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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Coercion is inevitably linked to psychiatric and mental health care. Though many forms of coercion exist, perceived coercion appears to be a less studied form despite its marked prevalence and negative consequences. In the literature, several factors have been studied for their association with perceived coercion, but no literature reviews have focused on this precise subject. Gaining knowledge of the association between these factors and the degree of perceived coercion is essential to guide future research and develop informed interventions. The purpose of this review will be to identify, in the literature, factors associated with perceived coercion by adults receiving psychiatric care.

Methods and analysis: A scoping review will be conducted by following the Joanna Briggs Institute methodology. A search with descriptors and keywords will be performed in the following databases: CINAHL, MEDLINE, PUBMED, EMBASE, and PsychINFO. Then, a search for grey literature will be conducted, psychiatric and mental health journals will be searched, and reference lists will be examined to identify further pertinent literature. All literature on factors (human, health-related, organizational, etc.) and their association to perceived coercion by adults (18 and older) in psychiatry will be included. A quality assessment of the literature included will be performed. The extracted data will be analyzed with a method of content analysis.

Ethics and dissemination: No ethics approval is required for this review. This scoping review will present a global portrait of the factors that show an association with perceived coercion in psychiatric care. Identifying these factors will guide future research and inform the development of initiatives aiming to reduce coercion. The results of this scoping review will be submitted to a scientific journal for publication, presented in conferences, and shared with clinicians working in psychiatric and mental health care.

Systematic review registration: This scoping review protocol has been registered on Open Science Framework (https://osf.io/kc7gw).

STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS STUDY

- This will be the first scoping review presenting the association between perceived coercion in psychiatry and different factors (human, organizational, etc.).
- This scoping review will present results from an extensive literature search conducted in various databases, specialized journals, and grey literature.
- The target population, including adults receiving psychiatric care in the hospital, but also
 in outpatient clinics or directly in the community, will allow for a broader exploration of
 factors associated with perceived coercion.
- This review will be limited to literature in French and English, limiting the inclusion of possible relevant sources in other languages.

INTRODUCTION

Coercion is still used regularly in mental health and psychiatric care, with a marked increase in involuntary hospitalizations and community treatment orders ¹ and no steady reduction in the use of mechanical restraint ². Despite controversy and ethical debates, as well as various initiatives to reduce its use ³, the prevalence of coercion remains high ⁴⁻⁸. While coercion can be broadly defined as using pressures to make a person act accordingly to another person or organization's wishes ⁹, it is a more complex concept in psychiatry, where different forms of coercion coexist: formal, informal, and perceived coercion ¹⁰. Formal coercion refers to the use of coercive measures (e.g. involuntary hospitalization, seclusion) under the mental health legislation ¹¹. Informal coercion consists of pressure, manipulation, and various control strategies used by health professionals to promote treatment adherence ⁵. Persuasion, inducement, and threats are examples of informal coercion ⁹. The current review will focus on perceived coercion, the individual's subjective experience of being coerced ⁷.

Although less studied than other forms of coercion, perceived coercion is nevertheless experienced by 74% of involuntarily hospitalized individuals and 25% of those voluntarily admitted due to a mental illness 7. Perceived coercion has many consequences for the person experiencing it, such as an increased risk of suicide after discharge ¹², avoidance of mental health services ¹³, and feelings of dehumanization and isolation ⁷. While studies have presented results on the association between different factors and perceived coercion, for example by studying the influence of age ¹⁴, legal status ¹⁵, the quality of interactions with health professionals ¹⁶, or procedural justice ¹⁷, to our knowledge, few literature reviews have specifically addressed this subject. We found only one systematic review that has looked at variables associated with the subjective experience of coercion, by studying the experience of patients after being subjected to specific coercive measures, i.e. mechanical restraint, seclusion, and forced medication ¹⁸. Considering that perceived coercion is not exclusively related to the experience of such measures 9, a more global portrait of this subject is essential. A scoping review method will be used to present the state of knowledge on the factors associated with perceived coercion, which could help guide the development of interventions specifically designed to minimize the experience of this phenomenon. The purpose of this article will be to identify, in the literature, factors associated with perceived coercion by adults receiving psychiatric care. The following research questions will be asked:

1. What factors are associated with perceived coercion by adults receiving psychiatric care?

METHODS AND ANALYSIS

This review will follow the Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) methodology for scoping reviews ¹⁹. This method follows nine steps: 1) defining the objectives, 2) developing the inclusion criteria, 3) planning 4) searching the evidence, 5) selecting the evidence, 6) extracting the evidence, 7) analyzing the evidence, 8) presenting the results and 9) summarizing the evidence. The final version of the scoping review will follow The Preferred reporting items for systematic review and meta-analysis extension for Scoping Reviews (PRISMA-ScR). For the designing of this protocol, The Preferred reporting items for systematic review and meta-analysis protocols (PRISMA-P) checklist was followed (see additional file 1) ²⁰ and the protocol was registered on *Open Science Framework* (https://osf.io/kc7gw).

Inclusion criteria

Following the JBI methodology for the development of a scoping review protocol, this section presents the type of participants, concept, context, and type of evidence that will be included.

Participants

The target population will be adults aged 18 years or older who are receiving or have received care for a mental illness. Considering the relatively low number of studies on perceived coercion, all mental illnesses will be included. Studies with participants that are 16 years of age and older will be included if the majority of participants are over 18 years of age. While no upper age limit will be applied, literature focusing specifically on gerontopsychiatry will be excluded, as will the one on forensic psychiatry considering the particularities associated with these subspecialties.

