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Table 2: Characteristics of included studies (studies listed in chronological order)

| Study Location & Year | Setting | Methods & Analysis | Study Participants |
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| | | | |
| Essén, et al., (2000) ¹⁶ | Sweden | Interviews Systematic text analysis | 15 Somali women,Age:20-55years |
| Chalmers and Hashi (2000) ²⁰ | | Semi-structured interview Thematic analysis | 432Somali women,Mean age:34years |
| Chalmers and Hashi (2002) ¹⁸ | | | 432 Somali women , Mean age: 34 years |
| Bulman and McCourt (2002) ¹⁷ | | Semi-structured interview and focus group ,Narrative analysis | 12 Somali women |
| Vangen, et al (2004) ²² | Norway | <u> </u> | 23 Somali women, 36 health professionals, Age: 18-55 years |
| Thierfelder, et al (2005) ²⁵ | Swiss | using MAXQDAVERBI software- | 29 women(25 Somali/4 Eritrean),37 healthcare professionals, Age - Somali: 16-36 years, Eritrea: 26-36 years |
| Berggren, et al (2006) ¹⁹ | | * | 22 Somali, Eritrean, Sudanese Women, Age: 24– 73 years |
| Lundberg and Gerezgiher (2008) ²⁴ | | Ethnographic interview, Thematic analysis | 15 Eritrean women, Age: 31–45 years |
| Murray, et al (2010) ²¹ | | | 10 women from African countries: Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Liberia, Age: 20–40 years |
| Ameresekere et al (2011) ²⁶ | US | Semi- structured interview, Thematic analysis | 23 Somali immigrant women, Age: 25–52years |
| Hill, et al (2012) ²³ | | Focus group interview, Thematic content analysis | 18 Somali women, Age: 27–42 years |
| Moxey and Jones (2016) ²⁷ | UK | Semi- structured interview, Thematic analysis | 10 Somali women, Age: 20–49 years |