

Sequelae of Conflict-related Sexual Violence on Survivors: The Perspective of Two Systematic Reviews*

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS

- **Conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV)** is a form of gender-based violence and a violation of human rights.
- **Rev. 1:** To analyze the **adverse outcomes** of CRSV on **victim's health** as reported in peer-reviewed, qualitative studies and following Engel's **Biopsychosocial** model of health.
- **Rev. 2:** To summarize knowledge of **forensic medical examination (FME)** after CRSV.

METHODOLOGY

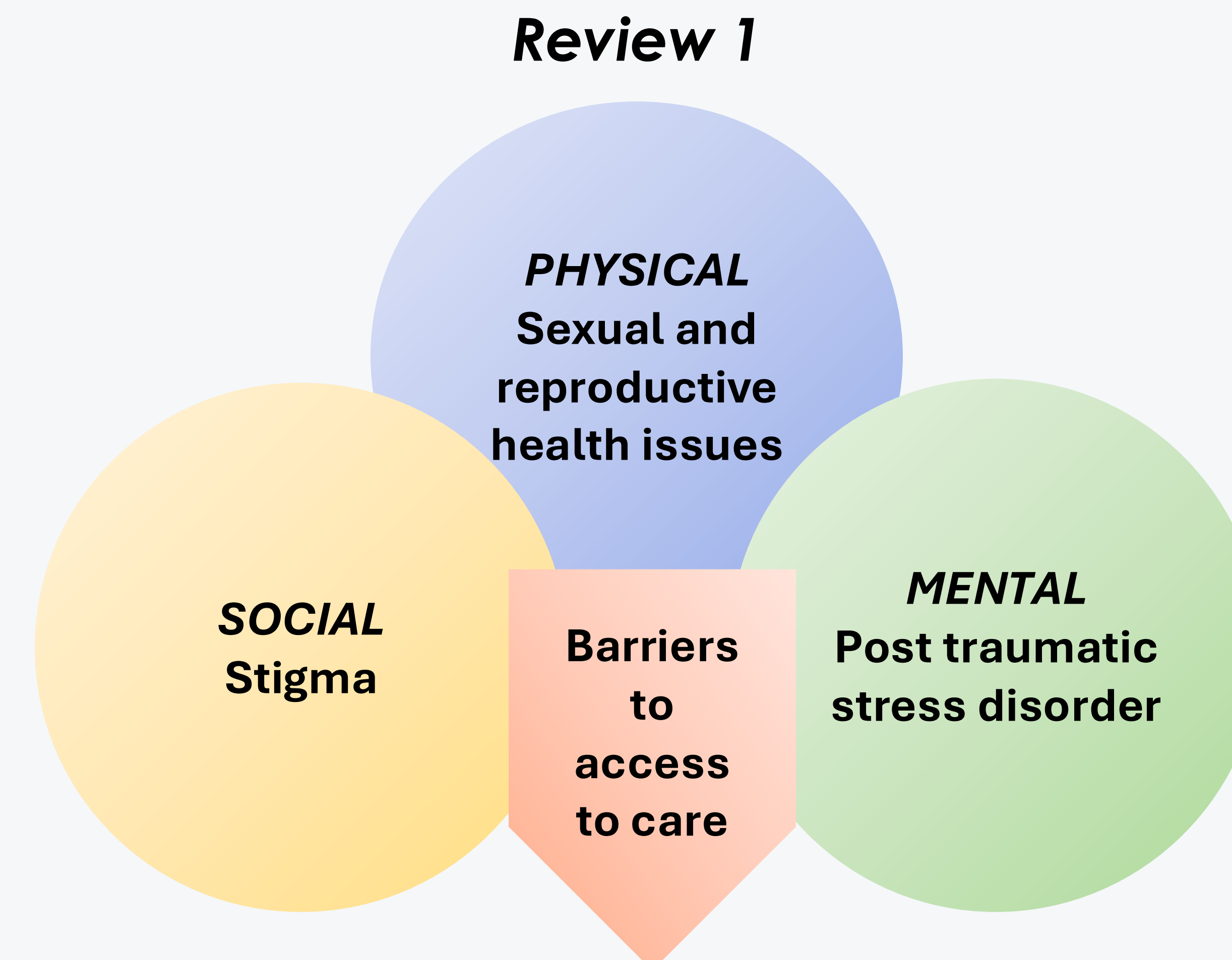
Inclusion criteria:

- Years: 2013-2023.
- **Adult cisgender male and female, transgender and gender diverse** populations.
- Operational definition of CRSV included episodes of SV affecting those **fleeing from conflict**.

Databases used:

- **Rev. 1:** PubMed, Scopus, PsychArticles.
- **Rev 2:** PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science.

MAIN FINDINGS



- **Physical nonsexual** sequelae most highlighted. **Limited attention** given to **CRSV-specific** sequelae.
- All studies were conducted in a **host country** of survivors who fled from conflict.
- **Physician's opinion on consistency** of the findings with history of assault and **protection outcomes** were rarely reported.

IMPACT

- Advancement of knowledge about **CRSV**, whose literature is scarce.
- Advancement of knowledge about **GBV** in **complex humanitarian emergencies** and targeting **vulnerable populations**.
- **Human rights-based approach**, with attention to the **sexual and reproductive health and rights** of survivors.
- Evidence on the need to implement **gender-inclusive protocols** and services as well as specialized **training**.

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