Table 1 Types of studies on surgical, anaesthesia and obstetric care found in the literature

Type of study	Scope of study (number of studies)	Number of studies
Facility assessment survey	Emergency, obstetric and neonatal care (9) Trauma and emergency care (3)	12
Literature review	State of the surgical system in Pakistan (1) Barriers to access (1) Overview of national surgical training programmes (1) Consideration and performance of health policy in the devolved health system of Pakistan (1) Success of national eye health programme (1) Countrywide burden of injuries (1)	6
Institutional experience	Aga Khan Health Services, provision of surgical care in remote, rural mountains of Gilgit Baltistan between 1998 and 2001 (1) Aga Khan University Hospital, city-wide trauma registry experience between 2010 and 2011 (1) The Indus Hospital, free-of-cost surgery between 2007 and 2012 (1) Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplant model of community public partnership for free-of-cost renal transplantation in 2003 and 2011 (2)	5
Policy document	National Health Vision 2025, published by the Ministry of Health in 2016 (1) National Health Accounts Pakistan 2015–2016, published by the Pakistan Bureau of Statics in 2018 (1) Pakistan: Human Resources for Health Vision (2018–2030), published by the Ministry of Health in 2018 (1) Minimum Service Delivery Standards 2008, published by the Government of Punjab (1)	4
Workforce-related research	Competency of workforce in surgical safety practices, drug-related incidents and emergency medical response in trauma, maternal and newborn care (4) Burnout and job satisfaction in gynaecology residents and anaesthetists (2) Factors influencing the choice of specialty in medical students (2) State of neurosurgery training (1) Potential for task shifting (1)	10
Patient- and community-based research	Accessibility to maternal and neonatal care (7) Accessibility to surgical care (3) Economic challenges in seeking surgical care (4) Quality and patient satisfaction (4) Prehospital care (2)	20