Concept

This review will include literature on the factors (human, organizational, sociodemographic, etc.) associated with perceived coercion, i.e. the subjective experience of coercion. The association between the factor and perceived coercion can be measured quantitatively (with specific scales that measure perceived coercion, i.e. *The MacArthur Admission Experience Survey*) or discussed qualitatively by participants of a study (themes related to their subjective experience of coercion).

Context

All mental health care settings will be included: inpatient, outpatient, and community-based care.

Type of evidence

Any existing literature on the concept of interest will be considered. It could include, but not be limited to, primary studies (quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods), literature reviews (systematic reviews, meta-analyses, etc.), conference abstracts, guidelines, theoretical articles, and grey literature (theses, etc.).

Search strategy

First, a search will be conducted in five databases: CINAHL, MEDLINE, PUBMED, EMBASE, and PsychINFO. Based on two main concepts derived from the research questions, "perceived coercion" and "psychiatry/mental illness," a list of terms was generated with the assistance of a librarian (table 1), from which a search will be conducted using descriptors and keywords (table 2). Based on the librarian's recommendation, "factors" was not considered in the search given the ambiguous nature of this concept but will be used as an inclusion criterion. A restriction will be applied to find literature in French and English only, with no restrictions for years of publication to obtain the entire scientific literature on the topic of interest. Next, a search will be conducted specifically in mental health periodicals to identify articles that might not be in the databases. A search will also be conducted to identify grey literature by searching OpenGrey, university thesis sites, and government agencies. Lastly, the reference lists of the selected articles will be searched to include any other literature deemed relevant according to the inclusion criteria. The search will be conducted in an iterative manner, meaning that the search strategy may be refined as we find pertinent evidence and become more familiar with the subject of interest.

Table 1. Main concepts and their associated lists of descriptors and keywords.

Coercion	Perception	Psychiatry / mental illness
Descriptors (MeSH)	Descriptors (MeSH)	Descriptors (MeSH)
"Coercion"	"Perception"	"Mental Disorders"
"Involuntary Treatment,	"Social Perception"	"Bipolar and Related
Psychiatric"	_	Disorders"
"Commitment of Mentally Ill"		"Schizophrenia Spectrum and
"Restraint, Physical"		Other Psychotic Disorders"
	Keywords	"Mentally Ill Persons"
Keywords		"Hospitals, Psychiatric"
	Perception(s)	"Psychiatric Department,
Coercion	Perceived	Hospital"
Coercing	Perceive	
Coercive	Perceiving	Keywords
Coerced	Experience(s)	
Involuntary	Experienced	Psychiatric
Involuntarily	Experiencing	Psychiatry
Commitment(s)	Subjective	Mental health
Restraint		Mental illness(es)
restrained		Mentally ill
Restraining		Mental disorder(s)
Seclusion		Mentally disordered
Secluding		Schizophrenia

secluded	Schizophrenic
Constraint	Psychosis
Constrained	Psychotic
Constraining	bipolar
Forced	•
Force	
Compulsory	
Intimidation	
Intimidate	
intimidated	

Table 2. Example of a pilot search

Database	Search using descriptors and keywords	Filters	Results
PUBMED	(("Coercion"[Mesh] OR "Involuntary Treatment, Psychiatric"[Mesh]	English,	4223
	OR "Commitment of Mentally Ill" [Mesh] OR "Restraint,	French	
	Physical"[Mesh:NoExp] OR Coercion[TIAB] OR Coercing[TIAB]		
	OR Coercive[TIAB] OR Coerced[TIAB] OR Involuntary[TIAB] OR		
	Involuntarily[TIAB] OR Commitment[TIAB] OR		
	commitments[TIAB] OR Restraint[TIAB] OR restrained[TIAB] OR		
	Restraining[TIAB] OR Seclusion[TIAB] OR secluded[TIAB] OR		
	Secluding[TIAB] OR Constraint[TIAB] OR constrained[TIAB] OR		
	Constraining[TIAB] OR forced[TIAB] OR force[TIAB] OR		
	compulsory[TIAB] OR intimidation[TIAB] OR intimidate[TIAB] OR		
	intimidated[TIAB]) AND ("Perception"[Mesh:NoExp] OR "Social		
	Perception"[Mesh:NoExp] OR Perception[TIAB] OR		
	perceptions[TIAB] OR Perceived[TIAB] OR Perceive[TIAB] OR		
	Perceiving[TIAB] OR Experience[TIAB] OR experiences[TIAB] OR		
	Experienced[TIAB] OR Experiencing[TIAB] OR Subjective[TIAB]))		
	AND ("Mental Disorders" [Mesh: NoExp] OR "Bipolar and Related		
	Disorders" [Mesh] OR "Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic		
	Disorders" [Mesh] OR "Mentally Ill Persons" [Mesh] OR "Hospitals,		
	Psychiatric" [Mesh] OR "Psychiatric Department, Hospital" [Mesh]		
	OR Psychiatric[TIAB] OR Psychiatry[TIAB] OR "Mental"		
	health"[TIAB] OR "Mental illness"[TIAB] OR "mental		
	illnesses"[TIAB] OR "Mentally ill"[TIAB] OR "Mental		
	disorder"[TIAB] OR "mental disorders"[TIAB] OR "Mentally		
	disordered"[TIAB] OR Schizophrenia[TIAB] OR		
	Schizophrenic[TIAB] OR Psychosis[TIAB] OR Psychotic[TIAB] OR		
	bipolar[TIAB])		
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Source of evidence selection

All citations will be uploaded in Covidence software (2022) and duplicates will be removed. A first selection will be based on title and abstract examination of the articles for assessment against

the inclusion criteria. The selection will be conducted independently by two main reviewers following a pilot test. A second selection will be made based on full-text examination of the literature selected in the first stage. The help of a third reviewer will be sought if any disagreements arise between the other reviewers at each stage of the selection process. The reasons for exclusion will be documented and reported in the final scoping review. The results of the selection process will be reported and presented in a PRISMA extension for scoping review (PRISMA-ScR) flow diagram ²⁰.

