

Unresolved States of Mind and Dysfunctional Caregiving Behaviors:

A Systematic Review

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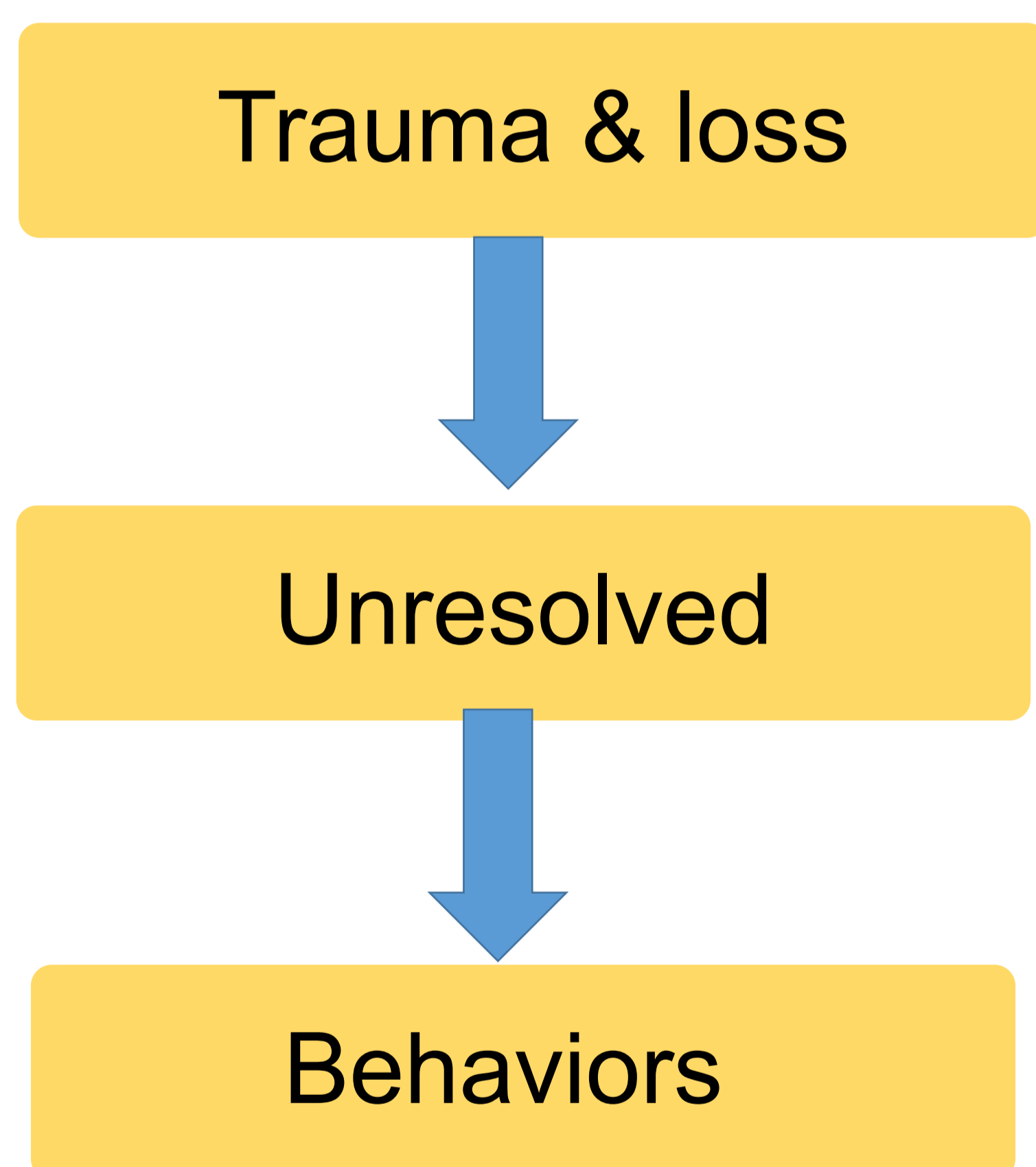
ABSTRACT

Unresolved states of mind may inhibit the caregiving system, which may result in dysfunctional caregiving.

7 out of 10 studies have statistically significant positive associations between caregivers being classified as unresolved and engaging in dysfunctional caregiving behaviors.

Effect sizes were $r = .27$ to $.59$.

