

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

No	Item	Guide questions/description	Reported on Page Number/Line Number	Reported on Section/Paragraph
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity				
Personal Characteristics				
1	Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Page6--line 111-118	Methods/paragraph3
2	Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? e.g. <i>PhD, MD</i>	N/A	N/A
3	Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	N/A	N/A
4	Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	N/A	N/A
5	Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	N/A	N/A
Relationship with participants				
6	Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Page6--line 111-113	Methods/paragraph3
7	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. <i>personal goals, reasons for doing the research</i>	Page6--line111-118	Methods/paragraph3
8	Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. <i>Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic</i>	N/A	N/A
Domain 2: study design				
Theoretical framework				
9	Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. <i>grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis</i>	Page7--line 126-127	Methods/paragraph5
Participant selection				
10	Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. <i>purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball</i>	Page7--line 89-96	Methods/paragraph1
11	Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. <i>face-to-face, telephone, mail, email</i>	Page6--line100-118	Methods/paragraph3-4
12	Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Page8--line144-145	Results/Paragraph1
13	Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	N/A	N/A

Setting				
14	Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. <i>home, clinic, workplace</i>	Page6--line113-115	Methods/paragraph3
15	Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	N/A	N/A
16	Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. <i>demographic data, date</i>	Page8--line145-148	Results/Paragraph1
Data collection				
17	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Page6--line102-110	Methods/paragraph2
18	Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	N/A	N/A
19	Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Page6--line113-115	Methods/paragraph3
20	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Page6--line115-118	Methods/paragraph3
21	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Page6--line118	Methods/paragraph3
22	Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Page6--line96-98	Methods/paragraph1
23	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Page7--line129-131	Methods/paragraph5
Domain 3: analysis and findingsz				
Data analysis				
24	Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	N/A	N/A
25	Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	N/A	N/A
26	Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Page7--line126-131	Methods/paragraph5
27	Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	NVivo software	
28	Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Page7--line130-131	Methods/paragraph5
Reporting				
29	Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. <i>participant number</i>	Page7-8--line137-142	Methods/paragraph6
30	Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Page7-8--line134-142	Methods/paragraph6
31	Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Page8-12--line149-236	Results/Paragraph2-10
32	Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Page12-19--line238-402	Discussion/Paragraph1-10

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