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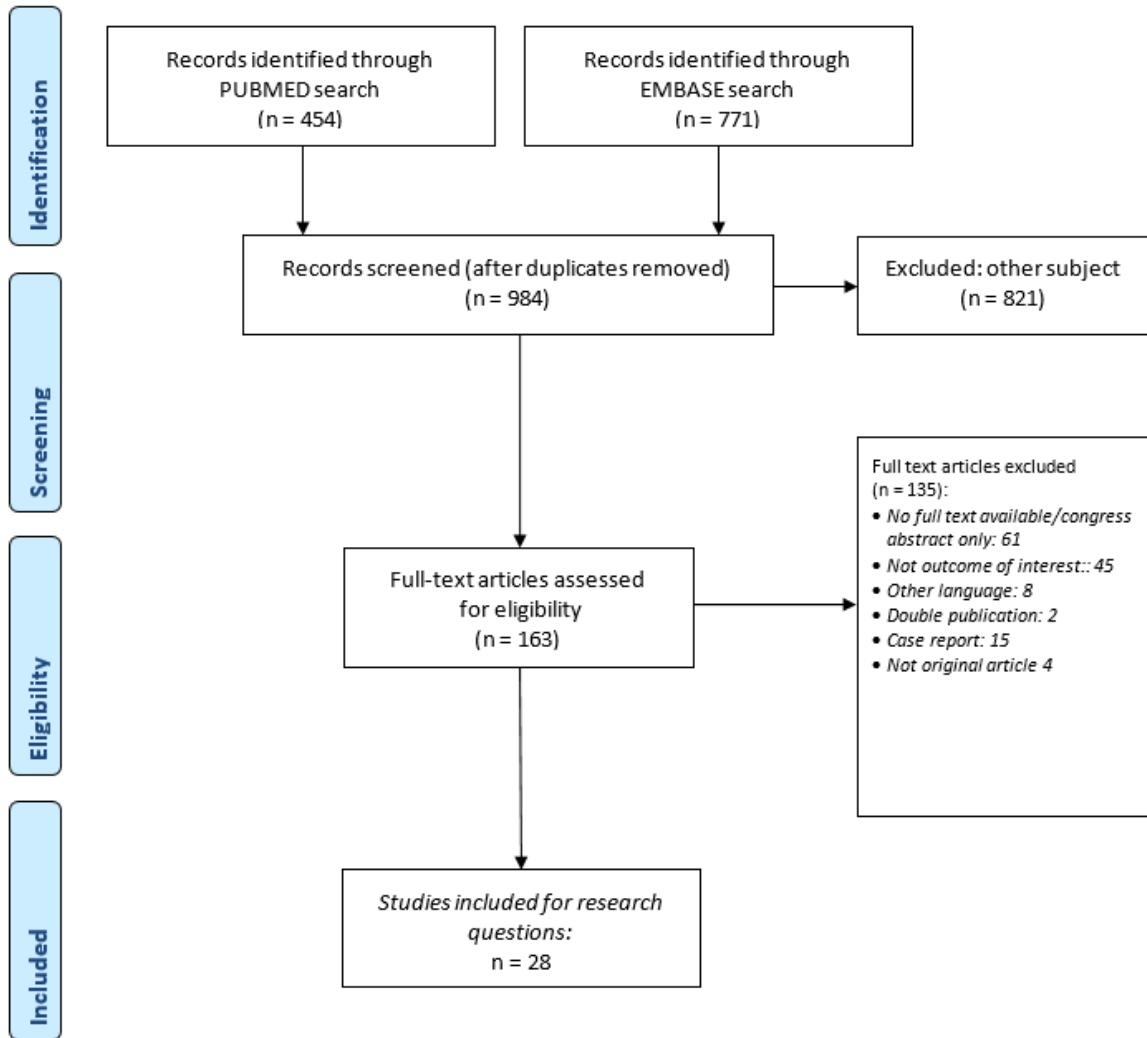
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#2	('uterus'/exp OR 'uterus disease'/exp OR uterus:ab,ti OR uterine:ab,ti OR myometri*:ab,ti OR endometri*:ab,ti OR endomyometri*:ab,ti OR myoendometri*:ab,ti) AND [21-06-2019]/sd NOT [06-11-2021]/sd	61054
#1	('wound dehiscence'/exp OR 'scar formation'/exp OR 'scar'/exp OR cicatr*:ab,ti OR scar:ab,ti OR scars:ab,ti OR scarring:ab,ti OR isthmocèle*:ab,ti OR niche:ab,ti OR niches:ab,ti OR anechoic:ab,ti OR pouch*:ab,ti OR diverticul*:ab,ti) AND [21-06-2019]/sd NOT [06-11-2021]/sd	45232

