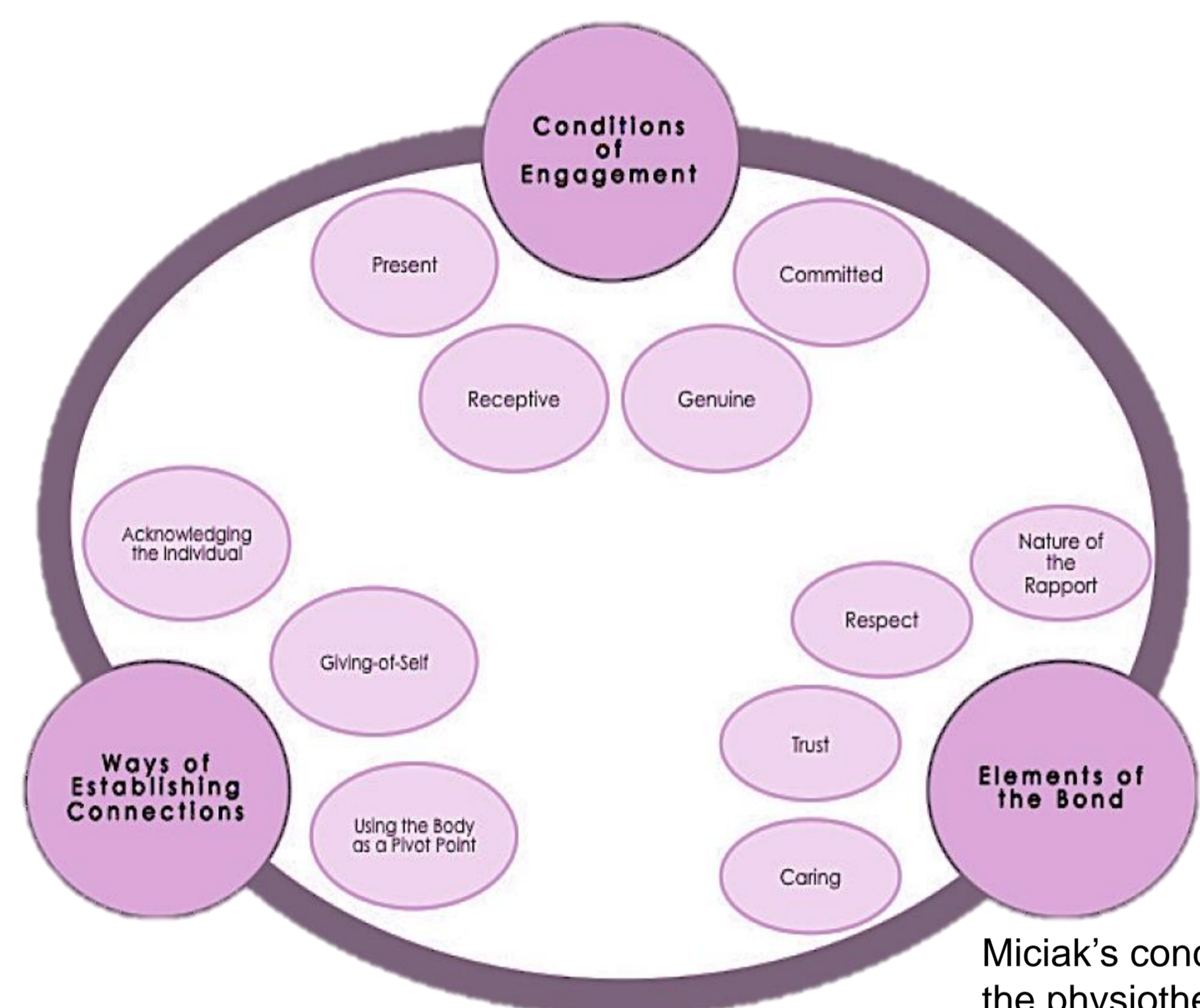


INTRODUCTION

Hemophilia is a genetic condition characterized by a lifelong risk of bleeding. Collaboration between patients and healthcare providers is necessary to manage this complex condition effectively. This purposeful partnership of patient and physiotherapist is described as the “therapeutic relationship.”



Miciak's conceptual framework of the physiotherapy therapeutic relationship [1].

There are 3 main components, each with subcomponents.

- Elements of the Bond
- Conditions of Engagement
- Ways of Establishing Connections

The significance of therapeutic relationships in the care of patients with hemophilia has been highlighted [2,3]. However, it is unclear whether a validated assessment tool for the therapeutic relationship has been established.

OBJECTIVE

To characterize the nature and extent of the research evidence concerning the assessment of therapeutic relationship in the care of patients with hemophilia.