Data extraction

Data extraction will be done according to the categories proposed in the JBI methodology for scoping reviews ¹⁹ and adapted to the purpose and research questions of the present study: *authors, year of publication, country of origin, purpose, population, sample size, context of care, method, type of factor assessed and its description, method of data collection used (scale, questionnaire, interview, ...), key findings and quality assessment.* Using the Covidence software (2022), two authors will independently extract data from three papers to verify that all relevant data have been extracted. In the case of disagreement, a discussion will take place between the two authors to clarify the items to be extracted, and the step will be repeated with a different article until an inter-judge agreement is reached. We will assess the quality of the literature by using the following tools: the Mixed Methods Appraisal Tool (MMAT) ²¹, the Joanna Briggs Institute Critical Appraisal Checklist for Systematic Reviews and Research Syntheses ²², and the Authority, Accuracy, Coverage, Objectivity, Date, Significance checklist (AACODS) for grey literature ²³.

Data analysis and presentation of the results

First, a description of the included literature, its main characteristics, and the factors examined will be presented in a tabular form accompanied by a narrative summary. Miles et al.'s (2020) content analysis method will be used to allow for the presentation of the factors and their association with perceived coercion. The extracted data will be coded (using QDA Miner software) according to the specific factors presented in the literature and organized in a table to proceed with their comparison. Next, broad categories will be identified, allowing different factors to be grouped into a single category. Finally, conclusions will be presented, and recommendations formulated, taking into account the state of knowledge on the subject and possible research gaps.

Patient and public involvement

No patient was involved in the development of this review protocol. However, a person with lived experience in psychiatry will be involved in reviewing the results of the scoping review.

ETHICS AND DISSEMINATION

The aim of this scoping review is to identify the factors that are associated with perceived coercion by people receiving psychiatric care. To our knowledge, this is the first literature review on this topic. Since the concept of perceived coercion remains a relatively understudied form of coercion, using a scoping review approach is relevant to ensure that a global portrait of the literature on this issue is presented. Indeed, it is now clear that coercion in psychiatry is not just about control measures, but rather a complex and multifactorial phenomenon that requires a better understanding of its various components. As the human rights-based approach to mental health care is gaining traction ²⁴ ²⁵, it is essential that perceived coercion, which includes the perception of being treated fairly 9, be considered in the development of initiatives aspiring to be respectful of human rights. Therefore, this review will provide a better understanding of the underlying factors that might contribute to the perception of coercion in psychiatric and mental health care, while allowing the distinction between human and organizational factors. We anticipate that the findings of this study will inform the development of interventions to reduce perceived coercion in psychiatric and mental health care by identifying modifiable factors that are associated with its prevalence. In addition, we believe that the results of this review will benefit all psychiatric and mental health stakeholders wishing to increase the quality of care and services provided to this population. The results of this scoping review will be submitted to a scientific journal for publication. In addition, the results will be presented in international mental health conferences and shared with clinicians working in psychiatric and mental health care.

DECLARATIONS

Authors' contributions

CLD designed and wrote the initial version of the scoping review protocol. MHG and PPL offered guidance during the design of the protocol and critically reviewed and helped refine the protocol.

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Additional file

Additional file 1: The Preferred reporting items for systematic review and meta-analysis protocols (PRISMA-P) checklist. (PRISMA-P+checklist perceived coercion.docx).

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Risk of bias in individual studies	14	Describe anticipated methods for assessing risk of bias of individual studies, including whether this will be done at the outcome or study level, or both; state how this information will be used in data synthesis			174 to 177
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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Coercion is inevitably linked to psychiatric and mental health care. Though many forms of coercion exist, perceived coercion appears to be a less studied form despite its marked prevalence and negative consequences. In the literature, several factors have been studied for their association with perceived coercion, but few literature reviews have focused on this precise subject. Gaining knowledge of the association between these factors and the degree of perceived coercion is essential to guide future research and develop informed interventions. The purpose of this review will be to identify, in the literature, factors associated with perceived coercion by adults receiving psychiatric care.

Methods and analysis: A scoping review will be conducted by following the Joanna Briggs Institute methodology. A search with descriptors and keywords will be performed in the following databases: CINAHL, MEDLINE, PUBMED, EMBASE, and PsychINFO. Then, a search for grey literature will be conducted, psychiatric and mental health journals will be searched, and reference lists will be examined to identify further pertinent literature. All literature on factors (human, health-related, organizational, etc.) and their association to perceived coercion by adults (18 and older) in inpatient, outpatient and community-based psychiatry will be included. A quality assessment of the literature included will be performed. The extracted data will be analyzed with a method of content analysis. An exploratory search was conducted in September 2021 and will be updated in September 2022 once the evidence selection process is planned to begin.

