

Aligning business processes with regulatory requirements

a systematic literature review

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1 Introduction

In the context of the DBA program at Vlerick Business School a literature review is one of two deliverables of year two. The research topic is “BPM for regulatory compliance”. The goal of this review is to get an overview of relevant literature and identify topics listed as possibilities for future research. The type of literature review is a systematic literature review (SLR). The SLR has been performed following the steps described in Kitchenham and Charters (2007).

Chapter 2 states the main research question, three subquestions and provides for a definition of the central concepts.

Chapter 3 is about the planning of the research. It describes the databases that were searched, the search terms used, the criteria for selecting articles and how the bibliographic data and the articles have been obtained.

Chapter 4 concerns the execution of the research. It describes the studies found, which studies have been selected, how the quality of the studies has been assessed, how the data was collected and a synthesis of the data.

Chapter 5 concerns the reporting of the research. It describes how the results of this study will be shared, limitations of the study and possibilities for further research suggesting possible improvements.

2 Research question(s)

The research question (RQ) and the three supporting sub-questions (SQ) that are addressed in this literature review are:

RQ: What are approaches for aligning business processes with regulatory requirements to achieve regulatory compliance by design?

SQ1: How can businesses identify relevant regulatory requirements?

SQ2: How can businesses analyze which business processes are affected by changes in regulatory requirements?

SQ3: How can businesses integrate compliance requirements into business process design?

The focus of this review is specifically the first question (RQ). The following is the research question repeated whereby the central terms and concepts in this review are boxed: What are approaches for aligning business processes with regulatory requirements to achieve regulatory compliance by design?

compliance by design

A definition of the three central concepts:

Business process management (BPM) is defined as all activities performed by businesses to discover, model, automate, analyze, measure, improve and optimize business processes (Liu, Müller, and Xu 2007). A business process coordinates the behavior of people, systems, information and things to produce business outcomes in support of a business strategy. Processes can be structured and repeatable, or unstructured and variable.

Regulatory compliance is defined as ensuring that business processes, operations, and practices are in accordance with a prescribed and/or agreed set of norms. These compliance requirements may stem from legislature and regulatory bodies (e.g., Sarbanes-Oxley, Basel II, HIPAA), standards and codes of practice (e.g., SCOR, ISO9000), and also business partner contracts (Hashmi (2015)).

Compliance by design refers to approaches and methodologies where compliance requirements are integrated into business process models and enterprise applications from the very beginning (Sadiq and Governatori 2010). This concept emphasizes embedding compliance within the fabric of business practices rather than treating it as a separate or after-the-fact activity [IohmannComplianceDesignArtifactcentric2013].

3 Review plan

3.1 Resources to be searched

An initial set of databases was selected to perform the literature search on. Both commercial and open access databases have been selected. A description for these databases is included in table A.1.

1. Web of Science (WoS), Publisher: [Clarivate](#)
2. ScienceDirect (SD), Publisher: [Elsevier](#)
3. SSNR, Publisher: [Elsevier](#)
4. arXiv, Publisher: [cs](#)
5. dblp, Publisher: [dblp](#)
6. Zenodo, Publisher: [Zenodo](#)

As a test we performed some initial searches. The results of the initial searches were reviewed. SSNR and Zenodo yielded few results as compared to the other databases. The selection of databases was reduced to WoS, SD, SSNR, ArXiv and dblp.

3.2 Search terms used

The initial search terms have been formulated as follows:

1. (“business process management” or BPM) and “regulatory compliance”
2. (“business process management” or BPM) and “legal compliance”
3. (“business process management” or BPM) and “compliance”
4. “business process management” and (“regulation” or “regulatory”)
5. “business process *engineering” and “compliance”
6. “business process *engineering” and (“regulation” or “regulatory”)

Here too a test has been performed using the search terms. It was found that the combination of “business process management” with “regulatory compliance” or “legal compliance” yielded few results. Consequently, 1 and 2 were skipped. We searched for “business process management” and “compliance” which includes both “regulatory compliance” and “legal compliance”.

3.3 Study selection criteria

The quality of an article is assessed on the basis of the 4 criteria(QA1 through QA4). The criteria are equally weighted. An article is assigned 1 point for every QA criterium that is met. An article will thus get score of 0 through 4. Other metrics like author h-index and journal impact factor will not be considered in the selection process.

Table 3.1: Study selection criteria

criteria	code	descriptions
inclusion	IC1	the title, abstract and full text are in english
	IC2	the publication is dated between 2000 and 2024
exclusion	EC1	the reference is to a book(chapter)
	EC2	the article has been retracted
	EC3	the type of article is a conference paper or a preprint
	EC4	a search term has a different meaning
	EC5	the application relates to a specific sector
	EC6	the title, abstract and full text are not in english
quality	QA1	the article is a peer-reviewed journal article
	QA2	the article appeared in one of the legible journals
	QA3	has a citation count higher than 5 per year since the year of publication
	QA4	the first and second author have combined more than 50 publications listed on google scholar

3.4 Data extraction strategy

The initial 6 data sources have been reduced to 4 (excluding Zenodo). For the remaining 5 data-sources queries will be formulated for each data source. The resulting records found will be listed in an excel file “slr_logbook.xlsx”.

4 Review execution

4.1 Research identification

Initially 6 queries have been run against the 6 databases resulting in 84 hits as shown in table 4.1 in [appendix D](#). After testing the initially formulated 6 queries have been reduced to 4 queries. The first two queries search for “business process management” or BPM in the title. The last two queries search for “business process engineering” or business process reengineering” in the title.

1. TI=(“business process management” or BPM) AND (AB=(compliance) OR KP=(compliance))
2. TI=(“business process management” or BPM) AND (AB=(“regulat*”) OR KP=(“regulat*”))
3. TI=(“business process *engineering”) AND (AB=(compliance) OR KP=(compliance))
4. TI=(“business process *engineering”) AND (AB=(regulat*) OR KP=(regulat*))

The initial list (table D.1) contains a total of 84 records. An additional 6 records were found from other sources (table D.2). The total is 90 records. This list includes preprints and conference papers. Filtering the journal articles results in a list of 25 records (table D.3).

In the case of Web of Science (WoS) the four queries have been taken together using the “OR” operator. This final query yields 42 results when using the the Vlerick WoS subscription¹. The search strings have been adapted to suit the specific requirements of the databases.

