

COREQ (Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Research) – 32 Item Checklist

1. Interviewer/facilitator: Which author conducted the interview or focus group?
2. Credentials: What were the researcher's credentials? (e.g., PhD, MD)
3. Occupation: What was their occupation at the time of the study?
4. Gender: Was the researcher male or female?
5. Experience and training: What experience or training did the researcher have?
6. Relationship established: Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?
7. Participant knowledge of the interviewer: What did the participants know about the researcher?
8. Interviewer characteristics: What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator?
9. Methodological orientation and theory: What methodological orientation underpinned the study?
10. Sampling: How were participants selected?
11. Method of approach: How were participants approached?
12. Sample size: How many participants were included in the study?
13. Non-participation: How many people refused to participate or dropped out?
14. Setting of data collection: Where was the data collected?
15. Presence of non-participants: Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?
16. Description of sample: What are the important characteristics of the sample?
17. Interview guide: Were questions, prompts, or guides provided by the authors?
18. Repeat interviews: Were repeat interviews carried out?
19. Audio/visual recording: Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?
20. Field notes: Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?
21. Duration: What was the duration of the interviews or focus groups?
22. Data saturation: Was data saturation discussed?
23. Transcripts returned: Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?
24. Number of data coders: How many data coders coded the data?
25. Description of the coding tree: Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?
26. Derivation of themes: Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?
27. Software: What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?
28. Participant checking: Did participants provide feedback on the findings?
29. Quotations presented: Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes?
30. Data and findings consistent: Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?
31. Clarity of major themes: Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?
32. Clarity of minor themes: Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?