

## Appendix A. COREQ (CONsolidated criteria for REporting Qualitative research) Checklist

A checklist of items that should be included in reports of qualitative research. You must report the chapter in your manuscript where you consider each of the items listed in this checklist. If you have not included this information, either revise your manuscript accordingly before submitting or note N/A.

Topic	Item No.	Guide Questions/Description	Reported on Page No.
<b>Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity</b>			
<i>Personal characteristics</i>			
Interviewer/facilitator	1	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Author 1, 2
Credentials	2	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	PhD
Occupation	3	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Lecturer
Gender	4	Was the researcher male or female?	Female
Experience and training	5	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Lecturer/ Researcher/ Qualitative-Quantitative Research, Experimental Study
<i>Relationship with participants</i>			
Relationship established	6	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Method: No relationship
Participant knowledge of the interviewer	7	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	Method and supplementary file: IC form including explanation of research
Interviewer characteristics	8	What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	Method: Research Team and Reflexivity.
<b>Domain 2: Study design</b>			
<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	Method: explanatory sequential approach
<i>Participant selection</i>			
Sampling	10	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Method: Purposive
Method of approach	11	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Method: Face-to face
Sample size	12	How many participants were in the study?	Method: 113 persons for quantitative research 10 persons for qualitative research
Non-participation	13	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	None
<i>Setting</i>			
Setting of data collection	14	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Method
Presence of non-participants	15	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Method: none

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Description of sample	16	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Result
<i>Data collection</i>			
Interview guide	17	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Method: no
Repeat interviews	18	Were repeat inter views carried out? If yes, how many?	None
Audio/visual recording	19	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Method: yes
Field notes	20	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Method: yes
Duration	21	What was the duration of the inter views or focus group?	Method: yes
Data saturation	22	Was data saturation discussed?	Method: yes
Transcripts returned	23	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Method: yes
<b>Domain 3: Analysis and Findings</b>			
<i>Data analysis</i>			
Number of data coders	24	How many data coders coded the data?	Method
Description of the coding tree	25	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	None
Derivation of themes	26	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Method
Software	27	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Method
Participant checking	28	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	Method
<i>Reporting</i>			
Quotations presented	29	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Result and Discussion
Data and findings consistent	30	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Result and Discussion
Clarity of major themes	31	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Result and Discussion
Clarity of minor themes	32	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Result and Discussion

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