

## Actions undertaken to establish trustworthiness of analysis

Phases of thematic analysis	Techniques for establishing trustworthiness
Phase 1: Familiarizing with the data	<b>Prolonged engagement with data</b> (credibility) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KG performed multiple readings of all transcripts</li> </ul> <b>Reflexive journaling</b> (confirmability) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documentation of thoughts and potential codes/themes were taken during phase 1 and throughout the entire data analysis</li> </ul>
Phase 2: Generating initial codes	<b>Member-checking and peer debriefing</b> (credibility) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The first six interviews were coded independently by two researchers (KG and DH) leading to the creation of the initial codebook</li> </ul> <b>Audit trail</b> (confirmability) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Codebook was updated after every new interview creating an audit trail of the code generation</li> </ul>
Phase 3: Searching for themes	<b>Researcher triangulation</b> (confirmability) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular team meetings to review findings from different perspectives</li> <li>- Diagramming/drawing to make sense of theme connections</li> </ul>
Phase 4: Reviewing themes	<b>Researcher triangulation</b> (confirmability) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular team meetings to vet themes and subthemes</li> </ul> <b>Audit trail</b> (confirmability) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We returned to raw data to check for referential adequacy</li> </ul>
Phase 5: Defining and naming themes	<b>Researcher triangulation</b> (confirmability) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Team consensus on themes</li> </ul>
Phase 6: Producing the report	<b>Thick description</b> (transferability) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The methodological approach and analytical choices were described in detail in previously published study protocol</li> <li>- We provide detailed descriptions of study results</li> <li>- Peer debriefing with researchers outside of the core group (IB and DM)</li> </ul>