

# Workload

- Systematic reviews are highly costly and time consuming to produce [85]
- A majority of reviews require **>1,000 hours** to complete [3]
- And can cost upwards of a **quarter of a million USD** [49]
- The most expensive and laborious component are the phases prior to eligibility appraisal [49]

# Retrieval

- It is becoming increasingly difficult to find relevant studies [37]
- PubMed (one of the most popular medical databases) now contains **approximately 26 million studies**
- It is not uncommon for queries to retrieve millions of studies, where only a small number are relevant
- Shemilt et al. [70] found one study in particular that **retrieved 1.8 million studies where only 4,000 were included** in the review