**Supplementary material 1.** Search strategy for each database.

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| PubMed (n=70) | Title/Abstract= (“Caregivers[Mesh]” OR “Carers[Mesh]” OR “Family caregivers[Mesh]” OR “Spouse caregivers[Mesh]”)AND Title/Abstract= (“Oncology[Mesh]” OR “Cancer[Mesh]” OR “Neoplasm[Mesh]” OR “Neoplasia[Mesh]” OR “Tumors[Mesh]” OR “Malignancy[Mesh]”)AND Title/Abstract= (“Preparedness”) |
| CENTRAL (n=56)  |

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| #1 | MeSH descriptor: [Caregivers] explode all trees |
| #2 | MeSH descriptor: [Carers] explode all trees |
| #3 | MeSH descriptor: [Family caregivers] explode all trees |
| #4#5 |  MeSH descriptor: [Spouse caregivers] explode all trees#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 |
| #6 | MeSH descriptor: [Oncology] explode all trees |
| #7 | MeSH descriptor: [Cancer] explode all trees |
| #8 | MeSH descriptor: [Neoplasm] explode all trees |
| #9 | MeSH descriptor: [Neoplasia] explode all trees |
| #10 | MeSH descriptor: [Tumors] explode all trees |
| #11 | MeSH descriptor: [Malignancy] explode all trees |
| #12 | #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11 |
| #13 | MeSH descriptor: [Preparedness] explode all trees |
| #14 | #5 AND #12 AND #13 |

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| MEDLINE(n=127) | Title/Abstract= (“Caregivers[Mesh]” OR “Carers[Mesh]” OR “Family caregivers[Mesh]” OR “Spouse caregivers[Mesh]”)AND Title/Abstract= (“Oncology[Mesh]” OR “Cancer[Mesh]” OR “Neoplasm[Mesh]” OR “Neoplasia[Mesh]” OR “Tumors[Mesh]” OR “Malignancy[Mesh]”)AND Title/Abstract= (“Preparedness”) |
| ScienceDirect (n=1457)  |  (“Caregivers[Mesh]” OR “Carers[Mesh]” OR “Family caregivers[Mesh]” OR “Spouse caregivers[Mesh]”)AND  (“Oncology[Mesh]” OR “Cancer[Mesh]” OR “Neoplasm[Mesh]” OR “Neoplasia[Mesh]” OR “Tumors[Mesh]” OR “Malignancy[Mesh]”)AND  (“Preparedness”) |
| Scopus (n=134) | TITLE+ABSTRACT+KEYWORDS= (“Caregivers” OR “Carers” OR “Family caregivers” OR “Spouse caregivers”)AND TITLE+ABSTRACT+KEYWORDS=(“Oncology” OR “Cancer” OR “Neoplasm” OR “Neoplasia” OR “Tumors” OR “Malignancy”)AND TITLE+ABSTRACT+KEYWORDS= (“Preparedness”) |
| Web of Science (n=131)  | TS(Topic)= (“Caregivers[Mesh]” OR “Carers[Mesh]” OR “Family caregivers[Mesh]” OR “Spouse caregivers[Mesh]”)AND TS(Topic)= (“Oncology[Mesh]” OR “Cancer[Mesh]” OR “Neoplasm[Mesh]” OR “Neoplasia[Mesh]” OR “Tumors[Mesh]” OR “Malignancy[Mesh]”)ANDTS(Topic)= (“Preparedness”) |