BACKGROUND



Aims

1. Update
2. Expand
3. Prevent

Most studies found an association between U and dysfunctional caregiving behaviors

METHOD

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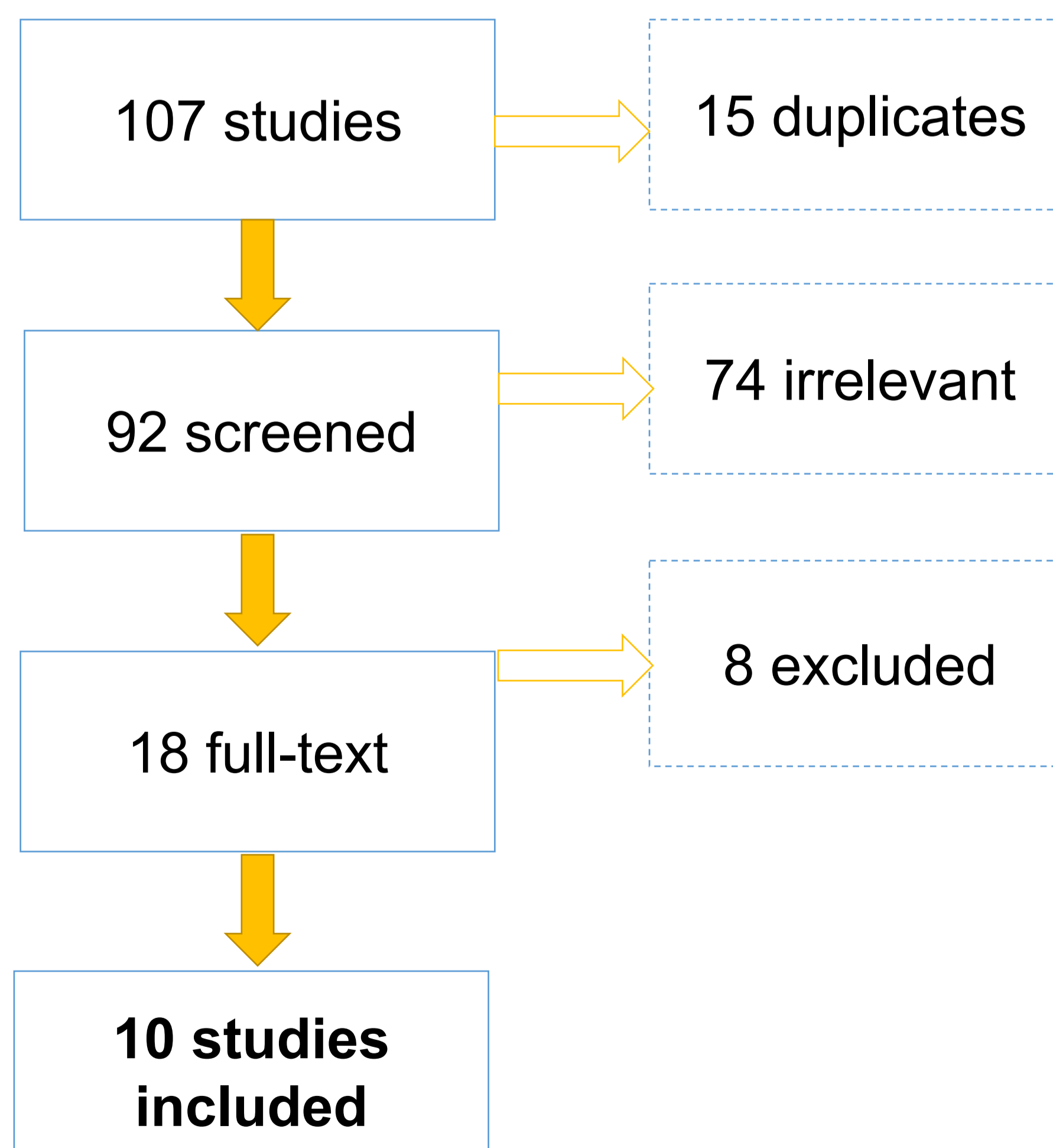
(“Adult Attachment Interview” or AAI) AND (unresolved) AND (parent* or caregiv* or matern* or patern*)

Inclusion criteria:

- (a) Measured caregivers’ unresolved states of mind according to the AAI
- (b) Tested and reported the statistical association between caregivers’ unresolved states of mind and at least one dysfunctional caregiving behavior (disrupted, frightening, hostile, maltreating caregiving and/or filicide)
- (c) Published in a peer-reviewed journal during or after the year 2006

Conducted data extraction and quality assessment.