METHODS

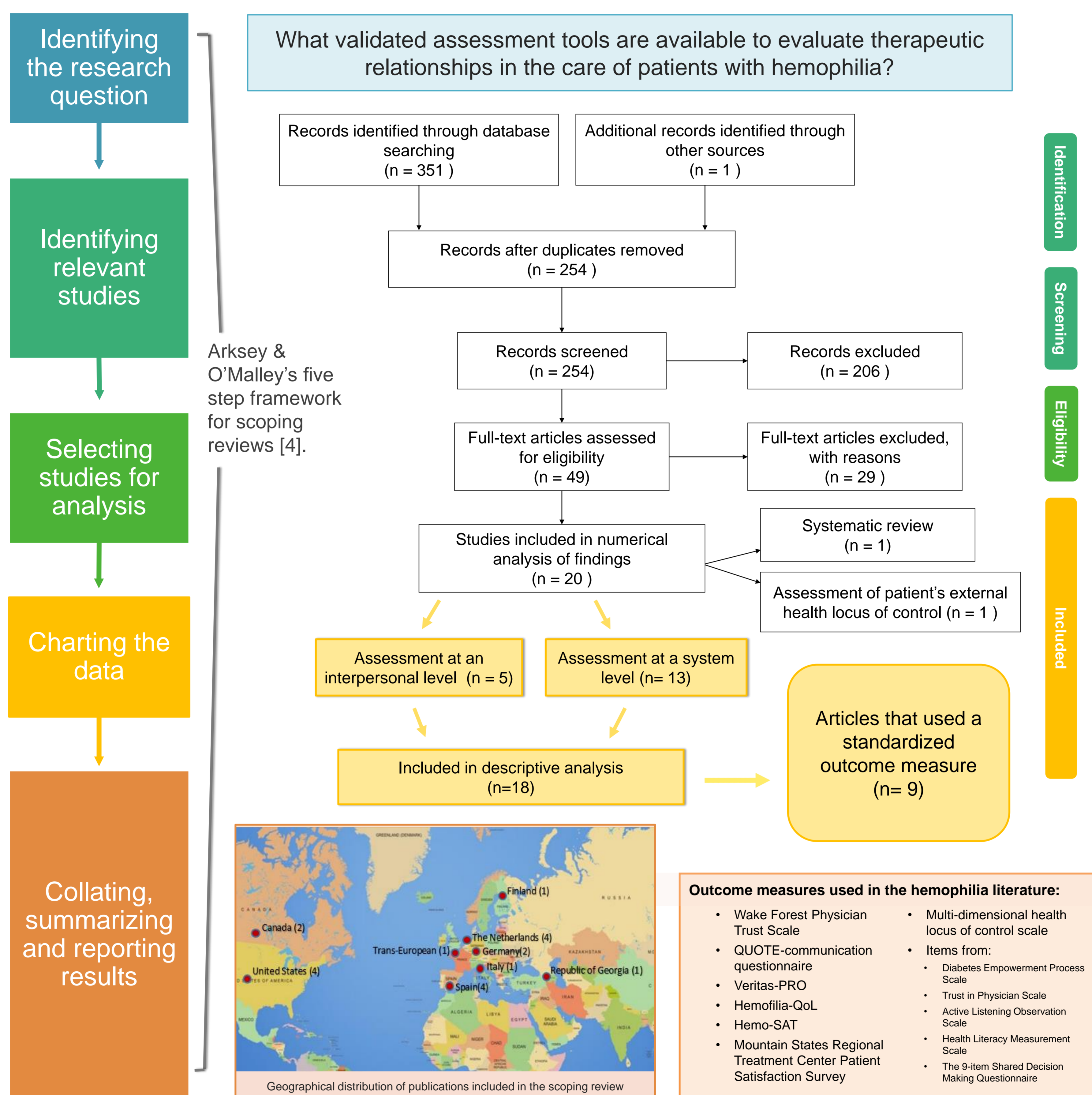
We conducted a scoping review in consultation with a University of Alberta health research librarian.

The following electronic databases were searched: MEDLINE, EMBASE, CINAHL, and PsycINFO, using a combination of subject headings and synonyms for the concepts of ‘assessment’ ‘patient-provider relationship’ and ‘hemophilia’.

