

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

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No. Item	Guide questions/description	Reported on Page #
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity		Section
<i>Personal Characteristics</i>		
1. Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Methods, Sample and procedure
2. Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	Methods, Sample and procedure
3. Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Methods, Sample and procedure
4. Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	
5. Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Methods, Sample and procedure
<i>Relationship with participants</i>		
6. Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	No
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Ethical considerations
8. Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	Methods Ethical considerations
Domain 2: study design		
<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	Methods, Theoretical framework – the Health Belief Model (HBM)
<i>Participant selection</i>		
10. Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Methods
11. Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Methods
12. Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Methods

13. Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	Methods
<i>Setting</i>		
14. Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Methods
15. Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Methods
16. Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Results
<i>Data collection</i>		
17. Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Methods and Table 1
18. Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	Methods
19. Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Methods page
20. Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Methods The interviewer made a summary of what was said in the end of the interview and also made some field notes after each interview.
21. Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Methods
22. Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Yes, see Methods
23. Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	No, see Methods
Domain 3: analysis and findings		
<i>Data analysis</i>		
24. Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	Two authors (MG and ML), see Methods
25. Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Figure 1
26. Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Yes, we used a deductive approach, see Methods
27. Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	We did not use a software such as NVivo in the present study
28. Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	No, see Methods
<i>Reporting</i>		
29. Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to	Yes, see Results

	illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	
30. Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Yes, see Results
31. Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Yes, see Results and Figure 1.
32. Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Yes, diverse views among the participants are presented in the Results. The authors have suggested a modification of the model to include modified behaviour. See results.