**Table S4. CERQual qualitative evidence profile**

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| **Meta-theme** | **Studies contributing to meta-theme** | **Assessment of methodological limitations** | **Assessment of relevance** | **Assessment of coherence** | **Assessment of adequacy** | **Overall CERQual assessment of confidence** | **Explanation of judgement** |
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| **Acceptance of pain** | Grace et al 2007,  Grace et al 2008,  Price et al 2006,  Savidge et al 1998,  Warwick et al 2004 | Minor methodological limitations (three studies with minor, one study with moderate and one study with no methodological limitations) | Minor concerns about relevance  (three countries represented in studies) | Minor concerns about coherence (theme consistent across five studies) | Minor concerns about adequacy (theme richly described across three studies) | **High confidence** | This finding was graded as high confidence because of minor concerns regarding methodological, relevance, coherence and adequacy limitations |
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| **Quality of life** | Grace et al 2008,  Price et al 2006,  Savidge et al 1998,  Warwick et al 2004,  Zadinsky et al, 1996 | Minor methodological limitations (four studies with minor and one study with no methodological limitations) | Minor concerns about relevance (three countries represented in studies) | Minor concerns about coherence (theme consistent across five studies) | Minor concerns about adequacy (theme richly described across three studies) | **High confidence** | This finding was graded as high confidence because of minor concerns regarding methodological, relevance, coherence and adequacy limitations |
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| **Management** | Grace et al 2007,  McGowan et al 2007  Moore et al 2002,  Price et al 2006,  Savidge et al, 1998  Warwick et al, 2004  Zadinsky et al, 1996 | Moderate methodological limitations (two studies with moderate, four studies with minor and one study with no methodological limitations) | Minor concerns about relevance (three countries represented in studies) | Minor concerns about coherence (theme consistent across seven studies) | Moderate concerns about adequacy (theme rich described across three studies) | **Moderate confidence** | This finding was graded as moderate confidence because of minor concerns regarding relevance and coherence and moderate concerns regarding methodological limitations and adequacy |
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| **Communication** | McGowan et al 2007  Price et al 2006,  Savidge et al, 1998  Warwick et al, 2004 | Minor methodological limitations (three studies with minor methodological limitations and one study with no methodological limitations) | Minor concerns about relevance (three countries represented in studies) | Minor concerns about coherence (theme consistent across four studies) | Minor concerns about adequacy (theme richly described across three studies) | **High confidence** | This finding was graded as high confidence because of minor concerns regarding methodological, relevance, coherence and adequacy limitations |
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| **Support** | Price et al 2006,  Savidge et al, 1998  Warwick et al, 2004  Zadinsky et al, 1996 | Minor methodological limitations (three studies with minor and one study with no methodological limitations) | Minor concerns about relevance (three countries represented in studies) | Minor concerns about coherence (theme consistent across three studies) | Moderate concerns about adequacy (theme richly described across two studies) | **Moderate confidence** | This finding was graded as moderate confidence because of minor concerns regarding methodological limitations, relevance, coherence and moderate concerns regarding adequacy. |