Barriers to training in laparoscopic surgery in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review
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Appendix 2: Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

| Inclusion Criteria                          | Exclusion Criteria                                      |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| English language papers                    |                                                         |
| Full-text accessible through authors’       | Conference abstracts/letters/meeting abstracts/case reports/editorials |
| subscriptions                              |                                                         |
| Papers published in a peer-reviewed        | Papers about training in high-income countries (HICs)   |
| journal                                    |                                                         |
| Journal articles or reviews                 |                                                         |
| Papers about training in LMICs              |                                                         |
| Address barriers to laparoscopic training   |                                                         |
| Training of qualified health professionals | Training of medical students                           |
| Pertaining specifically to abdominal laparoscopy (defined for this paper to include gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary) | Pertaining specifically to non-abdominal laparoscopy e.g. Neurology, urology, nephrology |
and obstetric/gynaecological) or laparoscopy in general

| Advanced laparoscopy such as robotics or transplant surgery |
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| Paediatric surgery                                          |