

1 BACKGROUND

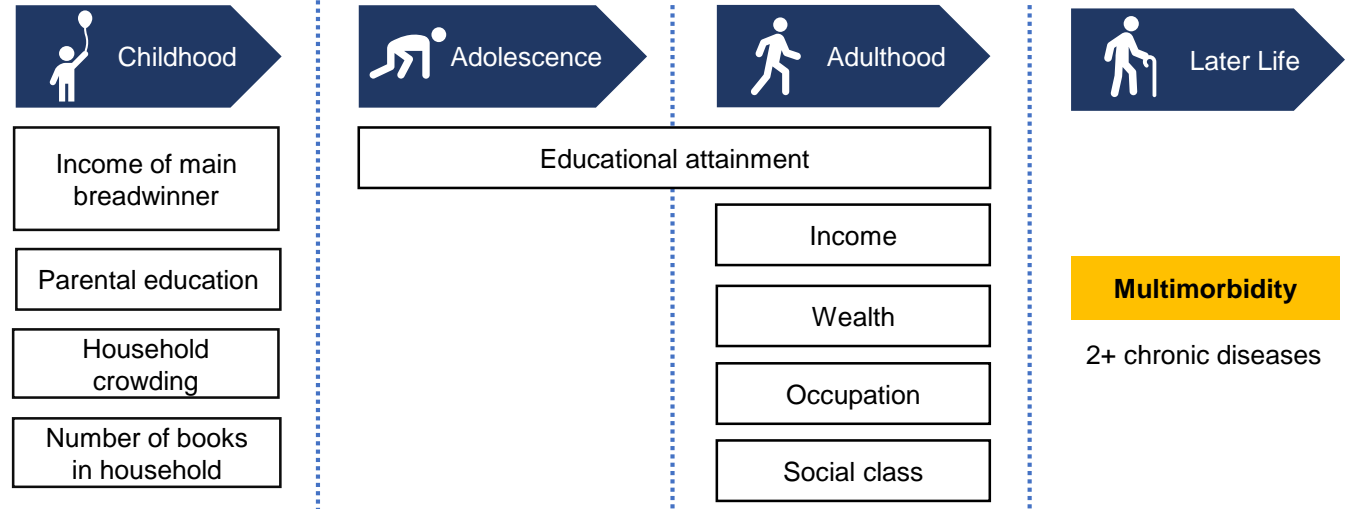
- The global rise in populations suffering from **multimorbidity** is a major public health concern.
- Multimorbidity disproportionately affects individuals exposed to **socioeconomic deprivation**.
- The question of how **socioeconomic conditions (SEC)** at **different periods of the life course** are linked with chronic conditions remains unanswered.

2 RESEARCH QUESTION

How do **socioeconomic conditions (SEC)** at different moments during the **life course** influence the **risk of multimorbidity** in later life?

3 METHODS

- **Scoping review:** cohort studies with prospective or retrospective data, cross-sectional studies with retrospective data



4 RESULTS

- **9 studies** included (n = 116,445); 20+ countries, published within last 10 years
- **Association** between SEC and multimorbidity in all included studies
- Childhood SEC mediated by adulthood SEC – **sensitive period** and **pathway model**

5 KEY MESSAGE

There is an **association between low SEC and higher multimorbidity risk**. Adulthood SEC may minimize the effect of childhood SEC – a **disadvantaged start in life can be overcome**.

