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Systematic literature review: Poverty in Roma communities and their psychosocial health

Abstract:

This Systematic Literature Review (SLR) was guided by the PRISMA 2020 criteria. The aim of this study is to make a diagnosis of the psychosocial health and needs of the Roma Community living in poverty. The articles were searched in the Scopus and Web of Science databases. The inclusion criteria are based on the PICO guidelines without the inclusion of the "comparison" criterion as it is not mandatory for the studies to establish a comparison between groups. The risk of bias of the articles was analyzed through the JBI and with the GRADE system. Eleven studies were included, 5 exclusively Roma community and 6 contain diverse samples, with a total of 13.222 participants from the Roma community. Most of the studies indicate that the Roma community has more psychosocial health problems when compared to the majority groups and show an internalization of social stigma on the part of the communities. The study's limitations were mainly due to the scarcity of research on this subject, particularly in the field of psychology. This study aims to contribute to more research being carried out with these populations, so that we can fight against the invisibility of these communities. This SLR is registered with PROSPERO Registration: CRD42023476860.

Biography

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