

## Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ): 32-item checklist

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**YOU MUST PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR ALL ITEMS. ENTER N/A IF NOT APPLICABLE**

| No. Item                                       | Guide questions/description  | Reported on Page # |
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| <b>Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity</b> |  |                    |
| <i>Personal Characteristics</i>                |  |                    |
| 1. Interviewer/facilitator                     | Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?   | Page 9             |
| 2. Credentials                                 | What were the researcher's credentials?<br>E.g. PhD, MD  | Page 9             |
| 3. Occupation                                  | What was their occupation at the time of the study?  | Page 9             |
| 4. Gender                                      | Was the researcher male or female?   | Page 9             |
| 5. Experience and training                     | What experience or training did the researcher have?   | Page 9             |
| <i>Relationship with participants</i>          |  |                    |
| 6. Relationship established                    | Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?  | N/A                |
| 7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer    | What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research   | N/A                |
| 8. Interviewer characteristics                 | What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic                | Page 9             |
| <b>Domain 2: study design</b>                  |  |                    |
| <i>Theoretical framework</i>                   |  |                    |
| 9. Methodological orientation and Theory       | What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis | Page 9             |
| <i>Participant selection</i>                   |  |                    |
| 10. Sampling                                   | How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball   | Page 8             |
| 11. Method of approach                         | How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email  | Page 8             |

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| 12. Sample size                        | How many participants were in the study?  | Page 10            |
| 13. Non-participation                  | How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?   | Page 10            |
| <i>Setting</i>                         |   |                    |
| 14. Setting of data collection         | Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace  | Page 8             |
| 15. Presence of non-participants       | Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?   | N/A                |
| 16. Description of sample              | What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date   | Page 11            |
| <i>Data collection</i>                 |   |                    |
| 17. Interview guide                    | Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?   | Page 9             |
| 18. Repeat interviews                  | Were repeat inter views carried out? If yes, how many?  | N/A                |
| 19. Audio/visual recording             | Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?   | Page 9             |
| 20. Field notes                        | Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?   | Page 9             |
| 21. Duration                           | What was the duration of the inter views or focus group?  | Page 11            |
| 22. Data saturation                    | Was data saturation discussed?  | Page 9             |
| 23. Transcripts returned               | Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?  | N/A                |
| <b>Domain 3: analysis and findings</b> |   |                    |
| <i>Data analysis</i>                   |   |                    |
| 24. Number of data coders              | How many data coders coded the data?  | Page 9             |
| 25. Description of the coding tree     | Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?   | Page 13            |
| 26. Derivation of themes               | Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?   | Page 9-10          |
| 27. Software                           | What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?  | Page 10            |
| 28. Participant checking               | Did participants provide feedback on the findings?  | Page 26            |
| <i>Reporting</i>                       |   |                    |
| 29. Quotations presented               | Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number | Throughout results |
| 30. Data and findings consistent       | Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?  | Yes                |
| 31. Clarity of major themes            | Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?  | Yes                |
| 32. Clarity of minor themes            | Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?  | Yes                |

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