Ethics and dissemination: No ethics approval is required for this review. The results of this scoping review will be submitted to a scientific journal for publication, presented in conferences, and shared with clinicians working in psychiatric and mental health care.

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW REGISTRATION

This scoping review protocol has been registered on Open Science Framework (https://osf.io/kc7gw).

STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS STUDY

- This scoping review will present results from an extensive literature search conducted in various databases, specialized journals, and grey literature.
- The target population, including not only adults receiving psychiatric care in the hospital but also in outpatient clinics or directly in the community, will allow for a broader exploration of factors associated with perceived coercion.
- A consultation with relevant stakeholders to review the preliminary results will allow to further develop and refine the results.
- Only literature in French and English will be included, limiting the inclusion of possible relevant sources in other languages.
- The absence of involvement from a person with lived experience from the early stages of this scoping review could limit the preciseness and relevance of the search strategy and the depth of the findings.

INTRODUCTION

Coercion is still used regularly in mental health and psychiatric care, with a marked increase in involuntary hospitalizations and community treatment orders ¹ and no steady reduction in the use of mechanical restraint ². Despite controversy and ethical debates, as well as various initiatives to reduce its use ³, the prevalence of coercion remains high ⁴⁻⁸. While coercion can be broadly defined as using pressures to make a person act according to another person or organization's wishes ⁹, it is a more complex concept in psychiatry, where different forms of coercion coexist: formal, informal, and perceived coercion ¹⁰. Formal coercion refers to the use of coercive measures (e.g. involuntary hospitalization, seclusion) under the mental health legislation ¹¹. Informal

coercion consists of pressure, manipulation, and various control strategies used by health professionals to promote treatment adherence ⁵. Persuasion, inducement, and threats are examples of informal coercion ⁹. The current review will focus on perceived coercion, the individual's subjective experience of being coerced ⁷.

Although less studied than other forms of coercion, perceived coercion is nevertheless experienced by 74% of involuntarily hospitalized individuals and 25% of those voluntarily admitted due to a mental illness ⁷. Perceived coercion has many consequences for the person experiencing it, such as an increased risk of suicide after discharge ¹², avoidance of mental health services ¹³, and feelings of dehumanization and isolation ⁷. Many studies have presented results on the association between different factors and perceived coercion, for example by studying the influence of age ¹⁴, legal status ¹⁵, the quality of interactions with health professionals ¹⁶, or procedural justice ¹⁷. Consequently, a number of literature reviews have looked at perceived coercion, as a main or secondary outcome, by exploring the impacts of seclusion and restraint 18 19, forced medication¹⁹, the patients' legal status²⁰⁻²⁴ and the patients' decision-making capacity²⁵. We found only one systematic review, dating back to 2011, that considered other factors, such as the patients' quality of life or their sociodemographic characteristics²¹. This review had several limitations, including the selection of studies in English only and the absence of consideration for grey literature. Furthermore, more recent studies suggest that perceived coercion may be linked to other factors such as the perception of fairness and justice during treatment, also known as procedural justice 16 17 26 27. Considering the lack of literature reviews that take into account all the factors that may be associated with perceived coercion, a more global and recent portrait of this subject is needed.

A scoping review method will be used to present the state of knowledge on the factors associated with perceived coercion, which could help guide the development of interventions specifically designed to minimize the experience of this phenomenon. The purpose of this article will be to identify, in the literature, factors associated with perceived coercion by adults receiving psychiatric care. The following research question will be asked:

1. What factors are associated with perceived coercion by adults receiving psychiatric care?

METHODS AND ANALYSIS

This review will follow the Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) methodology for scoping reviews ²⁸. This method was chosen because of its clear guidelines that allows the reviewers to conduct a thorough review that may be reciprocated by readers to ensure its validity. The JBI methodology follows nine steps: 1) defining the objectives, 2) developing the inclusion criteria, 3) planning 4) searching the evidence, 5) selecting the evidence, 6) extracting the evidence, 7) analyzing the evidence, 8) presenting the results and 9) summarizing the evidence. A 10th step of consultation with relevant stakeholders will be added to this review. Though optional, consultation is recommended in other scoping review methodologies to add rigor ²⁹ ³⁰. For this review, the consultation will take place after the initial data analysis (step 7) and preliminary results will be presented to the following stakeholders: a person with lived experience of perceived coercion, a clinician with extensive experience in psychiatry and a researcher in this field. Their contributions will be acknowledged in the final review and reported in the results section. The final version of the scoping review will follow The Preferred reporting items for systematic review and metaanalysis extension for Scoping Reviews (PRISMA-ScR). For the designing of this protocol, The Preferred reporting items for systematic review and meta-analysis protocols (PRISMA-P) checklist was followed (see additional file 1) 31 and the protocol was registered on Open Science Framework (https://osf.io/kc7gw). The source of evidence selection for this scoping review is scheduled to begin in September 2022. A first completed version of this review is planned for September 2023.

Inclusion criteria

Following the JBI methodology for the development of a scoping review protocol, this section presents the type of participants, concept, context, and type of evidence that will be included.

