology in Ugandan lower secondary schools: A contextual analysis. PLoS ONE, 2022, 17, e0260367.	2.5	12
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111	The lay health workerâ€™patient relationship in promoting pulmonary rehabilitation (PR) in COPD: What makes it work?. Chronic Respiratory Disease, 2019, 16, 147997311986932.	2.4	8
112	Using a mHealth system to recall and refer existing clients and refer community members with health concerns to primary healthcare facilities in South Africa: a feasibility study. Global Health Action, 2020, 13, 1717410.	1.9	8
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116	Completeness of reporting of setting and health worker cadre among trials on antenatal iron and folic acid supplementation in pregnancy: an assessment based on two Cochrane reviews. Systematic Reviews, 2013, 2, 42.	5.3	6
117	Qualitative Evidence Syntheses Within Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care: Developing a Template and Guidance. International Journal of Qualitative Methods, The, 2021, 20, 160940692110419.	2.8	6
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121	Application of the intervention Complexity Assessment Tool for Systematic Reviews within a Cochrane review: an illustrative case study. HRB Open Research, 2020, 3, 31.	0.6	2
122	Using qualitative research to develop an elaboration of the TIDieR checklist for interventions to enhance vaccination communication: short report. Health Research Policy and Systems, 2022, 20, 31.	2.8	2
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