

Missing Voices: The Absence of Local Leadership and Patient Engagement in Clinical Governance Research in Small Island States

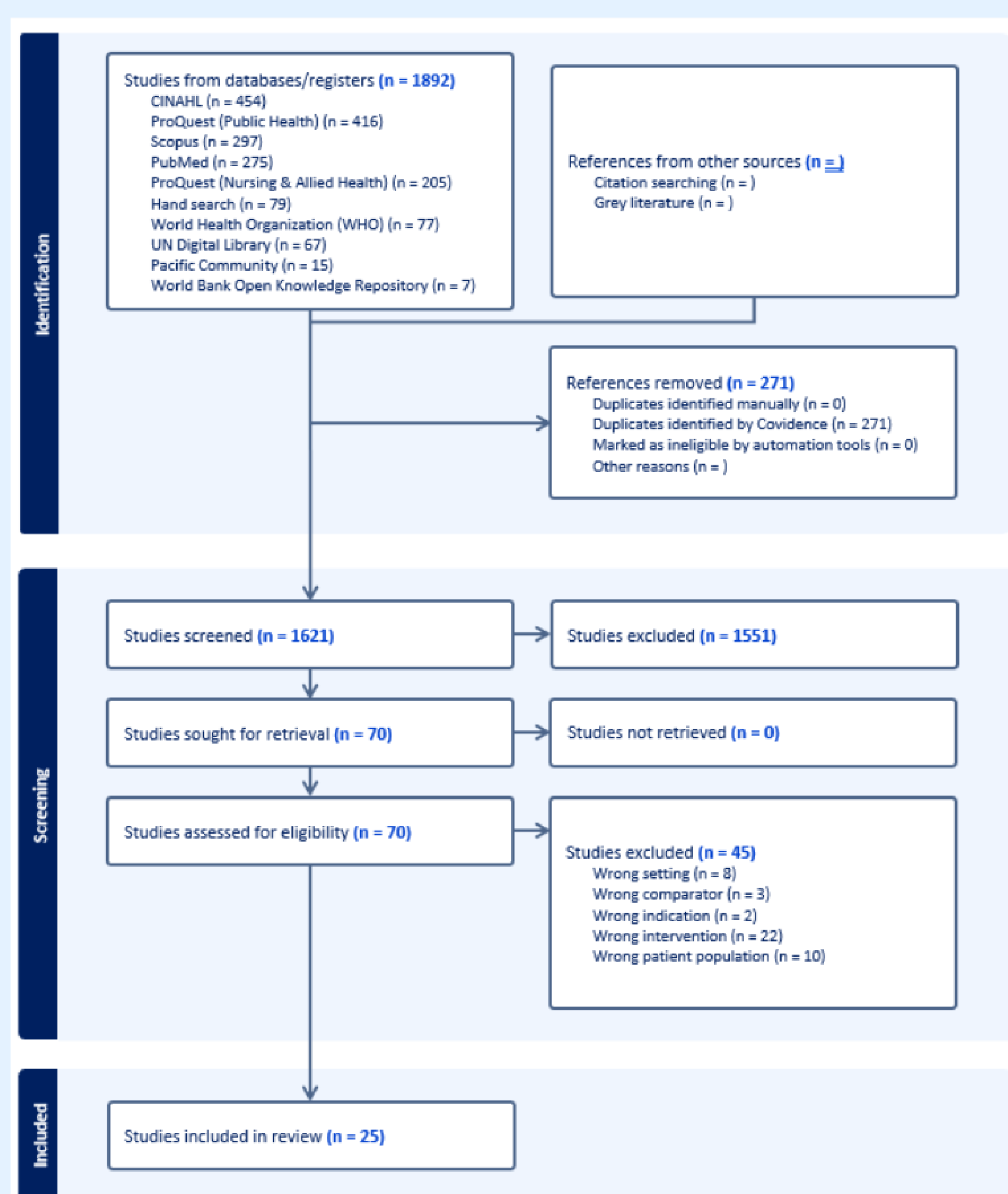
Research question

To understand how clinical governance practices, from the perspective of healthcare providers, policymakers, and patients, influence the effectiveness of improving quality of care across Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Method