Participants

The target population will be adults aged 18 years or older who are receiving or have received psychiatric care. Studies with participants that are 16 years of age and older will be included if the majority of participants are over 18 years of age. While no upper age limit will be applied, literature focusing specifically on geriatric psychiatry will be excluded considering the particularities associated with this subspecialty (e.g., physical comorbidities, neurodegenerative disorders). Literature on intellectual disability, perinatal psychiatry or eating disorders will be

excluded. Other than general psychiatry, the following subspecialties will be included: psychiatric rehabilitation, forensic psychiatry, community psychiatry and addiction psychiatry.

Concept

This review will include literature on the factors (human, organizational, sociodemographic, etc.) associated with perceived coercion, i.e. the subjective experience of coercion. The different factors will be determined and classified during the analysis phase of the review. The association between the factor and perceived coercion can be measured quantitatively (with specific scales that measure perceived coercion, i.e. *The MacArthur Admission Experience Survey*) or discussed qualitatively by participants of a study (themes related to their subjective experience of coercion).

Context

All mental health care settings will be included: inpatient, outpatient, and community-based care.

Type of evidence

Any existing literature on the concept of interest will be considered. It could include, but not be limited to, primary studies (quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods), literature reviews (systematic reviews, meta-analyses, etc.), conference abstracts, guidelines, theoretical articles, and grey literature (theses, etc.). The literature whose full text is in French or English will be included only.

Search strategy

First, a search will be conducted in five databases: CINAHL, MEDLINE, PUBMED, EMBASE, and PsychINFO. Based on two main concepts derived from the research questions, "perceived coercion" and "psychiatry/mental illness," a list of terms was generated with the assistance of a librarian (table 1), from which a search will be conducted using descriptors and keywords (table 2). An exploratory search was conducted in September 2021 (see additional file 2), which will be updated once the evidence selection begins (planned date: September 2022). Based on the librarian's recommendation, "factors" was not considered in the search given the ambiguous nature of this concept but will be used as an inclusion criterion. There will be no restrictions for years of publication to obtain the entire scientific literature on the topic of interest. Next, a search will be conducted specifically in mental health periodicals to identify articles that

might not be in the databases. A search will also be conducted to identify grey literature by searching OpenGrey, university thesis sites, and government agencies. Lastly, the reference lists of the selected articles will be searched to include any other literature deemed relevant according to the inclusion criteria. The search will be conducted in an iterative manner, meaning that the search strategy may be refined as we find pertinent evidence and become more familiar with the subject of interest.

Table 1. Main concepts and their associated lists of descriptors and keywords.

Coercion	Perception	Psychiatry / mental illness
Descriptors (MeSH)	Descriptors (MeSH)	Descriptors (MeSH)
"Coercion"	"Perception"	"Mental Disorders"
"Involuntary Treatment,	"Social Perception"	"Bipolar and Related
Psychiatric"		Disorders"
"Commitment of Mentally Ill"		"Schizophrenia Spectrum and
"Restraint, Physical"		Other Psychotic Disorders"
•	Keywords	"Mentally Ill Persons"
Keywords		"Hospitals, Psychiatric"
	Perception(s)	"Psychiatric Department,
Coercion	Perceived	Hospital"
Coercing	Perceive	-
Coercive	Perceiving	Keywords
Coerced	Experience(s)	
Involuntary	Experienced	Psychiatric
Involuntarily	Experiencing	Psychiatry
Commitment(s)	Subjective	Mental health
Restraint		Mental illness(es)
restrained		Mentally ill
Restraining		Mental disorder(s)
Seclusion		Mentally disordered
Secluding		Schizophrenia
secluded		Schizophrenic
Constraint		Psychosis
Constrained		Psychotic
Constraining		bipolar
Forced		
Force		
Compulsory		
Intimidation		
Intimidate		
intimidated		

Table 2. Example of a pilot search

Database	Search using descriptors and keywords	Results
PUBMED	(("Coercion"[Mesh] OR "Involuntary Treatment, Psychiatric"[Mesh]	4963
	OR "Commitment of Mentally Ill" [Mesh] OR "Restraint,	
	Physical"[Mesh:NoExp] OR Coercion[TIAB] OR Coercing[TIAB]	
	OR Coercive[TIAB] OR Coerced[TIAB] OR Involuntary[TIAB] OR	
	Involuntarily[TIAB] OR Commitment[TIAB] OR	
	commitments[TIAB] OR Restraint[TIAB] OR restrained[TIAB] OR	
	Restraining[TIAB] OR Seclusion[TIAB] OR secluded[TIAB] OR	
	Secluding[TIAB] OR Constraint[TIAB] OR constrained[TIAB] OR	
	Constraining[TIAB] OR forced[TIAB] OR force[TIAB] OR	
	compulsory[TIAB] OR intimidation[TIAB] OR intimidate[TIAB] OR	
	intimidated[TIAB]) AND ("Perception"[Mesh:NoExp] OR "Social	
	Perception"[Mesh:NoExp] OR Perception[TIAB] OR	
	perceptions[TIAB] OR Perceived[TIAB] OR Perceive[TIAB] OR	
	Perceiving[TIAB] OR Experience[TIAB] OR experiences[TIAB] OR	
	Experienced[TIAB] OR Experiencing[TIAB] OR Subjective[TIAB]))	
	AND ("Mental Disorders" [Mesh:NoExp] OR "Bipolar and Related	
	Disorders" [Mesh] OR "Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic	
	Disorders" [Mesh] OR "Mentally Ill Persons" [Mesh] OR "Hospitals,	
	Psychiatric" [Mesh] OR "Psychiatric Department, Hospital" [Mesh]	
	OR Psychiatric[TIAB] OR Psychiatry[TIAB] OR "Mental	
	health"[TIAB] OR "Mental illness"[TIAB] OR "mental	
	illnesses"[TIAB] OR "Mentally ill"[TIAB] OR "Mental	
	disorder"[TIAB] OR "mental disorders"[TIAB] OR "Mentally	
	disordered"[TIAB] OR Schizophrenia[TIAB] OR	
	Schizophrenic[TIAB] OR Psychosis[TIAB] OR Psychotic[TIAB] OR	
	bipolar[TIAB])	