eFigure 1. Flowchart Showing Studies Identified Through Literature Search



eTable 1. Results of Consensus Rounds

Question	Nomenclature					
	RoA in round 1(%)	Consensus reached in round 1	RoA in round 2 (%)	Consensus reached in round 2	RoA in round 3 (%)	Consensus reached in round 3
Which of the following conditions would best cover the condition caused by a symptomatic niche: Disorder, Syndrome, Disease?	67.7	No	93.5	Yes: included disorder	NA	NA
Which of the following terms would best cover the condition caused by a symptomatic niche? Niche or Cesarean Scar (Disorder/Disease/Syndrome)	61.3	No	54.8	No	96.2	Yes: included Cesarean Scar Disorder
Symptom	Gynecological symptoms					
	RoA in round 1(%)	Consensus reached in round 1	RoA in round 2 (%)	Consensus reached in round 2	RoA in round 3 (%)	Consensus reached in round 3:
Postmenstrual spotting	83.9	Yes: include				
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			80.6	Yes: primary symptom	NA	NA
Dysmenorrhea	83.9	Yes: include	NA	NA	NA	NA
Chronic pelvic pain	83.9	Yes: include				
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			87.1	Yes: secondary symptom	NA	NA
Abnormal uterine bleeding	83.9	Yes: include	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prolonged menses	83.9	Yes: include	NA	NA	NA	NA
Avoiding sexual intercourse	80.6	Yes: include				
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			90.3	Yes: secondary symptom	NA	NA
Ovulation pain	-74,2	Yes: exclude	NA	NA	NA	NA
* Do you agree to combine pain dysmenorrhea and pain during spotting to pain during uterine bleeding?			71.0	Yes: include		
Pain during spotting?	22.6	no	NA	NA	NA	NA

*Pain during uterine bleeding			72.7	Yes: include		
*Primary vs secondary symptom?	NA	NA	84.2	Yes: primary symptom	NA	NA
* Do you agree to combine spotting, prolonged menses and abnormal uterine bleeding to postmenstrual spotting?	NA	NA	71.0	Yes: include		
Abnormal vaginal discharge	29.0	no	72.4	Yes: include		
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			87.5	Yes: secondary symptom	NA	NA
Odor associated with abnormal uterine blood loss	48.4	no	73.0	Yes: include		
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			83.4	Yes: secondary symptom	NA	NA
Dyspareunia	29.0	no	70.4	Yes: include		
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			72.7	Yes: secondary symptom	NA	NA
Pollakisuria	-3.6	no	-71.4	Yes: exclude	NA	NA
Polyuria	-63.3	no	-86.7	Yes: exclude	NA	NA
Pain during micturition	-36.7	no	-87.1	Yes: exclude	NA	NA
Pain after urinating	-33.3	no	-93.3	Yes: exclude	NA	NA

Fertility related symptoms

Symptom	RoA in round 1(%)	Consensus reached in round 1	RoA in round 2 (%)	Consensus reached in round 2	RoA in round 3 (%)	Consensus reached in round 3:
Secondary unexplained infertility	82.1	yes: include				
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			70.0	Yes: secondary symptom	NA	NA
Secondary unexplained infertility despite ART	81.5	yes: include				
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			72.4	Yes: secondary symptom	NA	NA
Technical issues with catheter during embryo transfer	80.0	yes: include				
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			73.1	Yes: primary symptom	NA	NA
Secondary unexplained infertility combined with intrauterine fluid	67.9	no	92.9	Yes: include		
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			70.4	Yes: primary symptom	NA	NA
Miscarriage	0.0	no			NA	NA
*More research is needed to conclude if miscarriages are a symptom of a uterine niche	NA	NA	96.7	Yes: include	NA	NA

