

## Adapted COREQ checklist for reporting qualitative studies

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Section/Topic	Checklist Item	Response
<b>Personal Characteristics of Researcher(s)</b>		
<b>Interviewer / Facilitator</b>	Reports author/s that conducted the interview or focus group	
<b>Credentials</b>	Provides the researcher's credentials	
<b>Occupation</b>	Indicates the occupation of the interviewer/facilitator at the time of the study	
<b>Gender</b>	Reports the gender of the researcher	
<b>Experience and Training</b>	Describes the experience or training of the researcher	
<b>Relationship of Researcher(s) with Participants</b>		
<b>Relationship Established</b>	States if a relationship of the interviewer/facilitator established with participants prior to study commencement	
<b>Participant Knowledge of the Interviewer</b>	Describes what the participants knew about the researcher <i>e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research</i>	
<b>Interviewer Characteristics</b>	States the characteristics reported about the interviewer/facilitator to the participants <i>e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic</i>	
<b>Theoretical Framework for Study Design</b>		
<b>Methodological Orientation and Theory</b>	States the methodological orientation used to underpin the study <i>e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis</i>	
<b>Participant Selection</b>		
<b>Sampling</b>	Describes how were participants selected <i>e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball</i>	
<b>Method of Approach</b>	Reports how the participants approached <i>e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email</i>	
<b>Sample Size</b>	Includes information on the number of participants in the study	
<b>Non Participation</b>	Reports how many people refused to participate or dropped out, and the reasons	
<b>Setting</b>		
<b>Setting of Data Collection</b>	Describes where the data were collected <i>e.g. home, clinic, workplace</i>	
<b>Presence of Non-Participants</b>	Describes if anyone else was present besides the participants and researchers	
<b>Description of Sample</b>	Reports the important characteristics of the sample <i>e.g. demographic data, date</i>	
<b>Data Collection</b>		
<b>Interview Guide</b>	Describes if questions, prompts, guides were provided by the authors and if they were developed	
<b>Repeat Interviews</b>	Reports if repeat interviews were carried out and if yes, the number	
<b>Audio / Visual Recording</b>	States if audio and/or visual recording was used to collect the data	
<b>Field Notes</b>	Describes if field notes were made during and/or after the interview or focus group	
<b>Duration</b>	Indicates the duration of the interviews or focus group	
<b>Data Saturation</b>	Discusses data saturation	
<b>Transcripts Returned</b>	States if transcripts were returned to participants for comment and/or correction	
<b>Data Analysis</b>		
<b>Number of Data Coders</b>	Provides information on the number of data coders that coded the data, and the number of people involved in the analysis and their roles	
<b>Description of the Coding Tree</b>	A description of the coding tree is provided	
<b>Derivation of Themes</b>	Describes if themes were identified in advance or derived from the data	
<b>Software</b>	Reports the software, if applicable, used to manage the data	
<b>Participant Checking</b>	Reports if participants provided feedback on the findings	
<b>Reporting</b>		
<b>Quotations Presented</b>	Participant quotations are presented to illustrate the themes / findings and each quotation identified, <i>e.g. participant number</i>	
<b>Data and Findings Consistent</b>	Reports consistency between the data presented and the findings	
<b>Clarity of Major Themes</b>	Presents major themes clearly in the findings	
<b>Clarity of Minor Themes</b>	Provides a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes	

Source: Tong A, Sainsbury P, Craig J. Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative research (COREQ): a 32-item checklist for interviews and focus groups. *Int J Qual Health Care.* 2007;19(6):349-357.

\*This checklist has been adapted by CJASN and JASN for author and editor usage.

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