

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?	Page 3/Line21	Methods/Paragraph3
2	Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? e.g. PhD, MD	Page3/Line24	Methods/Paragraph3
3	Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Page3/Line18	Methods/Paragraph3
4	Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	Page 3/Line21	Methods/Paragraph3
5	Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Page3/Line27-28	Methods/Paragraph3
Relationship with participants				
6	Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Page4/Line14	Methods/Paragraph3
7	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Page4/Line14-17	Methods/Paragraph3
8	Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	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. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	Page3/Line20	Methods/Paragraph3
Participant selection				
10	Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Page3/Line6	Objects/Paragraph2
11	Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Page4/Line10	Methods/Paragraph3
12	Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	Page3/Line15	Objects/Paragraph2
13	Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	Page3/Line16	Objects/Paragraph2

Setting				
14	Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Page4/Line18	Methods/Paragraph3
15	Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Page4/Line11	Methods/Paragraph3
16	Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Page3/Line9-11	Methods/Paragraph3
Data collection				
17	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Page3/Line33-34 Page4/Line1-3	Methods/Paragraph3
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?	Page4/Line20	Methods/Paragraph3
20	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Page4/Line22-24	Methods/Paragraph3
21	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Page4/Line19	Methods/Paragraph3
22	Data saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Page3/Line12-14	Objects/Paragraph2
23	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Page4/Line28-30	Methods/Paragraph3
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?	Page4/Line33	Methods/Paragraph3
27	Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	N/A	N/A
28	Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Page4/Line28-30	Methods/Paragraph3
Reporting				
29	Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Page5-7	
30	Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	N/A	N/A
31	Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Page5Line12 Page6/Line1 Page7/Line25	Results/ Paragraph4
32	Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Page5/Line7	Results/ Paragraph4

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