Obstetrical symptoms						
Symptom	RoA in round 1(%)	Consensus reached in round 1	RoA in round 2 (%)	Consensus reached in round 2	RoA in round 3 (%)	Consensus reached in round 3:
Cesarean scar pregnancy	71.0	Yes: include	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dehiscence of the uterus	73.3	Yes: include	NA	NA	NA	NA
Abnormal adhesive placenta	80.0	Yes: include	NA	NA	NA	NA
Uterine rupture	50.0	no	NA	NA	NA	NA
*Women with a obstetrical problem related to a uterine niche, have a complication of uterine niche disorder and not the disorder itself.	NA	NA	70.4	Yes: include	NA	NA

Social relationships and participation						
Symptom	RoA in round 1(%)	Consensus reached in round 1	RoA in round 2 (%)	Consensus reached in round 2	RoA in round 3 (%)	Consensus reached in round 3:
Fatigue	-29.0	no	-87.1	Yes: exclude	NA	NA
Negative self-image	16.7	no	78.6	yes: include		
* Primary versus secondary symptom?			88.0	yes: secondary symptom	NA	NA
Loneliness	-32.1	no	-100	Yes: exclude	NA	NA
Discomfort during leisure activities	22.5	no	70.4	yes: include		
*Primary vs secondary symptom?			77.3	yes: secondary symptom	NA	NA
Depression	-10.3	no	-74.2	Yes: exclude	NA	NA

Categorization of symptoms						
Question:	RoA in round 1(%)	Consensus reached in round 1	RoA in round 2 (%)	Consensus reached in round 2	RoA in round 3 (%)	Consensus reached in round 3:
** Do you agree with this categorization of symptoms?	NA	NA	NA	NA	93.1	Yes
** The proposed definition works for me, knowing that it will be evaluated and possible adjusted after 1 year.	NA	NA	NA	NA	77.8	Yes

Diagnostic criteria						
Question:	RoA in round 1 (%)	Consensus reached in round 1	RoA in round 2 (%)	Consensus reached in round 2	RoA in round 3 (%)	Consensus reached in round 3:
The complaints of a symptomatic niche should start after a CS or should increase significantly after a CS.	80.6	yes: include	NA	NA	NA	NA
In order to call a group of symptoms a disease/disorder/syndrome, we need to define how to cure the disease. Do you think a patient can be cured from a symptomatic niche (this does not mean that all symptomatic niche should be treated)?	87.1	yes: include	NA	NA	NA	NA
It is obligatory that the complaints of a symptomatic niche should start after a CS.	64.5	no	96.8	yes: included	NA	NA
A patient need to be premenopausal to diagnose a symptomatic niche.	48.4	no	100	yes: included	NA	NA
Do you think there should be a minimal duration after a CS before you can make the diagnosis of a symptomatic niche?	41.9	no	NA	NA	NA	NA
*Minimal of three regular menstrual cycles after CS before diagnosis	NA	NA	93.5	yes: included	NA	NA
Conditions to exclude						
Condition:	RoA in round 1 (%)	Consensus reached in round 1	RoA in round 2 (%)	Consensus reached in round 2	RoA in round 3 (%)	Consensus reached in round 3:
Other uterine intracavitary pathology	93.5	yes: include	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other causes of postmenstrual spotting (such as continuous oral contraceptive use or IUD)	80.6	yes: include	NA	NA	NA	NA
Anovulatory cycles (due to endocrine disorders or breastfeeding)	29.0	no	100	yes: included	NA	NA
Endometriosis	16.1	no	-74.2	yes: excluded	NA	NA

coagulation abnormalities	22.6	no	-87.1	yes: excluded	NA	NA
*Cervical dysplasia	NA	NA	74.2	yes: included	NA	NA
*Vaginal/uterine infections	NA	NA	74.2	yes: included	NA	NA
*Adenomyosis	NA	NA	-72.4	yes: excluded	NA	NA
*Uterine fibroids	NA	NA	-86.7	yes: excluded	NA	NA

Legend: * added in round 2, based on the feedback of previous round, ** added in round 3, based on the feedback in previous rounds.
Abbreviations: RoA, Rate of Agreement; CS, Cesarean section; ART, Assisted Reproductive Technology; IUD, intrauterine device