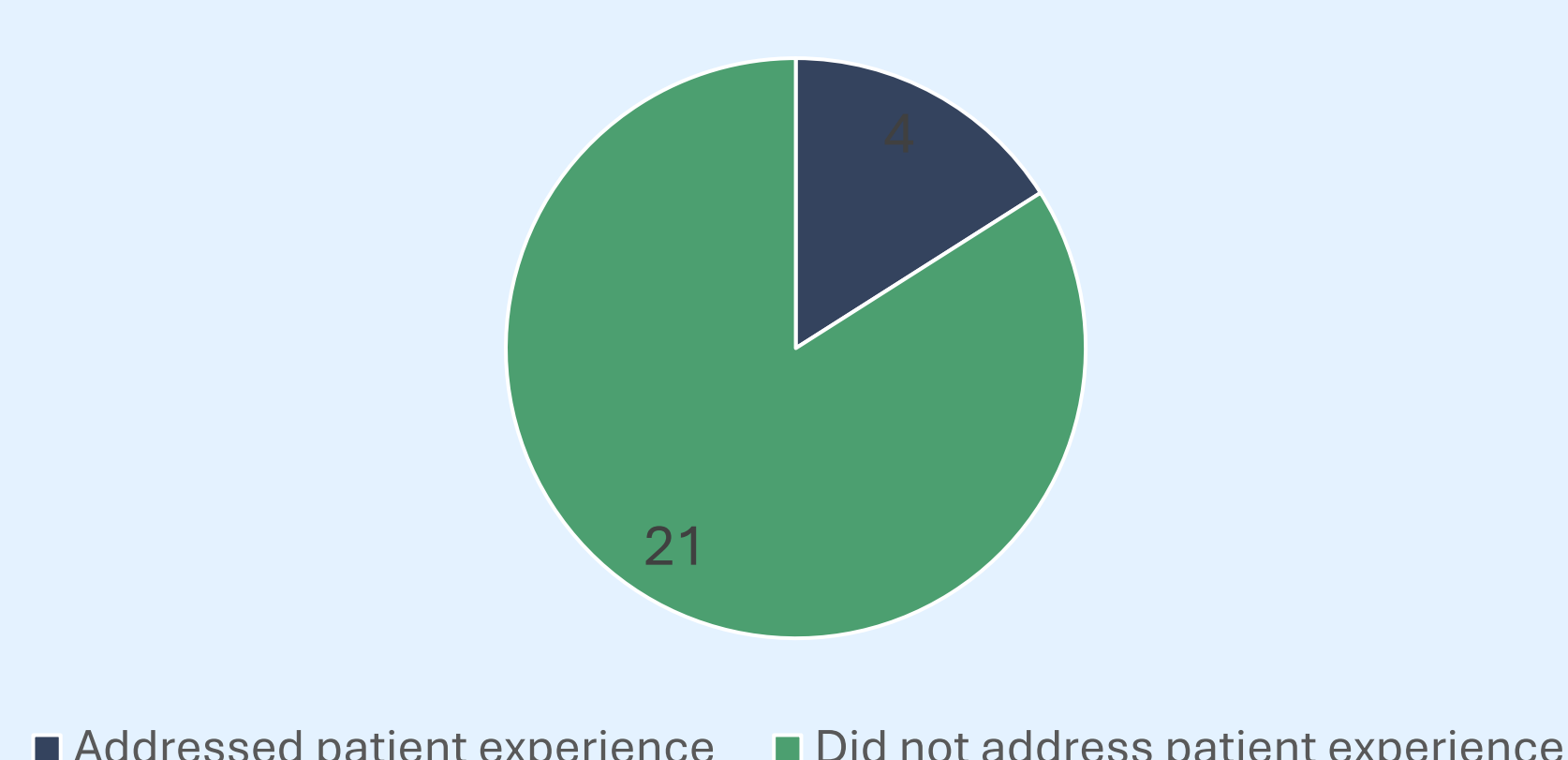
Joanna Briggs (JBI) methodology used across five academic and five non-academic databases.

