

COREQ checklist

Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity	
Interviewer/facilitator	Yes (page 8)
Credentials	On cover page
Occupation	On cover page
Gender	Male (pg. 8, 16, 30)
Experience/training	On cover page
Relationship to participants prior to study commencement?	No, but not mentioned in text
Participant knowledge of interviewer	No, not in text.
Interviewer characteristics	Gender and impact on data (pgs. 16, 30)
Domain 2: Study Design	
Methodological orientation	Yes. Theory provided in appendix, and orientation/approach on page 9.
Sampling	Purposive, theoretical (page 7-9)
Method of approach	With AIDS service organizations (p. 7)
Sample size	8 focus groups, 40 participants
Non-participation	N/A
Setting of data collection	p. 8
Presence of non-participants	No, not mentioned in text.
Description of sample	Demographics in Table 1.
Interview guide	Prompted by TA, developed with community advisory board (p. 8)
Repeat interviews	No
Audio/visual recording	No
Field notes	p. 9
Duration	p. 9
Data saturation	Approach to analysis on p. 9-10
Transcripts returned	N/A
Domain 3: Analysis and Findings	
Number of data coders	Mostly by TA with extensive input/review by team.
Description of the coding tree	No
Derivation of themes	From data (p. 9-10)
Software	Used Microsoft word to manage data (p. 10)
Participant checking	N/A
Quotations presented	For readers to discern
Items 30-32	