Source of evidence selection

All citations will be uploaded in Covidence software (2022) and duplicates will be removed. A first selection will be based on title and abstract examination of the articles for assessment against the inclusion criteria. The selection will be conducted independently by two main reviewers following a pilot test. A second selection will be made based on full-text examination of the literature selected in the first stage. The help of a third reviewer will be sought if any disagreements arise between the other reviewers at each stage of the selection process. The reasons for exclusion will be documented and reported in the final scoping review. The results of the selection process will be reported and presented in a PRISMA extension for scoping review (PRISMA-ScR) flow diagram ³¹.

Data extraction

Data extraction will be done according to the categories proposed in the JBI methodology for scoping reviews ²⁸ and adapted to the purpose and research questions of the present study: *authors, year of publication, country of origin, purpose, population, sample size, context of care, method, type of factor assessed and its description, method of data collection used (scale, questionnaire, interview, ...), key findings and quality assessment.* Using the Covidence software (2022), two authors will independently extract data from three papers to verify that all relevant data have been extracted. In the case of disagreement, a discussion will take place between the two authors to clarify the items to be extracted, and the step will be repeated with a different article until an inter-judge agreement is reached. We will assess the quality of the literature by using the following tools: the Mixed Methods Appraisal Tool (MMAT) ³², the Joanna Briggs Institute Critical Appraisal Checklist for Systematic Reviews and Research Syntheses ³³, and the Authority, Accuracy, Coverage, Objectivity, Date, Significance checklist (AACODS) for grey literature ³⁴.

Data analysis and presentation of the results

First, a description of the included literature, its main characteristics, and the factors examined will be presented in a tabular form accompanied by a narrative summary. Miles et al.'s (2020) content analysis method will be used to allow for the presentation of the factors and their association with perceived coercion. The extracted data will be coded (using QDA Miner software) according to the specific factors presented in the literature and organized in a table to proceed with their comparison. Next, broad categories will be identified, allowing different factors to be grouped into a single category. The preliminary results will be presented to the stakeholders and discussed through a meeting. Their input will be considered and incorporated in the results. Finally, conclusions will be presented, and recommendations formulated, taking into account the state of knowledge on the subject and possible research gaps.

Patient and public involvement

No patient was involved in the development of this review protocol. However, a person with lived experience in psychiatry will be involved in reviewing the preliminary results of the scoping review.

CONCLUSION

The aim of this scoping review is to identify the factors that are associated with perceived coercion by people receiving psychiatric care. Since the concept of perceived coercion remains a relatively understudied form of coercion, using a scoping review approach is relevant to ensure that a global portrait of the literature on this issue is presented. Indeed, it is now clear that coercion in psychiatry is not just about control measures, but rather a complex and multifactorial phenomenon that requires a better understanding of its various components. As the human rights-based approach to mental health care is gaining traction ³⁵ 36, it is essential that perceived coercion, which includes the perception of being treated fairly 9, be considered in the development of initiatives aspiring to be respectful of human rights. Therefore, this review will provide a better understanding of the underlying factors that might contribute to the perception of coercion in psychiatric and mental health care, while allowing the distinction between human and organizational factors. We anticipate that the findings of this study will inform the development of interventions to reduce perceived coercion in psychiatric and mental health care by identifying modifiable factors that are associated with its prevalence. In addition, we believe that the results of this review will benefit all psychiatric and mental health stakeholders wishing to increase the quality of care and services provided to this population.

ETHICS AND DISSEMINATION

No ethics approval is required for this review. The results of this scoping review will be submitted to a scientific journal for publication. In addition, the results will be presented in international mental health conferences and shared with clinicians working in psychiatric and mental health care.

DECLARATIONS

Authors' contributions

CLD designed and wrote the initial version of the scoping review protocol. MHG and PPL offered guidance during the design of the protocol and critically reviewed and helped refine the protocol.

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Additional file

Additional file 1: The Preferred reporting items for systematic review and meta-analysis protocols (PRISMA-P) checklist. (PRISMA-P+checklist perceived coercion.docx).

Additional file 2: Exploratory search and search strategy. (Exploratory search_perceived coercion.docx).

