

Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Implementation in Gulf Cooperation Council States - A Systematic Review



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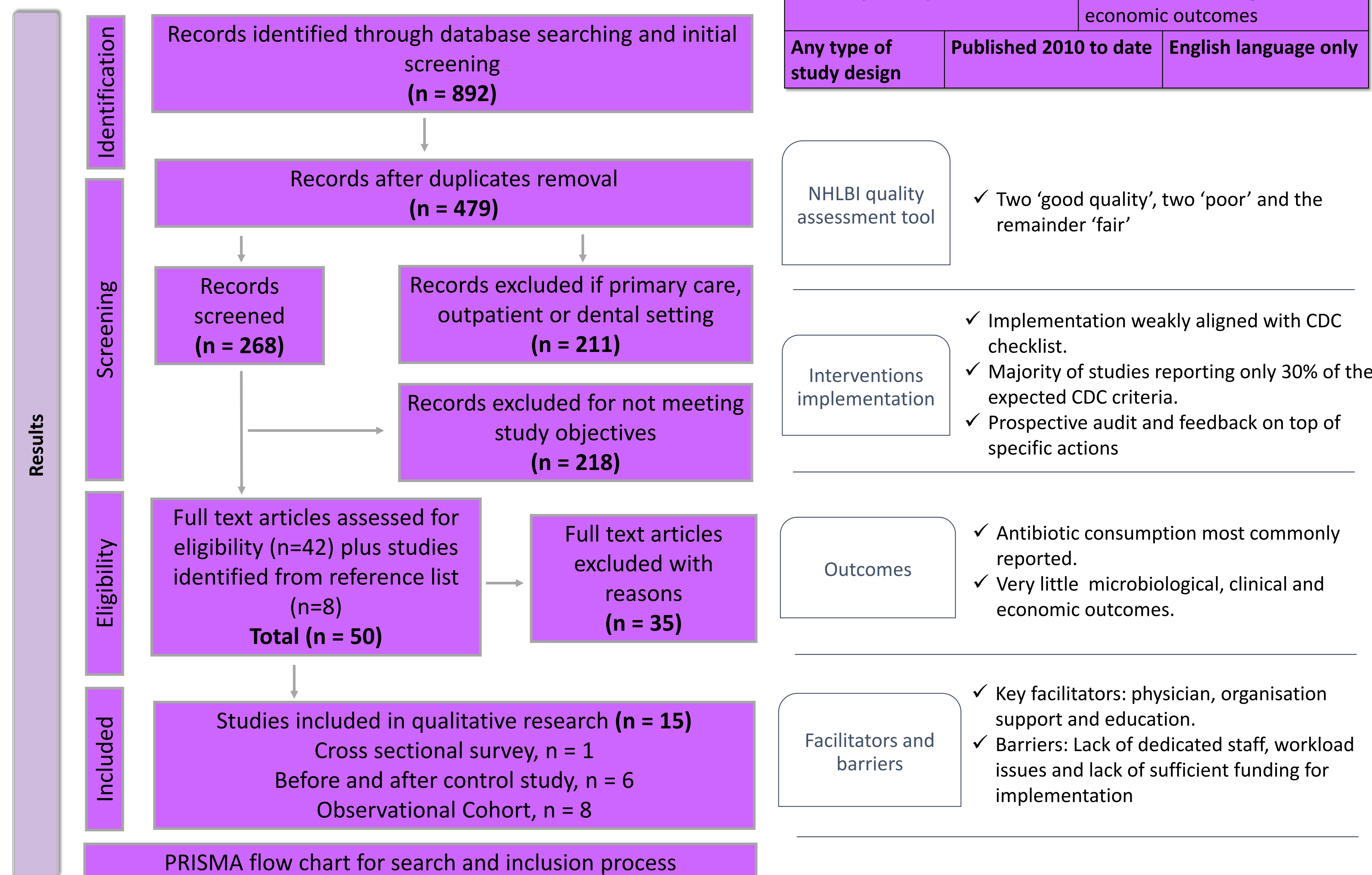
Introduction
Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has led to the development of initiatives aimed at optimizing antimicrobial use.¹ Co-ordinated interventions for promoting and monitoring safe and effective use of antimicrobials are termed antimicrobial stewardship programs (ASP).² Aspects of implementation and outcomes of ASPs have been researched and reported in the literature.

Review aim and objectives
To critically appraise, synthesize and present available evidence on ASP implementation in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States.

1. To compare ASP interventions in GCC States to international guidelines
2. To determine the *outcomes* reported in studies of ASP intervention in GCC States
3. To identify *facilitators* and *barriers* to effective ASP implementation, *sustainability* and *scalability* in GCC States

- Method**
- Protocol followed PRISMA-P guidelines³
 - Databases searched: MEDLINE, CINAHL, International Pharmaceutical Abstracts, Cochrane database and Web of Science
 - Quality assessed: using National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute critical appraisal tools (NHLBI)⁴.
 - ASP interventions were compared to the seven core elements of the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) checklist, a 'Gold Standard' for systematic assessment of key ASP interventions⁵.

Population: Patients admitted to institutionalized health care settings in any GCC States		Intervention: ASP implementation	
Inclusion criteria			
Comparator: Pre and post implementation		Outcome: Clinical, microbiological and economic outcomes	
Any type of study design	Published 2010 to date	English language only	



Conclusion

Lack of robust studies of ASP implementation in the GCC States.

Studies should focus on CDC criteria in developing the ASP intervention

Report valid and reliable outcome (microbiological, clinical and economic)

A need for qualitative research to focus on facilitators, barriers and solutions to implementation.

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