

Additional file 3: Critical Appraisal Checklist for Qualitative Studies (Adapted from JBI, 2011)

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| 1. Is there congruity between the stated philosophical Perspective and the research methodology? | Yes[☐] | No [☐] | Unclear [☐] | N/A [☐] |
| 2. Is there congruity between the research methodology and the research question or objectives? | Yes[☐] | No [☐] | Unclear [☐] | N/A [☐] |
| 3. Is there congruity between the research methodology and the methods used to collect data? | Yes[☐] | No [☐] | Unclear [☐] | N/A [☐] |
| 4. Is there congruity between the research methodology and the representation and analysis of data? | Yes[☐] | No [☐] | Unclear [☐] | N/A [☐] |
| 5. Is there congruity between the research methodology and the interpretation of results? | Yes[☐] | No [☐] | Unclear [☐] | N/A [☐] |
| 6. Is there a statement locating the researcher culturally or theoretically? | Yes[☐] | No [☐] | Unclear [☐] | N/A [☐] |
| 7. Is the influence of the researcher on the research, and vice-versa, addressed? | Yes[☐] | No [☐] | Unclear [☐] | N/A [☐] |
| 8. Are participants, and their voices, adequately represented? | Yes[☐] | No [☐] | Unclear [☐] | N/A [☐] |
| 9. Is the research ethical according to current criteria or, for recent studies, and is there evidence of ethical approval by an appropriate body? | Yes[☐] | No [☐] | Unclear [☐] | N/A [☐] |
| 10. Do the conclusions drawn in the research report flow from the analysis, or interpretation, of the data? | Yes[☐] | No [☐] | Unclear [☐] | N/A [☐] |

*Overall ratings: High [☐] Moderate [☐] Low [☐] Very low [☐]

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