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Identification	1a	Identify the report as a protocol of a systematic review			30-31
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Registration	2	If registered, provide the name of the registry (e.g., PROSPERO) and registration number in the Abstract			53-54
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Contributions	3b	Describe contributions of protocol authors and identify the guarantor of the review			298-299
Amendments	4	If the protocol represents an amendment of a previously completed or published protocol, identify as such and list changes; otherwise, state plan for documenting important protocol amendments			n/a
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Rationale	6	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known			84-95

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Section/topic	#	Checklist item	Yes	No	number(s)
Objectives	7	Provide an explicit statement of the question(s) the review will address with reference to participants, interventions, comparators, and outcomes (PICO)			98
METHODS					
Eligibility criteria	8	Specify the study characteristics (e.g., PICO, study design, setting, time frame) and report characteristics (e.g., years considered, language, publication status) to be used as criteria for eligibility for the review			110 to 135
Information sources	9	Describe all intended information sources (e.g., electronic databases, contact with study authors, trial registers, or other grey literature sources) with planned dates of coverage			137 to 150
Search strategy	10	Present draft of search strategy to be used for at least one electronic database, including planned limits, such that it could be repeated			153
STUDY RECORDS		- C/A			
Data management	11a	Describe the mechanism(s) that will be used to manage records and data throughout the review			156; 170-171
Selection process	11b	State the process that will be used for selecting studies (e.g., two independent reviewers) through each phase of the review (i.e., screening, eligibility, and inclusion in meta-analysis)			157 to 162
Data collection process	11c	Describe planned method of extracting data from reports (e.g., piloting forms, done independently, in duplicate), any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators			170 to 174
Data items	12	List and define all variables for which data will be sought (e.g., PICO items, funding sources), any pre-planned data assumptions and simplifications			166 to 170
Outcomes and prioritization	13	List and define all outcomes for which data will be sought, including prioritization of main and additional outcomes, with rationale			166 to 170
Risk of bias in individual studies	14	Describe anticipated methods for assessing risk of bias of individual studies, including whether this will be done at the outcome or study level, or both; state how this information will be used in data synthesis			174 to 177
DATA					
	15a	Describe criteria under which study data will be quantitatively synthesized			n/a
Synthesis	15b	If data are appropriate for quantitative synthesis, describe planned summary measures, methods of handling data, and methods of combining data from studies, including any planned exploration of consistency (e.g., I^2 , Kendall's tau)			n/a



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	15c	Describe any proposed additional analyses (e.g., sensitivity or subgroup analyses, meta-regression)		\boxtimes	n/a
	15d	If quantitative synthesis is not appropriate, describe the type of summary planned			179 to 186
Meta-bias(es)	16	Specify any planned assessment of meta-bias(es) (e.g., publication bias across studies, selective reporting within studies)		\boxtimes	n/a
Confidence in cumulative evidence	17	Describe how the strength of the body of evidence will be assessed (e.g., GRADE)		\boxtimes	n/a
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Stratégies de recherche

Perception de la coercition en psychiatrie

PUBMED (recherche faite le 18 août 2021)

(("Coercion"[Mesh] OR "Involuntary Treatment, Psychiatric"[Mesh] OR "Commitment of Mentally III"[Mesh] OR "Restraint, Physical"[Mesh:NoExp] OR Coercion[TIAB] OR Coercing[TIAB] OR Coercive[TIAB] OR Coerced[TIAB] OR Involuntary[TIAB] OR Involuntarily[TIAB] OR Commitment[TIAB] OR commitments[TIAB] OR Restraint[TIAB] OR restrained[TIAB] OR Restraining[TIAB] OR Seclusion[TIAB] OR secluded[TIAB] OR Secluding[TIAB] OR Constraint[TIAB] OR constrained[TIAB] OR Constraining[TIAB] OR forced[TIAB] OR force[TIAB] OR compulsory[TIAB] OR intimidation[TIAB] OR intimidate[TIAB] OR intimidated[TIAB]) AND ("Perception"[Mesh:NoExp] OR "Social Perception"[Mesh:NoExp] OR Perception[TIAB] OR perceptions[TIAB] OR Perceived[TIAB] OR Perceive[TIAB] OR Perceiving[TIAB] OR Experience[TIAB] OR experiences[TIAB] OR Experienced[TIAB] OR Experiencing[TIAB] OR Subjective[TIAB])) AND ("Mental Disorders" [Mesh:NoExp] OR "Bipolar and Related Disorders" [Mesh] OR "Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders" [Mesh] OR "Mentally III Persons" [Mesh] OR "Hospitals, Psychiatric" [Mesh] OR "Psychiatric Department, Hospital"[Mesh] OR Psychiatric[TIAB] OR Psychiatry[TIAB] OR "Mental health"[TIAB] OR "Mental illness"[TIAB] OR "mental illnesses"[TIAB] OR "Mentally ill"[TIAB] OR "Mental disorder"[TIAB] OR "mental disorders"[TIAB] OR "Mentally disordered"[TIAB] OR Schizophrenia[TIAB] OR Schizophrenic[TIAB] OR Psychosis[TIAB] OR Psychotic[TIAB] OR bipolar[TIAB])

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Nombre de résultats : 4223

MEDLINE (recherche faite le 18 août 2021)

- 1. Coercion/,
- 2. Involuntary Treatment, Psychiatric/,
- 3. "Commitment of Mentally III"/,
- 4. Restraint, Physical/,
- 5. (Coerc* or Involunt* or Commitment* or Restrain* or Seclusion or Seclud* or Constraint or Constrain* or forced or force or compulsory or intimidat*).ti. or (Coerc* or Involunt* or Commitment* or Restrain* or Seclusion or Seclud* or Constraint or Constrain* or forced or force or compulsory or intimidat*).ab.
- 6. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5,
- 7. Perception/ or Social perception/,

