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Quality of life and supportive care among informal caregivers of people with cancer during a critical illness in the ICU. A mixed methods systematic review

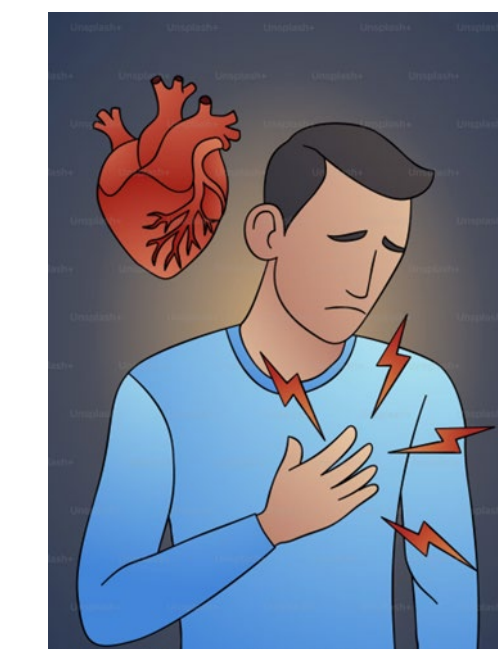
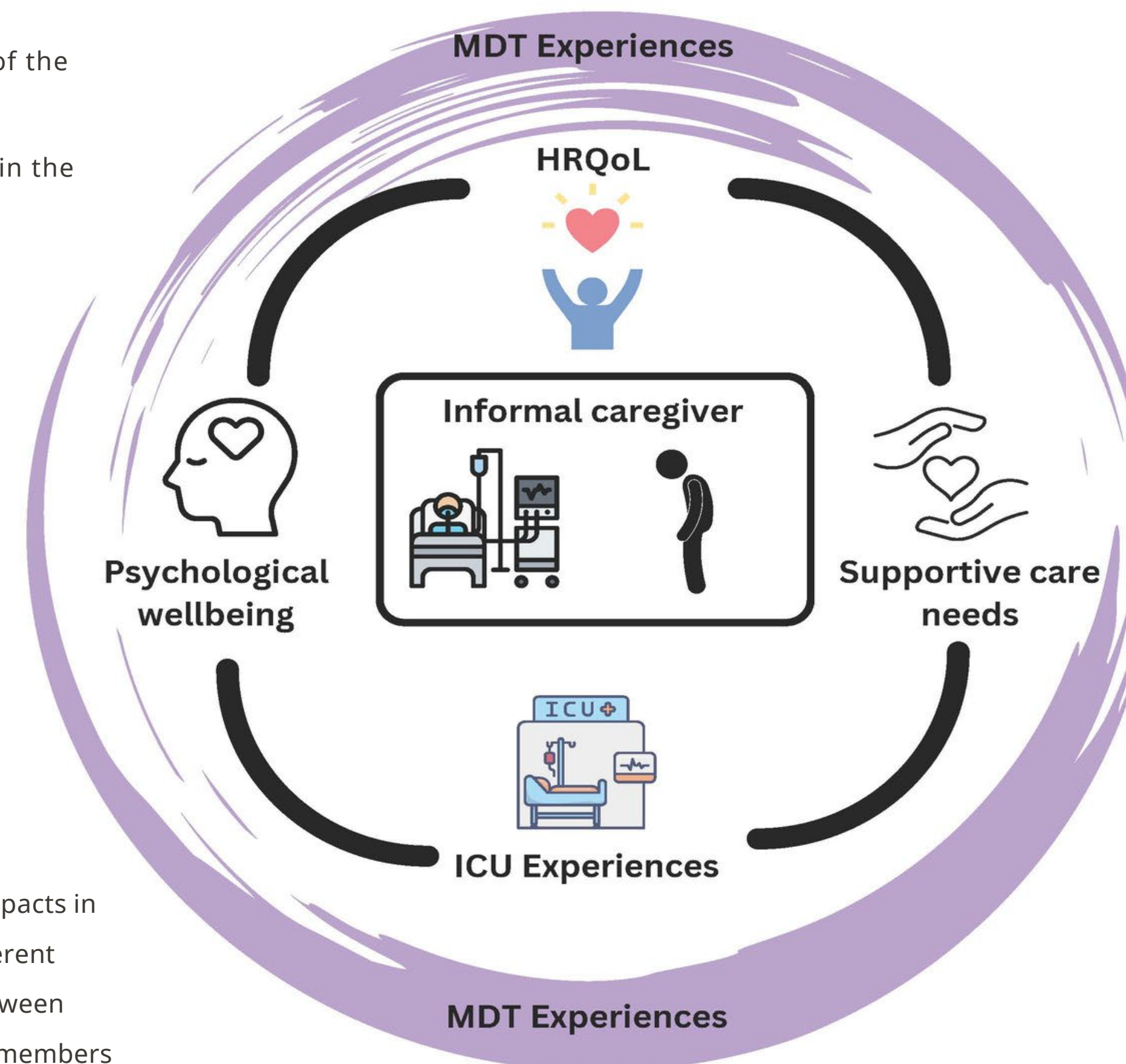
01. Introduction

