

Risk factors for asthma death and life-threatening attacks in children – a systematic review

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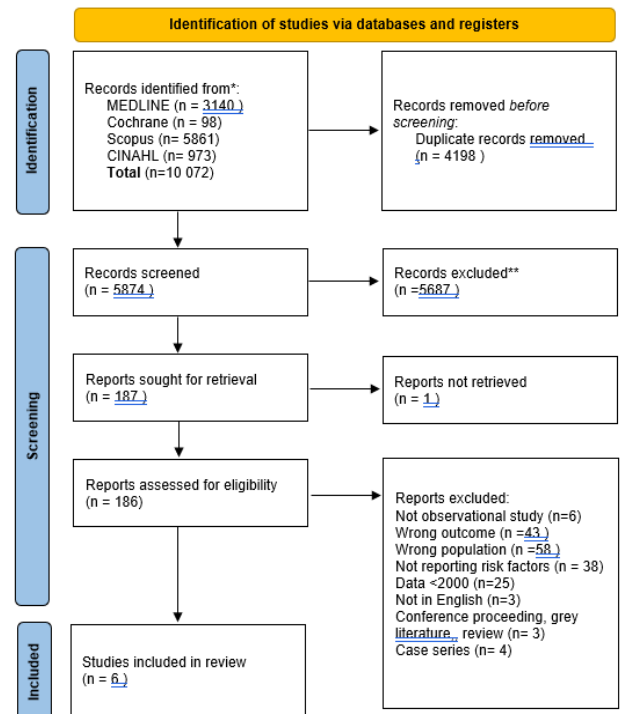
Aim



To review existing evidence to identify risk factors for life-threatening asthma attacks and asthma deaths in children and young people (CYP)

Methods

- The review followed PRISMA reporting guidelines and was registered on PROSPERO (CRD42023494203).
- The review included:
 - observational studies published in English
 - data collected from 2000 onwards
 - concerning patients aged 0-18 with diagnosis of asthma
 - exploring variables influencing asthma mortality and life-threatening asthma attacks in children (defined as Intensive Care Unit admissions)
- The search was conducted across CINAHL, MEDLINE, Central Cochrane Library, and Scopus.
- Reference lists of eligible studies were screened.
- MEDLINE search strategy was adapted in the database search, with Medical Subject Headings terms and free text terms corresponding to the population: “asthma* and “child*”, exposure of “risk*”, and outcomes of “mortality” and “life-threatening”.



Results (preliminary)



10072 identified
5874 titles and abstracts screened
186 studies sought for full-text retrieval
6 studies met the inclusion criteria



2 of studies were conducted in the **USA**, and the remaining 5 respectively in **Canada**, the **UK**, **Korea**, and the **Netherlands**



5 studies are **retrospective cohort** studies, and 1 is a **retrospective case-control** study.



Further analysis being conducted.



All identified studies have been **from high-income countries** only



The small number of studies indicates a **lack of research** on the topic



Further research in the form of **epidemiological studies** is recommended

Conclusions