- 8. (Perception* or Perceiv* or Experienc* or Subjective).ti. OR (Perception* or Perceiv* or Experienc* or Subjective).ab.
- 9.7 or 8,
- 10. Mental Disorders/,
- 11. exp "Bipolar and Related Disorders"/,
- 12. exp "schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders"/,
- 13. Mentally III Persons/,
- 14. Hospitals, Psychiatric/,
- 15. Psychiatric Department, Hospital/,
- 16. (Psychiatric or Psychiatry or "Mental health" or "Mental* ill*" or "Mental* disorder*" or Schizophren* or Psychosis or Psychotic or bipolar).ti OR (Psychiatric or Psychiatry or "Mental health" or "Mental* ill*" or "Mental* disorder*" or Schizophren* or Psychosis or Psychotic or bipolar).ab
- 17. 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16,
- 18. 6 and 9 and 17,
- 19. limit 18 to (english or french),

Nombre de résultats : 4583

EMBASE (Recherche faite le 18 août 2021)

- 1. involuntary commitment/,
- 2. physical restraint/,
- 3. (Coerc* or Involunt* or Commitment* or Restrain* or Seclusion or Seclud* or Constraint or Constrain* or forced or force or compulsory or intimidat*).ti. or (Coerc* or Involunt* or Commitment* or Restrain* or Seclusion or Seclud* or Constraint or Constrain* or forced or force or compulsory or intimidat*).ab.,
- 4. 1 or 2 or 3,
- 5. perception/,
- 6. (Perception* or Perceiv* or Experienc* or Subjective).ti. or (Perception* or Perceiv* or Experienc* or Subjective).ab.,
- 7.5 or 6,
- 8. mental disease/,

- 9. exp bipolar disorder/,
- 10. exp schizophrenia spectrum disorder/,
- 11. exp psychosis/,
- 12. mental patient/,
- 13. exp mental hospital/,
- 14. psychiatric department/,
- 15. (Psychiatric or Psychiatry or "Mental health" or "Mental* ill*" or "Mental* disorder*" or Schizophren* or Psychosis or Psychotic or bipolar).ti. or (Psychiatric or Psychiatry or "Mental health" or "Mental* disorder*" or Schizophren* or Psychosis or Psychotic or bipolar).ab.,
- 16. 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15,
- 17. 4 and 7 and 16,
- 18. limit 17 to (english or french),

Nombre de résultats : 6108

PsycINFO (recherche faite le 18 août 2021)

- 1. coercion/,
- 2. involuntary treatment/,
- 3. "commitment (psychiatric)"/,
- 4. physical restraint/,
- 5. patient seclusion/,
- 6. (Coerc* or Involunt* or Commitment* or Restrain* or Seclusion or Seclud* or Constraint or Constrain* or forced or force or compulsory or intimidat*).ti. or (Coerc* or Involunt* or Commitment* or Restrain* or Seclusion or Seclud* or Constraint or Constrain* or forced or force or compulsory or intimidat*).ab.,
- 7. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6,
- 8. Perception/ or Social perception/,
- 9. (Perception* or Perceiv* or Experienc* or Subjective).ti. or (Perception* or Perceiv* or Experienc* or Subjective).ab.,
- 10.8 or 9,
- 11. mental disorders/,

- 12. exp bipolar disorder/,
- 13. exp psychosis/,
- 14. psychiatric patients/,
- 15. psychiatric hospitals/,
- 16. psychiatric units/,
- 17. (Psychiatric or Psychiatry or "Mental health" or "Mental* ill*" or "Mental* disorder*" or Schizophren* or Psychosis or Psychotic or bipolar).ti. or (Psychiatric or Psychiatry or "Mental health" or "Mental* disorder*" or Schizophren* or Psychosis or Psychotic or bipolar).ab.,
- 18. 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16 or 17,
- 19. 7 and 10 and 18,
- 20. limit 19 to (english or french),

Nombre de résultats : 5376

CINAHL (recherche faite le 18 août 2021)

S10, S5 AND S6 AND S9, Limiters - Language: English, French

S9, S7 OR S8,

- S8, TI(Psychiatric OR Psychiatry OR "Mental health" OR "Mental* ill*" OR "Mental* disorder*" OR Schizophren* OR Psychosis OR Psychotic OR bipolar) OR AB(Psychiatric OR Psychiatry OR "Mental health" OR "Mental* ill*" OR "Mental* disorder*" OR Schizophren* OR Psychosis OR Psychotic OR bipolar),
- S7, (MH "Mental Disorders") OR (MH "Mental Disorders, Chronic") OR (MH "Psychotic Disorders+") OR (MH "Bipolar Disorder+") OR (MH "Hospitals, Psychiatric") OR (MH "Psychiatric Units") OR (MH "Psychiatric Patients+"),
- S6, S3 OR S4,
- S5, S1 OR S2,
- S4, TI(Perception* OR Perceiv* OR Experienc* OR Subjective) OR AB(Perception* OR Perceiv* OR Experienc* OR Subjective),
- S3, (MH "Perception") OR (MH "Perceptual Distortion"),
- S2, TI(Coerc* or Involunt* or Commitment* or Restrain* or Seclusion or Seclud* or Constraint or Constrain* or forced or force or compulsory or intimidat*) OR AB(Coerc* or Involunt* or Commitment* or Restrain* or Seclusion or Seclud* or Constraint or Constrain* or forced or force or compulsory or intimidat*),

S1, (MH "Coercion") OR (MH "Involuntary Commitment") OR (MH "Involuntary Treatment") OR (MH "Restraint, Physical") OR (MH "Patient Seclusion"),

Nombre de résultats : 2997

Nombre total de résultats : 23 287

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GRAND TOTAL : 10 712