4.2 Selection of studies

The initial searches were done on all database fields. The search was subsequently made more specific by searching titles and abstracts. Lastly we searched titles, abstracts and keywords.

Across the 6 databases 84 articles have been identified, and an additional 6 records have been added from different sources. The found records are listed in [Appendix D](#): table D.1 and table D.2.

The process to get to the final 23 papers included in this literature study is visualized in the flowchart in figure C.1 in [Appendix C](#).

The WoS search yielded 29 hits. Excluding 4 articles with BPM in the title where BPM has a different meaning than “Business Process Management”. For example where BPM is an abbreviation of “Biodiesel Particulate Matter”. Excluding 1 article as it is a double, also occurring in the dblp search.

¹Web of Science: Core Collection
Subscription : Vlerick Business School
Editions : A&HCI , ESCI , CPCI-SSH , CPCI-S , SCI-EXPANDED , SSCI
Date range: 2014-2024

The ACM search ...

The SD search yielded 7 hits. On the basis of article type (1 book chapter and 1 short communication) we have excluded two articles. An additional article was excluded as the title referred to “Business Process Management Map”, which is a different concept.

The SSRN search yielded 2 results, both excluded as they are preprints.

The arXiv search yielded 0 records when looking for articles with “Business Process Management” or BPM in the title field. Two records were found on the basis of abstract and keyword matches. All the same these records have been subsequently excluded when the exclusion criteria have been applied.

The dblp search yielded 41 records, including 2 books and 35 conference papers. After exclusion 4 records remain, 3 journal articles and one PhD thesis. For the next step, the abstract scan, the thesis has been replaced by a journal article by the same author about the same topic.

The Zenodo search yielded 0 records when looking for articles with “Business Process Management” or BPM in the title field.

Six additional records have been included identified via different sources: 4 journal articles, 1 PhD thesis and 1 conference paper. Here too, for the next step in the process the thesis has been replaced by a journal article by the same author about the same topic.

In summary:

Table 4.1: Result set

Database	Found	Additional	Subtotal	Excluded	Result set
WoS	29		29	-19	10
ACM					
SD	7		7	-7	0
SSRN	0	+2	2	-2	0
arXiv	0	+4	4	-4	0
dblp	42		42	-37	5
zenodo	0				0
additional	0	+6	6		6
total	78	+12	90	-69	21

The abstracts of the remaining 21 articles are listed in “Abstracts”, table [D.3](#).

4.3 Study Quality Assessment

The first quality indicator is about the type of journal. Peer reviewed articles are deemed to be of better quality than, for example, conference papers. The second quality indicator is an indirect measure of both the quality of the journal and the relevance of the article to the Information Systems

field. The third quality indicator is a proxy for the quality of the article. The fourth indicator is deemed to be representative for the quality of the scholars.

The outcome for QA1 through QA4 is either 1 or 0 (1 means yes, 0 means no).

QA1: the article is of the type peer-reviewed journal article

QA2: the journal is in the eligible journals list

QA3: the article has been referenced an average of 5 times per year since publication

QA4: author 1 and author 2 have together authored at least 50 articles

The detail of the calculation for QA3 en QA4 is shown in [appendix E](#).

Table 4.2: Quality assessment

Seq	Source	QA1	QA2	QA3	QA4	Score
1	WoS_02	1	0	0	0	1
2	WoS_03	1	0	0	1	2
3	WoS_04	1	0	1	1	3
4	WoS_05	1	0	0	1	2
5	WoS_06	1	1	0	1	3
6	WoS_10	1	0	1	1	3
7	WoS_14	1	0	1	1	3
8	WoS_15	1	0	1	1	3
9	WoS_16	1	0	0	1	2
10	WoS_17	1	0	0	0	1
11	dblp_01	1	0	0	1	2
12	dblp_03	1	0	1	1	3
13	dblp_08	1	0	0	0	1
14	dblp_13	1	0	0	1	2
15	dblp_28	0	0	0	0	0
16	other_01	1	0	1	0	2
17	other_02	1	0	0	1	2
18	other_03	1	0	1	1	3
19	other_04	1	0	1	1	3
20	other_05	0	0	0	1	1
21	other_06	1	0	1	1	3

For the final list we only consider the 9 articles where three or more conditions are met (see: [appendix E](#), table D.4).

4.4 Data collection

The output of each query has either been a bib file or a ris file. All bib files have been converted to ris files. The mapping of bibliographic elements to the ris fields differs per data sources. A script has been written to get to a uniform ris-format.

The open access databases do not contain the full text articles if the articles are not open access. DBLP also doesn't contain abstracts. The absence of full text articles or abstracts is explained by constraints imposed by copyrights.

The excel file containing the article lists has been stored on zenodo for future reference ([zenodo 10795823](https://zenodo.org/record/10795823)).

4.5 Synthesis of extracted data

8-12 years ago: the two oldest papers in the dataset are Vanderfeesten, Reijers, and Van Der Aalst (2011) and Hadasch, Maedche, and Gregor (2016). The article of Irene Vanderfeesten is on the subject of her PhD thesis (Vanderfeesten, Reijers, and Van Der Aalst (2011)). It describes the concept of a Product Data Model which, in workflow systems, can be compared to a Bill of Material in manufacturing systems. The article doesn't mention future research but does mention collaboration with industrial partners to incorporate a PDM in a commercial tool. The Hadasch paper is a quantitative study about users' process compliance as a function of process explanations either in textual or diagram format (DE/DDE). Broadly stated, the paper concludes that the better explanations result in better compliance. Other than a recommendation that the findings of the paper be leveraged in future research, there is no specific guidance about future research.

4-8 years ago: the four papers published in the 2016-2019 timeslot are Van Der Aalst (2018), Hashmi and Governatori (2017), Hashmi et al. (2018) and van der Aa, Leopold, and Reijers (2017). The van der Aalst paper compares and contrasts spreadsheet technology with process mining technology. It mentions checking for compliance as the activity whereby a process as run in reality is compared to a normative model. The article mentions future process mining research should be about automatically improving processes by changing underlying process models. The first Hashmi paper compares six Compliance Modeling Frameworks (CMFs). There are two pointers to future research directions. 1) Studying the formal semantics of the norms modeling languages. 2) Studying the useability of the norms modeling constructs in practice. The second Hashmi paper is a SLR where 79 papers were included in the study. The study provides a comprehensive overview of the attributes of compliance in BPM. There is a general direction for future research given: to improve modeling languages to take into account all compliance requirements. The article by van der Aa et al. is about the possible divergence of process descriptions and graphical process models. A quantitative analysis is performed on 53 real-life model-text pairs. One of the suggested future research directions is to also capture process information in other formats. Among the examples given of such other formats are rules and regulations.

0-4 years ago: the three most recent papers in the set are the papers and Kir and Erdogan (2021), Bernardo Junior and De Padua (2023) and Viriyasitavat et al. (2023). The Kir paper introduces *agileBPM*, a modeling methodology. The main differentiator is that next to control flow *agileBPM* also captures knowledge, rules and goals. A prototype of the system is compared to other similar systems (ADEPT, SmartPM, Planlets, Go4Flex). The paper doesn't mention future research. The Bernardo paper includes a SLR, interviews and expert consultations. Agile BPM is defined. Future research is suggested to be on practices necessary for empirical application of BPM in organizations. The Viriyasitavat article is a SLR on the use of blockchain technology for business process compliance. The paper argues that blockchain technologies can and are applied for business process compliance.

Existing work has a focus on technical implementation of the functionalities of traditional BPM systems. However the use of blockchain technologies also allows for new functionalities. The further research section specifically mentions organizational and legal aspects.

Table 4.3: Relevance to research question

	Year	Article	Alignment Concepts	Future Research
1	2011	Vanderfeesten et al.	ProductData Model	N
2	2016	Hadasch et al.	(Diagram)Descriptive Explanations	N
3	2017	Van der Aa et al.	Consistency between representation	Y (specific)
4	2018	Van Der Aalst	Prescriptive Analytics	Y (general)
5	2018	Hashmi et al.	Compliance Modeling Frameworks	Y (specific)
6	2018	Hashmi et al.	Compliance Modeling Languages	Y (general)
7	2021	Kir et al.	Context Awareness / Norm adoption	N
8	2023	Viriyasitavat et al.	Blockchain	Y (general)
9	2023	Bernardo Junior et al.	-	Y (general)

All papers mention approaches for alignment of business processes with regulatory requirements except the Bernardo Junior paper about agile BPM.

From these 9 papers reviewed, 6 mention future research directions. Two papers mention specific future research topic, for example around “consistency between different process representations” and “the useability of norm modelling constructs”.

Paper digest All areas Any time Type: Paper Query: (BPM or 'Business Process Management') and “Regulatory Compliance”

Related Work

[1] Kevin D. Barber; Frank W. Dewhurst; R. L. D. H. Burns; J. B. B. Rogers; “Business-process Modelling and Simulation for Manufacturing Management: A Practical Way Forward”, BUS. PROCESS. MANAG. J., 2003. (IF: 3) [2] Ying Liu; Samuel Müller; Ke Xu; “A Static Compliance-checking Framework for Business Process Models”, IBM SYST. J., 2007. (IF: 5) [3] Ulrich Lang; Rudolf Schreiner; “Managing Business Compliance Using Model-driven Security Management”, 2008. [4] Bruno de Moura Araujo; Eber A. Schmitz; Alexandre L. Correa; Antonio J. Alencar; “A Method for Validating The Compliance of Business Processes to Business Rules”, 2010. (IF: 3) [5] Marwane El Kharbili; Qin Ma; Pierre Kelsen; Elke Pulvermüller; “CoReL: Policy-Based and Model-Driven Regulatory Compliance Management”, 2011 IEEE 15TH INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE DISTRIBUTED OBJECT ..., 2011. (IF: 3) [6] Guido Boella; Marijn Janssen; Joris Hulstijn; Llio Humphreys; Leon van der Torre; “Managing Legal Interpretation in Regulatory Compliance”, 2013. (IF: 3) [7] Amal Elgammal; Tom Butler; “Towards A Framework for Semantically-Enabled Compliance Management in Financial Services”, 2014. (IF: 3) [8] Shazia Wasim Sadiq; Guido Governatori; “Managing Regulatory Compliance in Business Processes”, 2015. (IF: 4) [9] Patrick Delfmann; Michael Hübers; “Towards Supporting Business Process Compliance Checking

with Compliance Pattern Catalogues - A Financial Industry Case Study”, ENTERP. MODEL. INF. SYST. ARCHIT. INT. J. CONCEPT. MODEL., 2015. (IF: 3) [10] Mustafa Hashmi; Guido Governatori; Moe Thandar Wynn; “Normative Requirements for Regulatory Compliance: An Abstract Formal Framework”, INFORMATION SYSTEMS FRONTIERS, 2016. (IF: 3)

Summary of the Related Work

Business process modelling (BPM) and business process simulation (BPS) help to facilitate process thinking. (Barber et. al., 2003) suggest a practical way forward until hardware and software limitations are overcome. As enterprises increasingly use business process management systems to automate their business processes, technologies to automatically check the compliance of process models against compliance rules are becoming important. (Liu et. al., 2007) present a method to improve the reliability and minimize the risk of failure of business process management systems from a compliance perspective. This is because, especially with regulatory compliance, both business and government have to expect large financial and reputational losses if compliance cannot be ensured and demonstrated. (Lang et. al., 2008) illustrate the theory behind Model Driven Security for compliance, provide an improved and extended architecture, as well as a case study in the health-care industry using the OpenPMF 2.0 technology. Regulatory compliance of business operations and practices is increasingly becoming an area of great concern for management, costing tens of billions of dollars in compliance actions a year. (Araujo et. al., 2010) present a method for validating business processes with respect to the business rules. In the discipline of business process management in particular, compliance is considered as an important driver of the efficiency, reliability and market value of companies. For this purpose (Kharbili et. al., 2011) contribute CoReL, a domain-specific modeling language for representing compliance requirements that has a graphical concrete syntax. Legal Knowledge Management systems that combine repositories of legislation with legal ontologies can support the work of in-house compliance managers. (Boella et. al., 2013) extend the Legal Knowledge Management system Eunomos to deal with alternative interpretations of norms connecting it with Business Process Management systems. (Elgammal et. al., 2014) propose a semantically-enabled compliance management framework. In the heart of the framework is an integrated semantic repository incorporating regulatory, business and compliance knowledge; i.e., CMKB. (Sadiq et. al., 2015) present an overarching methodology for aligning business and control objectives. The chapter concludes with a discussion on the role of BPM as a driver for regulatory compliance and a presentation of open questions and challenges. In the business process compliance management literature, (Delfmann et. al., 2015) find an abundance of approaches supporting business process compliance checking. With this objective of (Delfmann et. al., 2015) at making a step towards comprehensive catalogues of compliance rules that can be used as input for business process compliance checking approaches. By definition, regulatory rules (in legal context called norms) intend to achieve specific behaviour from business processes, and might be relevant to the whole or part of a business process. (Hashmi et. al., 2016) present an abstract framework consisting of a list of norms and a generic compliance checking approach on the idea of (possible) execution of processes.

5 Review reporting

5.1 Dissemination strategy

A subsequent version of this review will be part of the PhD work. The aim is to get three by-products out of this review:

- A poster that explains this literature review process and its results to be presented on a research day.
- A version of the software script that is installable and useable by somebody else.
- An open access publication.

5.2 Limitations

The database searches resulted in a set of relevant articles for the subject of this review. Selecting a different set of databases would have resulted in a different set of relevant articles. The selection of databases was made from the databases available to us. We did not consider databases that require additional payment for access.

It is also noted that search results may differ among different databases. If the content of two databases is identical, the same query run against both databases can yield different results. The differences stem, among others, from different search fields, different query languages, different API's and different search engines. Examples of notable differences are:

- for WoS: the search results may differ depending on the subscription that is available to the user.
- for SD: the search results may differ as query's are interpreted based on language heuristics ([source](#)). Also, SD does not support wildcards.
- for dblp: the *CompleteSearch* engine autocompletes search terms, see Bast and Weber (2006).
- for arXiv: wildcards can not be used as the first character of a search term ([source](#)). For example “*engineering” will trigger an error message.

To assess the quality of the 21 identified articles a set of 4 indicators has been considered. There are many other indicators which can be used to assess the quality of an article. Changing the number of indicators and/or changing the selection of parameters could alter which full text articles are selected for the review.

5.3 Future research

In follow-on research it may be interesting to include openAIRE (Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe) as a data source. Schumm et al. (2010), p. 11 reference research that has been performed under the 2008-2011 COMPAS research project funded by the EU and coordinated by the Technische Universität Wien. More information about the research output of these projects will be available via OpenAIRE. When OpenAIRE will be included as a data source we will also again include Zenodo. Zenodo was created as part of the OpenAIRE initiative.

For reproducibility a future version of this literature review shall have the protocol altered. For commercial databases one and the same query can yield different results if it is run with two different licenses. This has been found to be the case with Web of Science. For the query used in this review the Vlerick Business School license of WoS yielded 42 hits while the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences license of WoS yielded 24 hits (to be included in appendix). It is assumed the average user does not have precise information of the licenses that Academic institutions hold. As such WoS is better not used in the early stages of the search. The protocol could instead dictate the use of open databases, such as OpenAlex, for the early stages of the search. Commercial databases would then be used in a later stage to get abstracts and full texts of selected articles that are not available from open databases.

For quality assessment we have now used a self-constructed indicator (QA4) that has as inputs the number of publications by the first and second author. If further research is conducted it can be considered to replace this indicator with the ubiquitous h-index (Poirrier, Moreno, and Huerta-Canepa (2021)). Also, the fact that only 1 article is from the eligible journals list seems to indicate that either the list needs to be revised. Alternatively a different indicator, such as the journal impact factor, can be a substitute quality indicator.

Finally, where it relates to compliance checks, in the literature there is a divide between “design time” and “run time”. As the RQ of this research refers to compliance by design, future research may have more of different search terms to also filter research about “design time” compliance checking.

A Databases Searched

Table A.1: Databases consulted

Platform	Type	Focus	Coverage	Access
Web of Science	Citation index	Wide range of disciplines (including hard sciences, social sciences, and the humanities)	Over 18,000 academic journals, books, patents, and other scholarly publications	Subscription-based
ScienceDirect	Academic literature platform	Science, technology, medicine, and social science	Over 3,500 peer-reviewed journals	Subscription-based and open access
ACM	Digital Library	Computing and information technology	Full-text articles from ACM journals and conference proceedings	Subscription-based and open access?
SSRN	Preprints	Social sciences, economics, and business	Early-stage social science, economics, and business research papers	Open access
arXiv	Preprints	Hard sciences and quantitative sciences	Early-stage research papers in a wide range of disciplines	Open access
DBLP	Bibliography database	Computer science	Scholarly publications in computer science	Open access
Zenodo	Dataset repository	Data from various disciplines	Data from research projects, surveys, and other data collection efforts	Open access

Table A.2: Other resources - not consulted

Platform	Operator	Note
Scopus	Elsevier	not available via Vlerick
OpenAlex ¹	OpenAlex	
OpenAIRE	OpenAIRE	Mentioned in connection with Zenodo and also EU Research Programs
CEUR Workshop Proceedings		

¹For a description of OpenAlex see Priem, Piwowar, and Orr (2022).

B List of eligible journals

The columns: level and impact factor (IF) are taken from the Vlerick Strategic Journal List (the List), effective as of January 2020. Empty means the journal is not on the List.

Table B.1: Basket of 11

Journal Title	Level	IF
MIS Quarterly (MISQ)	A*	7,268
Journal of Management Information Systems (JMIS)	A*	2,744
Information Systems Journal (ISJ)	A	4,267
Journal of the Association for Information Systems (JAIS)	A	2,839
Communications of the Association for Information Systems (CAIS)	A	?
Information Systems Research (ISR)	A*	2,301
Journal of Information Technology (JIT)	A	4,435
European Journal of Information Systems (EJIS)	A	2,819
Decision Support Systems (DSS)	A	2,819
Information & Management (IAM)	A	3,890
Information and Organization (IAO)		

Next to the basket of 11 there are other journals that are of interest. BISE is of interest because it is an european (IS) journal (as is EJIS). BPMJ and IJDG may be of interest given the subject matter their titles refer to.

Table B.2: Other journals of interest

Journal Title	Level	IF
Business Process Management Journal (BPMJ)		
Business & Information Systems Engineering (BISE)		
Journal of Disclosure and Governance (IJDG)		

C Literature Selection

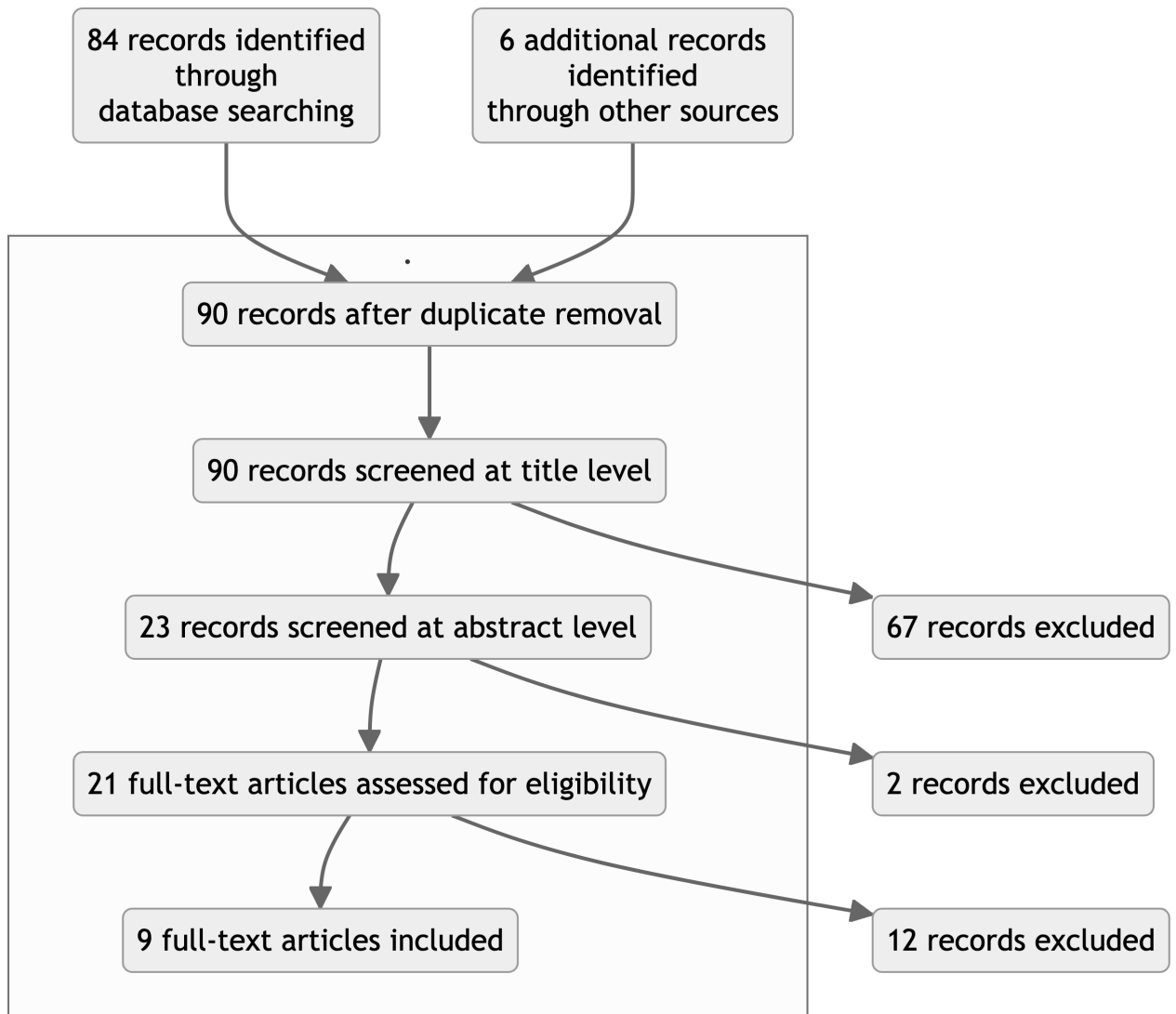


Figure C.1: Flowchart depicting literature selection.

D Literature Identified

The tables below show records found. Seq (sequence) shows a table row number. Source shows the data source where the record was found. Type holds the type of publication (conference proceedings, journal article, preprint, etc.) Title is the title of the publication. EC (exclusion criterion) shows the reason a record is excluded. If a record is excluded for multiple reasons, only one reason is shown. QA (quality assessment) shows the QA-score the record obtained (0-4).

Table D.1: Identified through database searching

Seq	Source	Type	Title	EC
1	WoS_01	cpaper	Design Solutions for Business Process Reengineering of an Agricultural Enterprise	5
2	WoS_02	jour	Blockchain-as-a-Service for Business Process Management: Survey and Challenges	-
3	WoS_03	jour	Business Process Management - A Traditional Approach versus a Knowledge Based Approach	-
4	WoS_04	jour	Blockchain-based business process management (BPM) framework for service composition in industry 4.0	-
5	WoS_05	jour	Regulatory Instability, Business Process Management Technology, and BPM Skill Configurations	-
6	WoS_06	jour	The influence of directive explanations on users' business process compliance performance	-
7	WoS_07	cpaper	Business Process Management Driven by Data Governance	3
8	WoS_08	cpaper	An Open-Source Proactive Security Infrastructure For Business Process Management	3
9	WoS_09	cpaper	Cloud Based Privacy Preserving Collaborative Business Process Management	3
10	WoS_10	jour	A knowledge-intensive adaptive business process management framework	-
11	WoS_11	cpaper	Process model verifier for integrated medical healthcare systems using business process management system	5
12	WoS_12	cpaper	Agile Innovation Through Business Process Management: Realizing the Potential of Digital Transformation	3
13	WoS_13	cpaper	Managing Security Objects and -Processes Using an Extended BPM Approach and -System	3
14	WoS_14	jour	Toward agile Business Process Management: Description of concepts and a proposed definition	-
15	WoS_15	jour	Spreadsheets for business process management Using process mining to deal with "events" rather than "numbers"?	-
16	WoS_16	jour	BPM perspectives to support ICSs: Exploiting the integration of formal verifications into investment service provision processes	-
17	WoS_17	jour	Improved Compliance by BPM-Driven Workflow Automation	-
18	WoS_18	jour	Simulation of the Inventory Process in a Postharvest of Export Roses Under a Business Process Management approach	5
19	WoS_19	cpaper	Business Process Management Notation for a Costing Model Conception	5
20	WoS_20	cpaper	BPM analysis and security case study: dining rooms Cartagena military, Colombia	5
21	WoS_21	cpaper	The Value of Business Process Management to Understand Complex Asset Management Processes	5
22	WoS_22	cpaper	The Business Process Management Map - an Effective Means for Managing the Enterprise Value Chain	5

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Seq	Source	Type	Title	EC
23	WoS_23	cpaper	Business Process Management Systems in Support of Corporate Governance: Applying Orlikowski's Theoretical Lens	3
24	WoS_24	cpaper	How do Machine Learning, Robotic Process Automation, and Blockchains Affect the Human Factor in Business Process Management?	3
25	WoS_24	jour	Multi-objective container scheduling and multi-path routing for elastic business process management in autonomic multi-tenant cloud	5
26	WoS_26	cpaper	Experiences from Selecting a BPM Notation for an Enterprise	3
27	WoS_27	jour	Compositional Analysis of Biodiesel Particulate Matter (BPM) from a Non-Road Diesel Generator	4
28	WoS_28	cpaper	BPM-CUL3 E3 ligase modulates thermotolerance by facilitating negative regulatory domain-mediated degradation of DREB2A in Arabidopsis	4
29	WoS_29	jour	The Pumilio RNA-binding protein APUM24 regulates seed maturation by fine-tuning the BPM-WRI1 module in Arabidopsis	4
30	dblp_01	jour	Business Process Modelling in Healthcare and Compliance Management: {A} Logical Framework	-
31	dblp_02	proc	Checking Compliance in Data-Driven Case Management	3
32	dblp_03	jour	Norms modeling constructs of business process compliance management frameworks: a conceptual evaluation	-
33	dblp_04	proc	Compliance Checking for Decision-Aware Process Models	3
34	dblp_05	proc	Checking Business Process Models for Compliance - Comparing Graph Matching and Temporal Logic	3
35	dblp_06	proc	Using Business Process Compliance Approaches for Compliance Management with Regard to Digitization: Evidence from a Systematic Literature Review	3
36	dblp_07	coll	Enabling Flexibility of Business Processes Using Compliance Rules: The Case of Mobiliar	3
37	dblp_08	jour	Comparative Analysis of Business Process Modelling Tools for Compliance Management Support	-
38	dblp_09	proc	Embracing Process Compliance and Flexibility Through Behavioral Consistency Checking in ACM - A Repair Service Management Case	3
39	dblp_10	coll	Managing Regulatory Compliance in Business Processes	X
40	dblp_11	proc	Online Compliance Monitoring of Service Landscapes	3
41	dblp_12	proc	Unterstützung von dynamischen Compliance Prozessen durch Business Process Management Plattformen	6
42	dblp_13	jour	Business process management enabled compliance-aware medical record sharing	-
43	dblp_14	proc	A Methodological Evaluation of Business Process Compliance Management Frameworks	3
44	dblp_15	proc	Supporting Domain Experts to Select and Configure Precise Compliance Rules	3
45	dblp_16	proc	Compliance Check in Semantic Business Process Management	3
46	dblp_17	proc	Business Process Regulatory Compliance Management Solution Frameworks: {A} Comparative Evaluation	3
47	dblp_18	proc	Towards Compliance of Cross-Organizational Processes and Their Changes - Research Challenges and State of Research	3
48	dblp_19	proc	EU Project BPM-GOSPEL - Applying Compliance Management Scenarios in Business Process Modelling for Trusted Business Coaching Programs	3
49	dblp_20	proc	Causes-based problems in business process compliance based management	3
50	dblp_21	proc	Making Compliance Measures Actionable: {A} New Compliance Analysis Approach	3
51	dblp_22	proc	Separating Compliance Management and Business Process Management	3
52	dblp_23	proc	Activity-Oriented Clustering Techniques in Large Process and Compliance Rule Repositories	3
53	dblp_24	proc	Towards an Integration of {GRC} and {BPM} - Requirements Changes for Compliance Management Caused by Externally Induced Complexity Drivers	3
54	dblp_25	proc	Compliance Oriented Process Management Using the Example of Clinical Trials	3
55	dblp_26	proc	Business Process and Regulations Compliance Management Technology	3
56	dblp_27	proc	A systematic review of goal-oriented requirements management frameworks for business process compliance	3
57	dblp_28	phdt	A compliance management framework for business process models	-
58	dblp_29	proc	Business Control Management - A Discipline to Ensure Regulatory Compliance of {SOA} Applications	3

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Seq	Source	Type	Title	EC
59	dblp_30	proc	Business Process Compliance Tracking Using Key Performance Indicators	3
60	dblp_31	proc	Essential Aspects of Compliance Management with Focus on Business Process Automation	3
61	dblp_32	proc	Process Views to Support Compliance Management in Business Processes	3
62	dblp_33	proc	Visualization of Compliance Violation in Business Process Models	3
63	dblp_34	proc	Semantic Compliance Management in Business Process Management	3
64	dblp_35	proc	A Semantic Framework for Compliance Management in Business Process Management	3
65	dblp_36	proc	Aligning Risk Management and Compliance Considerations with Business Process Development	3
66	dblp_37	proc	Checking Compliance of Execution Traces to Business Rules	3
67	dblp_38	proc	Detecting Regulatory Compliance for Business Process Models through Semantic Annotations	3
68	dblp_39	proc	Service Contract Compliance Management in Business Process Management	3
69	dblp_40	proc	Policy-Based Semantic Compliance Checking for Business Process Management	3
70	dblp_41	proc	Compliance Aware Business Process Design	3
71	dblp_42	proc	Business Process and Business Rule Modeling Languages for Compliance Management: A Representational Analysis	3
72	SD_01	book	Chapter 4: Next-Generation Business Process Management (BPM)	1
73	SD_02	short	Business Process Reengineering of emergency management procedures: A case study	3
74	SD_03	cpaper	The Business Process Management Map – an Effective Means for Managing the Enterprise Value Chain	3
75	SD_04	cpaper	A knowledge-intensive adaptive business process management framework	3
76	SD_05	cpaper	From policy implementation to business process management: Principles for creating flexibility and agility	3
77	SD_06	cpaper	Improved Compliance by BPM-Driven Workflow Automation	3
78	SD_07	cpaper	Improving Telemedicine Processes Via BPM	5
79	SSRN_01	preprint	Efficient Vehicle Certification Management with Business Process Management	5
80	SSRN_02	preprint	Balancing Flexibility and Compliance in Response to Long-Tailed Business Process Changes	3
81	arXiv_01	preprint	Efficient Checking of Timed Order Compliance Rules over Graph-encoded Event Logs	3
82	arXiv_02	preprint	Predictive Compliance Monitoring in Process-Aware Information Systems: State of the Art, Functionalities, Research Directions	5
83	arXiv_03	preprint	Semi-automated checking for regulatory compliance in e-Health	5
84	arXiv_04	preprint	An Open-Source Integration of Process Mining Features into the Camunda Workflow Engine: Data Extraction and Challenges	3

Table D.2: Identified through other sources

Seq	Source	Type	Title	EC
1	other_01	jour	Evaluation of Compliance Rule Languages for Modelling Regulatory Compliance Requirements	-
2	other_02	jour	RegelSprak: a CNL for Executable Tax Rules Specification	-
3	other_03	jour	Are we done with business process compliance: state of the art and challenges ahead	-
4	other_04	jour	Comparing textual descriptions to process models – The automatic detection of inconsistencies.	-
5	other_05	cpaper	Supporting domain experts to select and configure precise compliance rules	-
6	other_06_b	jour	Product-Based Workflow Support	-

Table D.3: Records screened at abstract level

Seq	Source	Type	Title	QA
1	WoS_02	jour	Blockchain-as-a-Service for Business Process Management: Survey and Challenges	1
2	WoS_03	jour	Business Process Management - A Traditional Approach versus a Knowledge Based Approach	2
3	WoS_04	jour	Blockchain-based business process management (BPM) framework for service composition in industry 4.0	3
4	WoS_05	jour	Regulatory Instability, Business Process Management Technology, and BPM Skill Configurations	2
5	WoS_06	jour	The influence of directive explanations on users' business process compliance performance	3
6	WoS_10	jour	A knowledge-intensive adaptive business process management framework	3
7	WoS_14	jour	Toward agile Business Process Management: Description of concepts and a proposed definition	3
8	WoS_15	jour	Spreadsheets for business process management Using process mining to deal with "events" rather than "numbers"?	3
9	WoS_16	jour	BPM perspectives to support ICSs: Exploiting the integration of formal verifications into investment service provision processes	2
10	WoS_17	jour	Improved Compliance by BPM-Driven Workflow Automation	1
11	dblp_01	jour	Business Process Modelling in Healthcare and Compliance Management: A Logical Framework	2
12	dblp_03	jour	Norms modeling constructs of business process compliance management frameworks: a conceptual evaluation	3
13	dblp_08	jour	Comparative Analysis of Business Process Modelling Tools for Compliance Management Support	1
14	dblp_13	jour	Business process management enabled compliance-aware medical record sharing	2
15	dblp_28	phdt	A compliance management framework for business process models	0
16	other_01	jour	Evaluation of Compliance Rule Languages for Modelling Regulatory Compliance Requirements	2
17	other_02	jour	RegelSpraak: a CNL for Executable Tax Rules Specification	2
18	other_03	jour	Are we done with business process compliance: state of the art and challenges ahead	3
19	other_04	jour	Comparing textual descriptions to process models – The automatic detection of inconsistencies.	3
20	other_05	cpaper	Supporting domain experts to select and configure precise compliance rules	1
21	other_06	jour	Product-Based Workflow Support	3

Table D.4: Records included in the study

Seq	Source	Type	Title	QA	Year
1	other_06	jour	Product-Based Workflow Support	3	2011
2	WoS_06	jour	The influence of directive explanations on users' business process compliance performance	3	2016
3	other_04	jour	Comparing textual descriptions to process models – The automatic detection of inconsistencies.	3	2017
4	WoS_15	jour	Spreadsheets for business process management Using process mining to deal with "events" rather than "numbers"?	3	2018
5	dblp_03	jour	Norms modeling constructs of business process compliance management frameworks: a conceptual evaluation	3	2018
6	other_03	jour	Are we done with business process compliance: state of the art and challenges ahead	3	2018
7	WoS_04	jour	Blockchain-based business process management (BPM) framework for service composition in industry 4.0	3	2020
8	WoS_10	jour	A knowledge-intensive adaptive business process management framework	3	2021
9	WoS_14	jour	Toward agile Business Process Management: Description of concepts and a proposed definition	3	2023

E Quality Criteria

Indicator QA3

The table shows the inputs for calculating the QA3-score. The score is 1 if the outcome of the calculation is larger than or equal to 5, otherwise it is 0. The calculation is: $\text{cited/year} = \text{number of citations} / (2024 - \text{Publication Year})$.

Indicator QA4

The table shows the inputs for calculating the QA4-score. The score is 1 if the outcome of the calculation is larger than or equal to 100, otherwise it is 0. The columns 'First Author' and 'Second Author' hold the number of articles by these authors on google Scholar.

Table E.1: Calculation of the QA3-score and QA4-score

Seq	Id	Citations	Year	Cited/Year	QA3-Score	First Author	Second Author	Total Articles	QA4-Score
1	WoS_02	4	2022	2	0	92	0	92	0
2	WoS_03	5	2015	0.6	0	145	0	145	1
3	WoS_04	333	2020	83.3	1	92	374	466	1
4	WoS_05	10	2019	2	0	0	134	134	1
5	WoS_06	12	2016	1.5	0	0	557	557	1
6	WoS_10	78	2021	26	1	9	99	108	1
7	WoS_14	5	2023	5	1	51	83	134	1
8	WoS_15	38	2018	6.3	1	1881	-	1881	1
9	WoS_16	8	2020	2	0	0	322	322	1
10	WoS_17	5	2014	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
11	dblp_01	4	2022	2	0	35	122	157	1
12	dblp_03	32	2018	5.3	1	46	416	462	1
13	dblp_08	8	2017	1.1	0	0	22	22	0
14	dblp_13	8	2013	0.7	0	14	93	107	1
15	dblp_28	36	2010	2.6	0	90	0	90	0
16	other_01	5	2023	5	1	0	46	46	0
17	other_02	10	2021	3.3	0	0	192	192	1
18	other_03	149	2018	24.8	1	46	416	462	1
19	other_04	70	2017	10	1	95	151	246	1
20	other_05	23	2013	2.1	0	11	189	200	1
21	other_06	110	2011	8.5	1	121	514	635	1

Meaning of the column names:

- Citations : the number of citations on google scholar
- Year : Year of Publication
- First author : the number of publications by the first author on google scholar
- Second author : the number of publications by the second author on google scholar

F Journals

The publisher and the ISSN number have been looked up at [crossref](#) using the journal name in the bibtex file.

Table F.1: Journals

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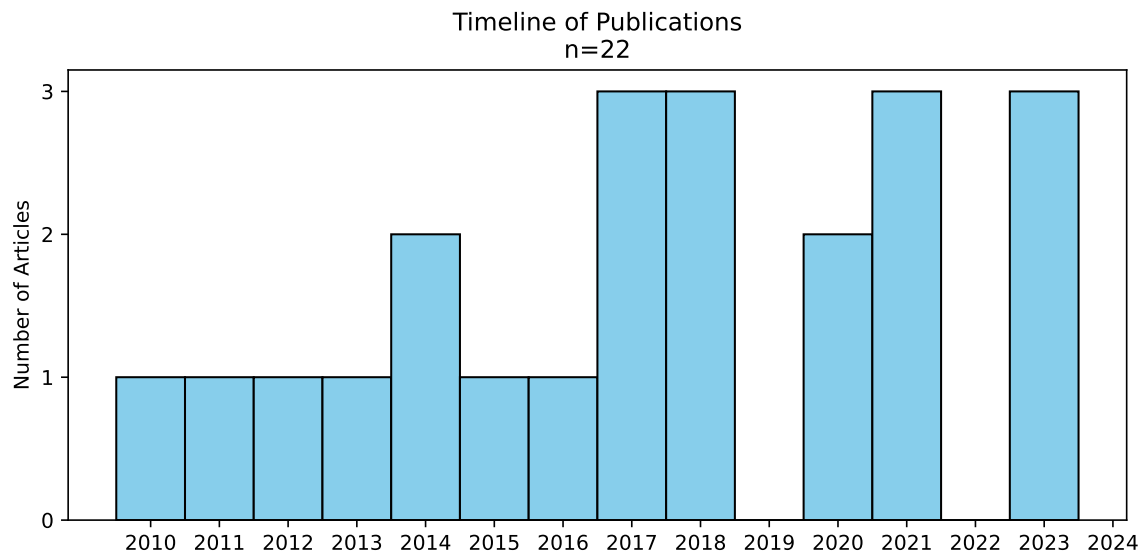
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H Keywords

Table H.1: Keywords

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bernardojuniorA	Agility,bpm governance,Business And Economics– Management,Business process management,challenges,Communication,critical success factors,Customer satisfaction,implementation capabilities,intuition,knowledge systems,Literature reviews,operations strategy,organization,Systematic review
bevilacquaBusin	Emergency management,IDEF0,Information supply,Information system,Public,Risk information,Safety management
corsiusRegelSpr DBLP:conf/bpm/R	CNL auditing,compliance checking,compliance specification,configurable compliance rules,question tree
DBLP:journals/r	Business process compliance,compliance management,compliance management tools,open source business process modelling tools
DBLP:phd/de/Awa	No keywords
elgammalBusines	No keywords
hadaschInfluenc	No keywords
hashmi2017norms	Business Processes,Compliance,Compliance Management Frameworks,Modelling Constructs,Modelling Languages,Norms
hashmiAreWeDone	Business process compliance,Business processes,Compliance Management Frameworks,Normative requirements,Norms compliance
holzmuller-laue	BPMN,end-to-end workflow,laboratory automation,model- based application development,systems integration
kirKnowledgeint	Agent-based business process management,Agile business process management,Business process management,Knowledge-intensive processes,Process adaptation,Process modeling and execution
lyComplianceMon	Business process compliance,Compliance monitoring,Operational support
mendlingBlockch raucciBMPerspe	Top100 Banking Processes,Business Process Management,Formal Methods,Internal Control Systems,Investment Services,Segregation of Duties
vanderaaCompari	Business process management,Business process modeling,Compliance checking,Inconsistency detection,Matching,Natural language processing
vanderaalstSpre vanderfeestenPr	No keywords Business Process Modelling,Product Data Model,Workflow Management
viriyasitavatBl viriyasitavatBl	No keywords Block-chain technology (BCT),Business process management (BPM),Industry 4.0,Internet of Things (IoT),Quality of Service (QoS),Service selection and

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voRecognizingSp zasadaEvaluatio	composition, Smart contracts, Trustworthiness Computer Science - Computation and Language business processes, compliance rules modelling, conceptual modelling, expressiveness, language complexity, regulatory compliance

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Citation Key	Keywords
Bernardo Junior and De Padua (2023)	Agility, bpm governance, Business And Economics–Management, Business process management, challenges, Communication, critical success factors, Customer satisfaction, implementation capabilities, intuition, knowledge systems, Literature reviews, operations strategy, organization, Systematic review
Bevilacqua, Ciarapica, and Paciarotti (2012)	Emergency management, IDEF0, Information supply, Information system, Public, Risk information, Safety management
Corsius et al. (2021)	CNL
Ramezani, Fahland, and van der Aalst (2013)	auditing, compliance checking, compliance specification, configurable compliance rules, question tree
Koncevics et al. (2017)	Business process compliance, compliance management, compliance management tools, open source business process modelling tools
Awad (2010)	No keywords
Elgammal et al. (2014)	No keywords
Hadasch, Maedche, and Gregor (2016)	No keywords
Hashmi and Governatori (2017)	Business Processes, Compliance, Compliance Management Frameworks, Modelling Constructs, Modelling Languages, Norms
Hashmi et al. (2018)	Business process compliance, Business processes, Compliance Management Frameworks, Normative requirements, Norms compliance
Holzmüller-Lau et al. (2014)	BPMN, end-to-end workflow, laboratory automation, model-based application development, systems integration
Kir and Erdogan (2021)	Agent-based business process management, Agile business process management, Business process management, Knowledge-intensive processes, Process adaptation, Process modeling and execution
Ly et al. (2015)	Business process compliance, Compliance monitoring, Operational support

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Citation Key	Keywords
Mendling et al. (2018)	Top100
Rauci et al. (2020)	Banking Processes, Business Process Management, Formal Methods, Internal Control Systems, Investment Services, Segregation of Duties
van der Aa, Leopold, and Reijers (2017)	Business process management, Business process modeling, Compliance checking, Inconsistency detection, Matching, Natural language processing
Van Der Aalst (2018)	No keywords
Vanderfeesten, Reijers, and Van Der Aalst (2011)	Business Process Modelling, Product Data Model, Workflow Management
Viriyasitavat et al. (2023)	No keywords
Viriyasitavat (2020)	Block-chain technology (BCT), Business process management (BPM), Industry 4.0, Internet of Things (IoT), Quality of Service (QoS), Service selection and composition, Smart contracts, Trustworthiness
Vo et al. (2021)	Computer Science - Computation and Language
Zasada et al. (2023)	business processes, compliance rules modelling, conceptual modelling, expressiveness, language complexity, regulatory compliance

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