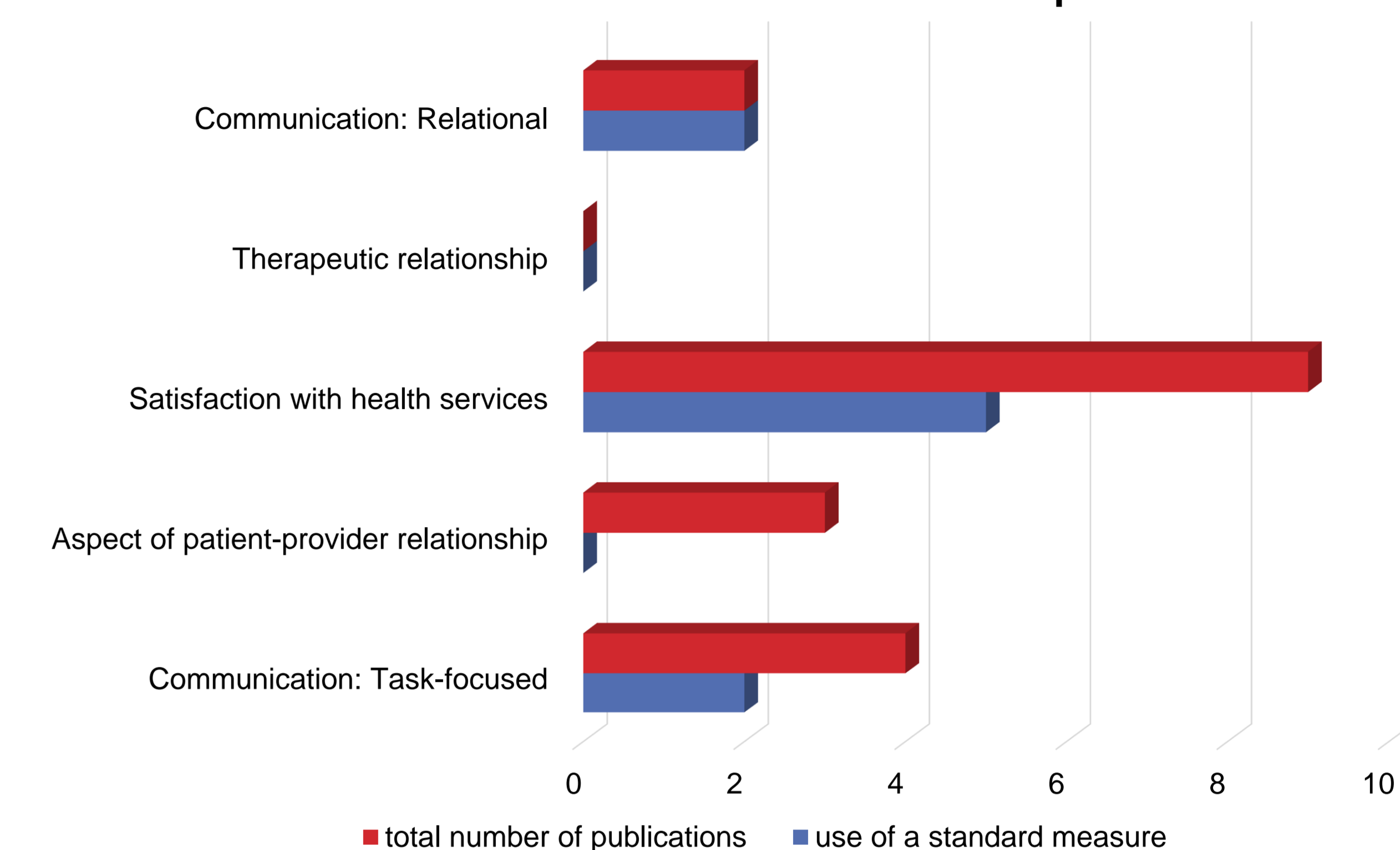
Inclusion criteria:

- Topic: Therapeutic relationship, plus related concepts (empathy, shared decision-making, satisfaction with care)
- Population: Patients with haemophilia & other inherited bleeding disorders
- Study: Assessed any aspect of the therapeutic relationship

RESEARCH PROCESS & RESULTS



Relational constructs Assessed in the Hemophilia Literature



IMPLICATIONS

A measure of therapeutic relationship is necessary to study the associations between the therapeutic relationship and health outcomes in hemophilia.

While aspects of therapeutic relationship have been studied, there is no widely accepted method for measuring therapeutic relationship. Future research should involve validation testing of measures of therapeutic relationship, or the development of a new measure in this population.

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RESULTS

We did not find a measure that assessed therapeutic relationship. In five studies, an interpersonal construct related to therapeutic relationship was measured, which is pertinent to our research question. A patient-reported measure with validity and reliability evidence was used in 3 articles:

- Tran et al [2] assessed patients' trust in their physician using the Wake Forest Trust in Physician Scale (WFTPS). The authors reported the mean score and standard deviation for their study sample. The measurement properties (internal consistency, reliability, face & content validity, and structural validity) of the WFTPS have been evaluated in studies conducted in a samples from heterogeneous patient populations from the United States [5].
- Suarez et al [6] and del Rio-Lanza et al [7], designed a survey to assess patient and healthcare provider communication, and how it impacts patient empowerment and perception of shared decision-making. The authors provided evidence for face and content validity, internal consistency, reliability, structural validity, convergent and discriminant validity. The questionnaire was in Spanish.