

Table 2. General description of the ten studies included in the review

Author (publication year)	Study design	Country	Title
Vian T et al. (2015)	Qualitative	Moldova	Barriers to universal health coverage in Republic of Moldova: a policy analysis of formal and informal out-of-pocket payments
Vian T, Burak LJ (2006)	Qualitative	Albania	Beliefs about informal payments in Albania
Baji P et al. (2013)	Quantitative	Hungary	Exploring consumers' attitudes towards informal patient payments using the combined method of cluster and multinomial regression analysis - the case of Hungary
Baji P et al. (2012)	Quantitative	Hungary	Changes in equity in out-of-pocket payments during the period of health care reforms: evidence from Hungary
Balabanova D, McKee M (2002)	Mixed methods	Bulgaria	Understanding informal payments for health care: the example of Bulgaria
Chereches R et al. (2011)	Mixed methods	Romania	Informal Payments in the Health Care System - Research, Media and Policy
Gaal P, McKee M (2004)	Mixed methods	Hungary	Informal payment for health care and the theory of 'INXIT'
Hotchkiss DR et al. (2005)	Quantitative	Albania	Out-of-pocket payments and utilization of health care services in Albania: evidence from 3 districts
Ensor T (2004)	Qualitative		Informal payments for health care in transition economies
Kruk ME et al. (2008)	Qualitative	Tanzania	User fee exemptions are not enough: out-of-pocket payments for 'free' delivery services in rural Tanzania