RESULTS



The Association between Caregivers’ Unresolved Classification and Dysfunctional Caregiving Behaviors

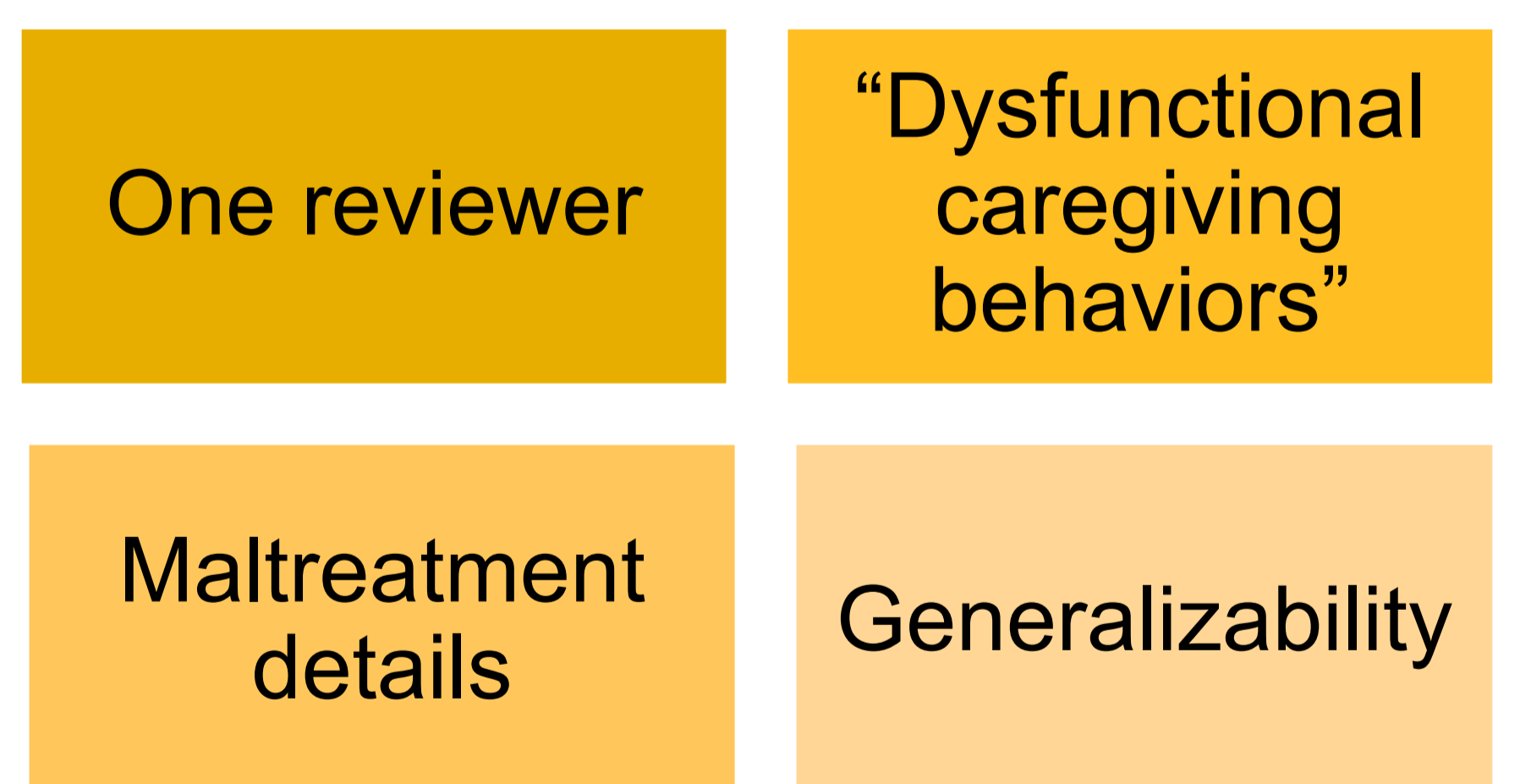
Author (year)	DV	r	p
Abrams (2006)	FR	.590	< .001***
Ballen (2010)	AMBIANCE	.238	.144
Barone (2014)	Filicide	.365	< .001***
Busch (2008)	Anger	.28	.05*
Jacobvitz (2006)	FR	.451	< .001***
Madigan (2006b)	AMBIANCE	.27	< .05**
Madigan (2007)	AMBIANCE	.28	< .05**
Madigan (2011)	AMBIANCE	.013	.917
McFarland-Piazza (2012)	Hostility	NA	NA
Reijman (2017)	Maltreatment	.427	.02**

DISCUSSION

7 studies reported a positive relationship between caregivers’ unresolved states of mind and their dysfunctional caregiving behaviors (range of $r = .27$ to $.59$).

3 discrepant studies (Ballen et al., 2010; Barone et al., 2014; Madigan et al., 2011).

Limitations:



Future Research:

