

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

Topic	Item No.	Guide Questions/Description	Reported on Page No.
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			
<i>Personal Characteristics</i>			
Interviewer/facilitator	1	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	6
Credentials	2	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g., PhD, MD	1
Occupation	3	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	1
Gender	4	Was the researcher male or female?	-
Experience and training	5	What experience or training did the researcher have?	6, 7
<i>Relationship with participants</i>			
Relationship established	6	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	5, 6
Participant knowledge of the interviewer	7	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g., personal goals, reasons for doing the research	5, 6
Interviewer characteristics	8	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g., Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	5, 6
Domain 2: Study design			
<i>Theoretical framework</i>			
Methodological orientation and theory	9	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g., grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	5
<i>Participant selection</i>			
Sampling	10	How were participants selected? e.g., purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	5, 6
Method of approach	11	How were participants approached? e.g., face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	5, 6
Sample size	12	How many participants were in the study?	8
Non-participation	13	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	-
<i>Setting</i>			
Setting of data collection	14	Where was the data collected? e.g., home, clinic, workplace	5, 6

Presence of non-participants	15	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	6
Description of sample	16	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g., demographic data, date	Table 1
Interview guide	17	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	5, 6
Repeat interviews	18	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	5,6
Audio/visual recording	19	Did the research use audio or video recording to collect the data?	7
Field notes	20	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	7, 8
Duration	21	What was the duration of the interviews or focus groups?	5
Data saturation	22	Was data saturation discussed?	N/A
Transcripts returned	23	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	7
Domain 3: Analysis and findings			
<i>Data analysis</i>			
Number of data coders	24	How many data coders coded the data?	8
Description of the coding tree	25	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	8
Derivation of themes	26	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	8
Software	27	What software, if applicable, was used to manage this data?	8
Participant checking	28	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	7, 8
Quotations presented	29	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g., participant number	Figure 1
Data and findings consistent	30	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Table 2, Figure 1, 9-11
Clarity of major themes	31	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	9-11
Clarity of minor themes	32	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Figure 1, Table 2, 9-11

GRIPP 2 checklist

Section and topic	Item	Reported on page No.
1. Aim	Report the aim of PPI in study.	4, 7
2. Methods	Provide a clear description of the methods used for PPI in the study.	6, 7
3. Study results	Outcomes – report the results of the PPI in the study, including positive and negative outcomes.	8-11
4. Discussion and conclusions	Outcomes – comment on the extent to which PPI influences the study overall. Describe the positive and negative effects.	11-14
5. Reflections/critical perspectives	Comment critically on the study, reflecting on the things that went well and those that did not, so others can learn from this experience.	14

Abbreviation: PPI, Patient and Public Involvement