

**Supplementary Table II. Inclusion and exclusion criteria**

| <b>Inclusion criteria</b>  | <b>Exclusion criteria</b>  |
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| Studies conducted in the NER India, reporting barriers or facilitators to cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, or care-seeking behaviour. | Studies not related to cancer care or access.  |
| Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods studies   | Editorials, commentaries, letters, reviews, and conference abstracts without primary data. |
| Articles published in English and studies published up to June 2025.   | Studies not available in full-text or not published in English                             |