



# Dementia Palliare Literature Review – Experiences of Advanced Dementia

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# Aim

To create a shared understanding of dementia care and family care associated with the extended palliative care stage of the illness

# Three variables of interest

- Definitions, descriptions and recognitions of the extended palliative phase of dementia
- Symptomatology in relation to needs of the recipient of care and for family caring
- Management in relation to needs of the recipient of care and for family caring

# Method

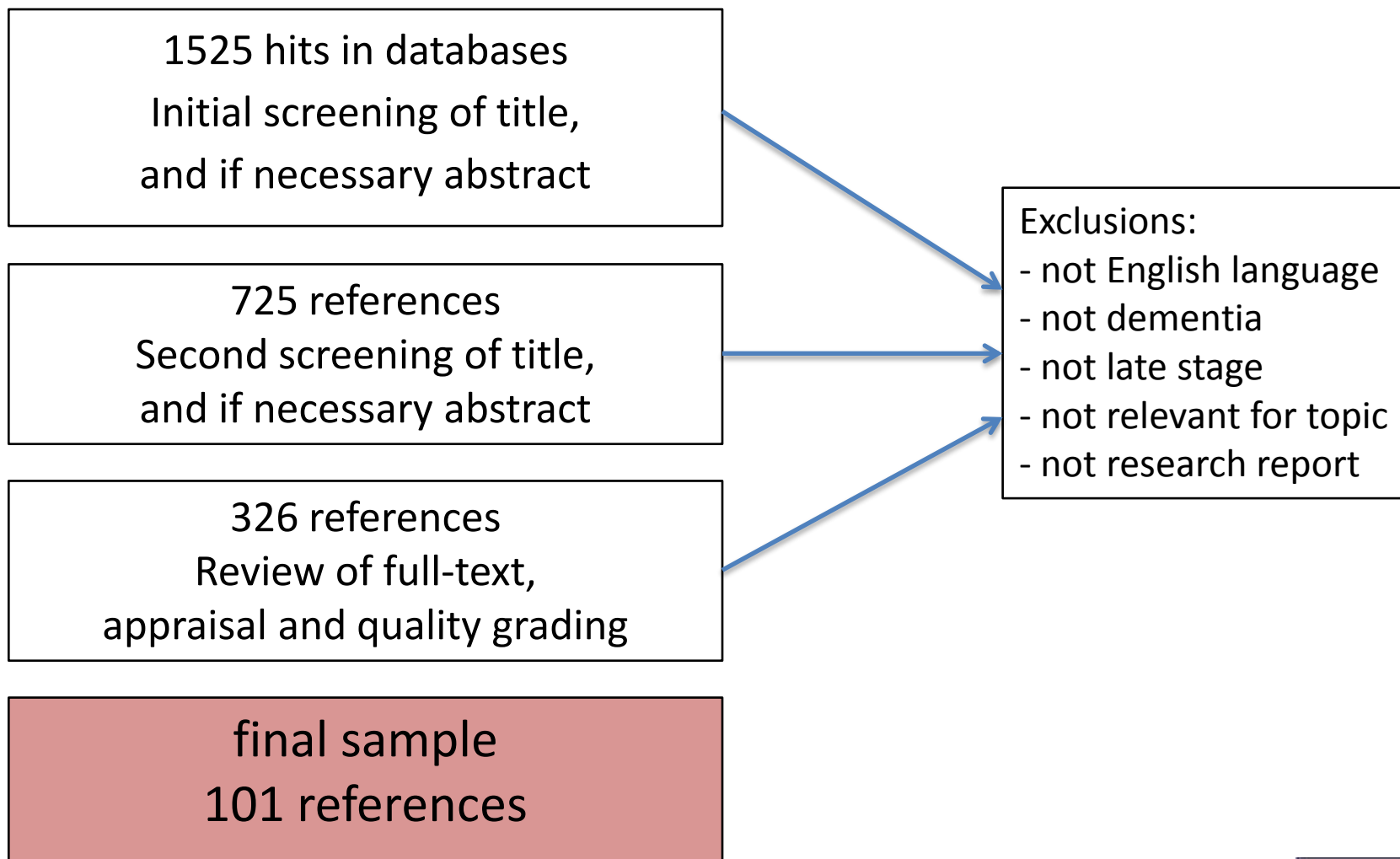
- Integrative literature review

(Whittemore and Knafl, 2005)

- *dementia and palliative*

- CINAHL, PubMed, Social Science Citation Index, Cochrane, Zetoc and EThOS

# Flowchart of sampling process



# Descriptions, definitions and recognition

- Lack of common overall description of advanced dementia
- Under recognition of the extended palliative phase
- Progressive, 'a trajectory of decline'
- Involves family
- Decision-making



# Symptomatology – needs person with dementia and family

- Complexity
- Pain
- Depression
- Sleep disturbance
- Anxiety
- Suffering
- Emotional stress
- Co-morbidities
- Social life

# Management – needs person with dementia and family

- A palliative approach
- Person Centred Care
- Advanced care planning
- Advanced directives
- Support



# Implementations Recommendations

- Practice
- Education and Professional development
- Policy
- Research

# Thank you!

