

Research Checklist

The Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Research (COREQ) checklist: a 32 checklist for interviews and focus groups of participants.

Topic	Item No.	Guiding Questions/Description	Reported on page no.
Domain 1: Research team And reflexivity			
<i>Personal characteristics</i>			
Interviewer/facilitator	1	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	5
Credentials	2	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	5 – 6
Occupation	3	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	5 – 6
Gender	4	Was the researcher male or female?	5
Experience and training	5	What experience or training did the researcher have?	5
<i>Relationship with participants</i>			
Relationship established	6	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	5 – 6
Participant knowledge of the interviewer	7	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	5 – 6
Interviewer characteristics	8	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	5 – 6
Domain 2: Study design			
<i>Theoretical framework</i>			
Methodological orientation and Theory	9	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	4
<i>Participant selection</i>			
Sampling	10	How were the participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	4
Method of approach	11	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	5
Sample size	12	How many participants were in the study?	5
Non-participation	13	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	5
<i>Setting</i>			
Setting of data collection	14	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	5
Presence of non-participants	15	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	5

Description of sample	16	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	6 – 7
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Data collection			
Interview guide	17	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	5 + additional file 1 & 2
Repeat interviews	18	Were repeats inter views carried out? If yes, how many?	No
Audio/visual recording	19	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	5
Field notes	20	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	5
Duration	21	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	5
Data saturation	22	Was data saturation discussed?	4 – 5
Transcripts returned	23	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	No
Domain 3: analysis and findings			
<i>Data analysis</i>			
Number of data coders	24	How many data coders coded the data?	6
Description of the coding tree	25	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	6
Derivation of themes	26	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	6
Software	27	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	6
Participant checking	28	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	No
<i>Reporting</i>			
Quotations presented	29	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	8 – 13
Data and findings consistent	30	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	8 – 13
Clarity of major themes	31	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	8 – 13
Clarity of minor themes	32	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	No