- The addition of cancer in the ICU patient has the potential to further increase both the psychological and quality of life impacts in the informal caregiver, resulting in different experiences and supportive care needs.^{1,2}
- Furthermore, caring for critically unwell patients is complex and requires a multi-disciplinary approach, therefore, the experiences of the multi-disciplinary team is also warranted.⁸

02. Objectives

- (1) To critically synthesise the evidence on the experiences of HRQoL, psychological well-being, and supportive care needs of the informal caregivers of patients affected by cancer in the ICU,
- (2) To synthesise evidence on the experiences of the multi-disciplinary team involved in the care of patients with cancer in the ICU on supportive care.

04. Results

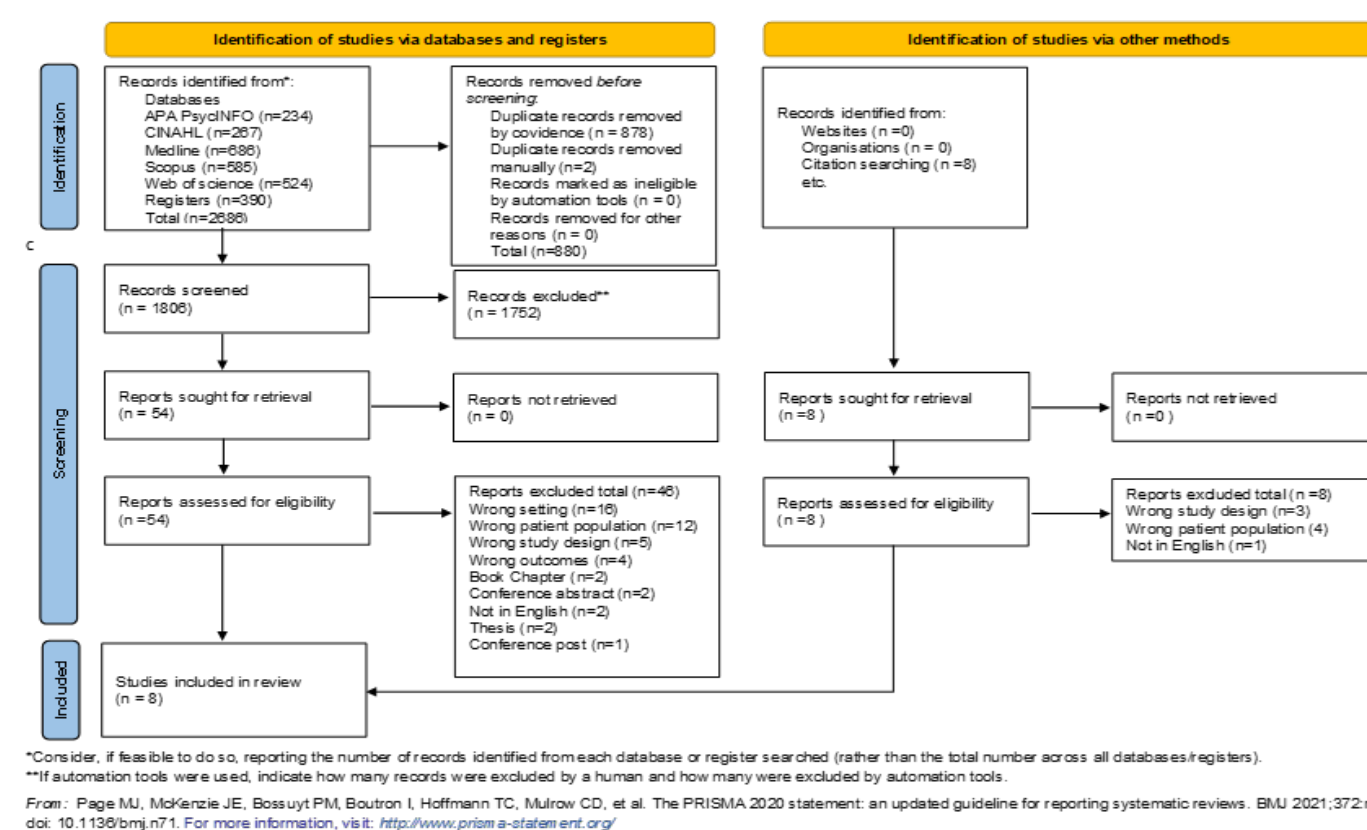


03. Methodology

A mixed methods systematic review was conducted and reported to the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA).⁴

The Mixed Methods Appraisal Tool (MMAT) was used to evaluate methodological quality.⁵

The Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) methodology of mixed methods systematic reviews was used to synthesis the qualitative and quantitative data.⁶



05. Conclusion

This review has identified a number of HRQoL and psychological well-being impacts in the informal caregiver of patients with cancer in the ICU that may require different support and care than that of the general ICU population. Communication between intensivists and oncologists were explored however, the experiences of other members of the MDT warrant further research.

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