Supplementary File 1: COREQ checklist

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

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| **Item No** | **Guide Questions/Description**  | **Reported on Page #**  |
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| **Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity**  |
| **Personal Characteristics**  |
| 1. Interviewer/ facilitator  | Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group? | Pg 4 |
| 2. Credentials  | What were the researcher’s credentials? E.g., PhD, MD  | Pg 4 |
| 3. Occupation  | What was their occupation at the time of the study? | Pg 4 |
| 4. Gender  | Was the researcher male or female? | Pg 4 |
| 5. Experience and training  | What experience or training did the researcher have? | Pg 4 |
| **Relationship with participants**  |
| 6. Relationship established  | Was a relationship established prior to study commencement? | Pg 4 |
| 7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer  | What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research?  | Pg 4 |
| 8. Interviewer characteristics  | What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic  | Pg 4 |
|  **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  | Pg 4 |
| **Participant selection**  |
| 10. Sampling  | How were participants selected? e.g., purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball  |  Pg 3 |
| 11. Method of approach  | How were participants approached? e.g., face-to-face, telephone, mail, email  | Pg 3 |
| 12. Sample size  | How many participants were in the study? | Pg 3 |
| 13. Non-participation Setting  | How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons? | Pg 6 |
| 14. Setting of data collection  | Where was the data collected? e.g., home, clinic, workplace  | Pg 6 |
| 15. Presence of nonparticipants  | 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  |  Pg 3 |
| **Data collection**  |  | No  |
| 17. Interview guide  | Were questions, prompts, and guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested? | Pg 5 |
| 18. Repeat interviews  | Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many? |  N/A |
| 19. Audio/visual recording  | Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data? | Pg 3, Pg.5 |
| 20. Field notes  | Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?  | Pg.5 |
| 21. Duration  | What was the duration of the interviews or focus group? | Pg 5 |
| 22. Data saturation  | Was data saturation discussed? | Pg 3, Pg 14 |
| 23. Transcripts returned  | Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction? | N/A |
| **Domain 3: analysis and findings** |
| **Data analysis**  |
| 24. Number of data coders  | How many data coders coded the data? | Pg 5 |
| 25. Description of the coding tree  | Did the authors provide a description of the coding tree? | N/A |
| 26. Derivation of themes  | Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data? | Pg 5 |
| 27. Software  | What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data? | Pg 5 |
| 28. Participant checking  | Did participants provide feedback on the findings? | N/A  |
| **Reporting**  |
| 29. Quotations presented  | Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g., participant number  | Pg 6-11 |
| 30. Data and findings consistent  | Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings? | Pg 6-11 |
| 31. Clarity of major themes  | Were major themes clearly presented in the findings? | Pg 6-11 |
| 32. Clarity of minor themes  | Is there a description of diverse cases or a discussion of minor themes? | Pg 6-11 |