Supplement 2. Search Strategy

Database	Search terms	Number of articles
Embase	(caregiver:ab,ti OR family:ab,ti) AND (grief:ab,ti OR bereavement:ab,ti OR sorrow:ab,ti OR mourning:ab,ti) AND (prevalence:ab,ti OR 'epidemiological data':ab,ti OR incidence:ab,ti OR event:ab,ti) AND ('malignant neoplasm'/exp OR 'malignant neoplasm' OR 'oncological parameters'/exp OR 'oncological parameters')	41
PubMed	(((((("caregiver"[Title/Abstract]) AND ("prolonged grief disorder"[Title/Abstract])) OR ("complicated grief disorder"[Title/Abstract])) OR ("persistent complex bereavement disorder"[Title/Abstract])) AND ("cancer"[Title/Abstract])) OR ("oncology"[Title/Abstract])) AND ("prevalence"[Title/Abstract])) OR ("incidence"[Title/Abstract]) Filters: Full text, Observational Study, Humans, Cancer, MEDLINE, Adult: 19+ years	1,858
Ovid Medline	caregiver.mp. or Caregivers/ or Family/ or family.mp. and chronic illness.mp. or Chronic Disease/ or terminal illness.mp. or Terminally Ill/ or Palliative Care/ or palliative care.mp. and Disenfranchised Grief/ or Grief/ or grief.mp. or "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders"/ or Bereavement/ or persistent complex bereavement.mp. or "International Classification of Diseases"/ and Prevalence/ or prevalence.mp. or incidence.mp. or Incidence/	107
Scopus	caregiver OR family AND cancer AND grief OR grieved OR bereaved OR sorrowed OR mourned AND prevalence OR epidemiology OR incidence OR event AND rates AND (LIMIT-TO (PUBSTAGE , "final")) AND (LIMIT-TO (DOCTYPE , "ar")) AND (LIMIT-TO (SUBJAREA , "MEDI") OR LIMIT-TO (SUBJAREA , "PSYC") OR LIMIT-TO (SUBJAREA , "NURS") OR LIMIT-TO (SUBJAREA , "SOCI") OR LIMIT-TO (SUBJAREA , "HEAL")) AND (LIMIT-TO (SRCTYPE , "j")) AND (EXCLUDE (SUBJAREA , "BIOC") OR EXCLUDE (SUBJAREA , "ARTS") OR EXCLUDE (SUBJAREA , "ENVI") OR EXCLUDE (SUBJAREA , "PHAR")) AND (EXCLUDE (SUBJAREA , "SOCI") OR EXCLUDE (SUBJAREA , "NEUR") OR EXCLUDE (SUBJAREA , "BUSI") OR EXCLUDE (SUBJAREA , "COMP") OR EXCLUDE (SUBJAREA , "ECON") OR EXCLUDE (SUBJAREA , "AGRI"))	959

Web of Science	AB=(prevalence OR epidemiology OR incidence OR event rates) Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI Timespan=All years AB=(prolonged grief OR complicated grief OR traumatic grief OR pathological grief OR persistent complex bereavement disorder) Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI Timespan=All years AB=(caregiver OR family) Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI Timespan=All years AB=(cancer OR oncology) Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI Timespan=All years #4 AND #3 AND #2 AND #1 Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI Timespan=All years	15
PsycINFO	AB (caregivers or family members or relatives or informal caregivers) AND AB (prolonged grief disorder or complicated grief or persistent complex bereavement disorder) AND AB (palliative care or end of life care or terminal care or hospice care) AND AB (grief or loss or bereavement or mourning) AND AB (caregivers or family members or relatives or informal caregivers) AND AB (prolonged grief disorder or complicated grief or persistent complex bereavement disorder) AND AB (cancer patients or oncology patient s or patients with cancer) AND AB (grief or loss or bereavement or mourning)	26
CINAHL	AB caregiver AND AB (Grief OR grieved OR bereaved OR sorrowed OR mourned) AND AB (Prolonged grief OR complicated grief OR traumatic grief OR pathological grief OR persistent complex bereavement disorder) AND AB Cancer AND AB (Prevalence OR epidemiology OR incidence OR event rates)	5