



# Sexual violence among agricultural and aquacultural workers

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# Background

- Agricultural workers are amongst one of the most vulnerable populations in the United States (National Center for Farmworker Health, 2020)
- Sexual violence (SV) is a prevalent issue experienced by agricultural workers across the United States (Human Rights Watch, 2012)
- Globally, aquacultural workers are consistently victims of gender-based violence, including SV (Mangubhai et al., 2023)
- There is limited research of experiences regarding SV among agricultural and aquacultural workers

# Project overview

- Mixed-method systematic review
- Our aims are to:
  1. Document the prevalence of SV
  2. Synthesize the lived experiences of SV

# Methods

Title and abstract screening process



# Use of AS review

- AS Review is used to filter a large number of articles irrelevant to the researcher's questions
- It can be used by researchers and students
- It lowers the amount of time needed to review articles
- It can be downloaded on Apple or Windows products (see handout for more information)

# Use of AS review, cont.

## Benefits

- Easier to eliminate irrelevant articles
- Simple to upload systematic databases
- User-friendly

## Challenges/Limitations

- Difficult to download into a Macbook
- Does not read foreign language articles
- Limited options for training the model

# Literature findings

- There are **different forms of SV**
- Workplace sexual harassment is one of the examples of SV that is **often not reported** (Rocha and Sexsmith, 2024)
- Laws and policies in the United States **do not protect undocumented** agricultural workers (Yearby et al., 2023)
  - California Proposition 187: Legal for farmers to pay undocumented agricultural workers **only enough** to survive for the day
- Most literature **discusses survivors through a deficient perspective**



# Next steps

## **Project**

- Full-text screening and data extraction
- Continue collaborating on the project

## **Professional development**

- Interested in presenting AS Review as a new method for researchers to use, specifically for qualitative researchers
- Presenting AS Review as a method at conferences



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# Questions?