References produced

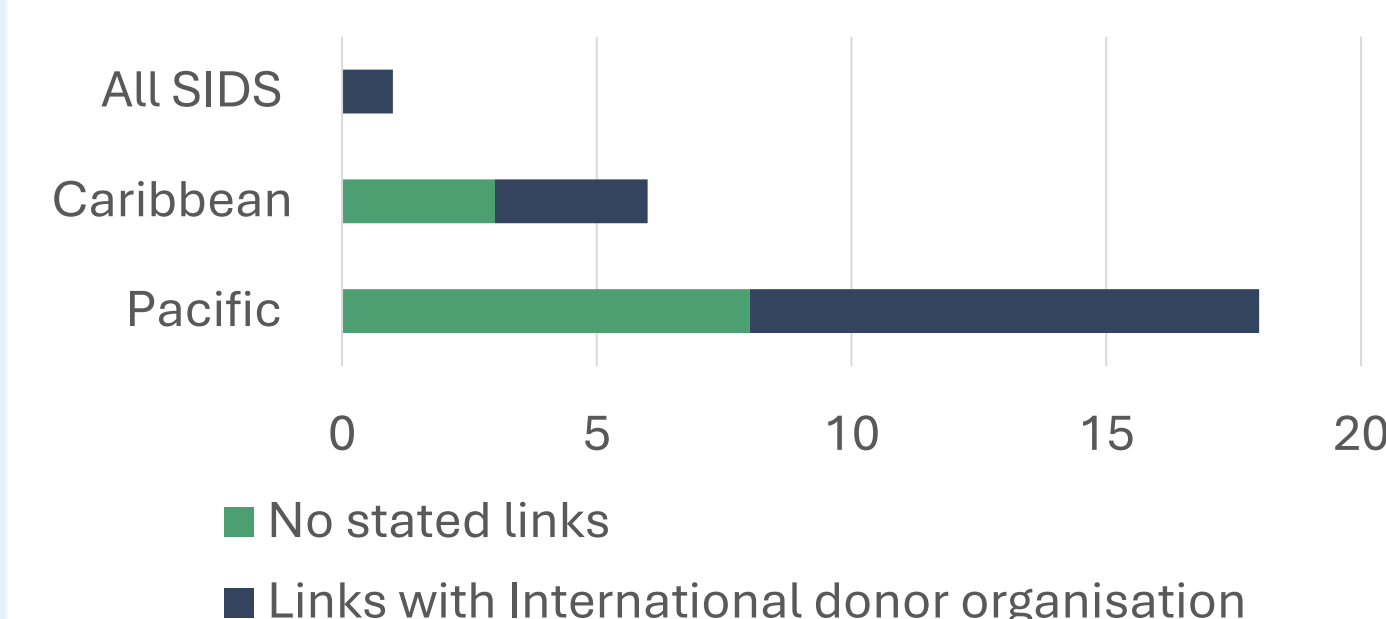


Results

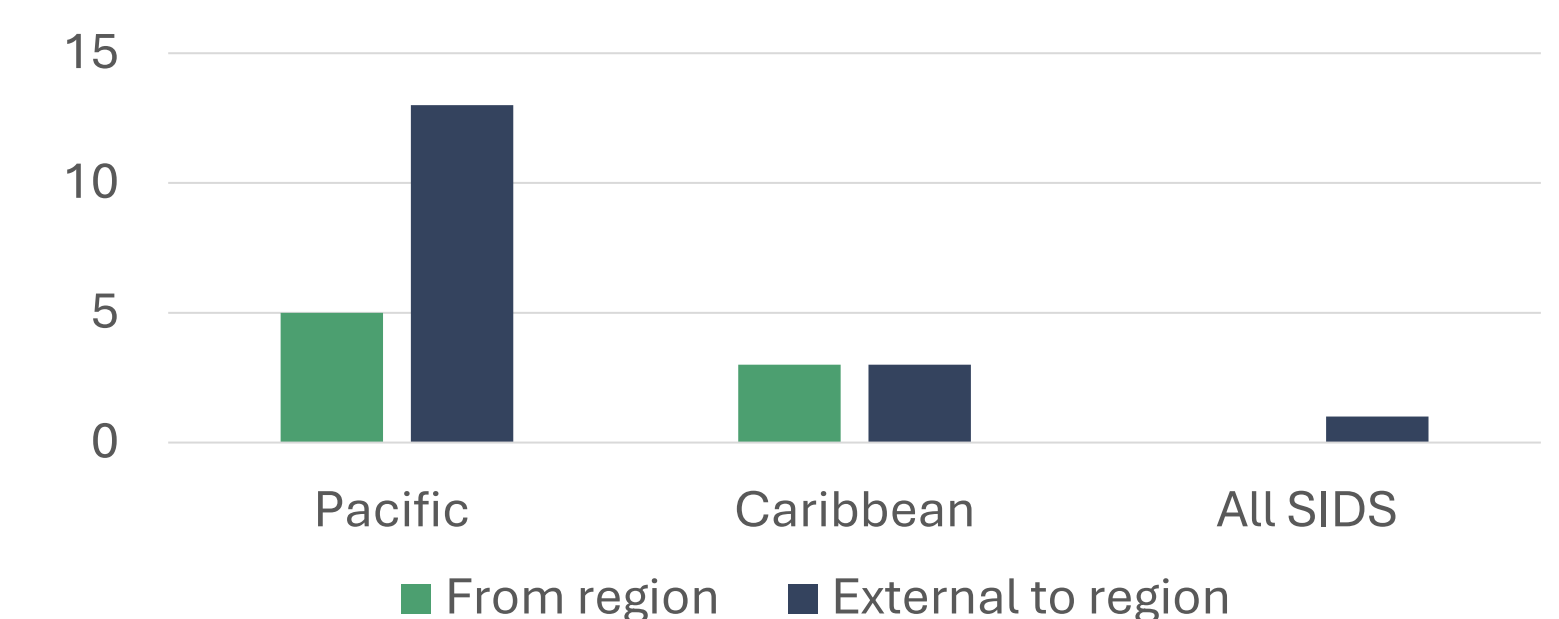
Only four publications addressed patient experience in clinical governance initiatives



International donors are involved in over half of all research in SIDS



Primary authors are external to the region in 68% of publications



Findings

Descriptive studies dominated the research, with only **one interventional study**.

Country-level research was concentrated in **Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Haiti**; most studies had a regional or multi-country scope.

Patient experience, incident management and organisational culture were identified as emergent themes.

Implications

Centre patient voices by prioritising patient experience.

Support locally led change through partnerships for clinical governance initiatives.

Invest in interventional research to demonstrate the impact clinical governance interventions.

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