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 page number 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. |
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| Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity | 1 | Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group? | All, P. 4 |
| | 2 | What were the researcher’s credentials? E.g. PhD, MD | Titlepage |
| | 3 | What was their occupation at the time of the study? | researcher, T1 |
| | 4 | Was the researcher male or female? | Female, title p |
| | 5 | What experience or training did the researcher have? | experienced, P.2 |
| | 6 | Was a relationship established prior to study commencement? | NA |
| | 7 | What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research | reasons for do |
| | 8 | What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic | clinical exp |
| Relationship with participants | | | |
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| Domain 2: Study design | 9 | What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis | CA, P. 4-5 |
| Theoretical framework | | | |
| | | | |
| Participant selection | 10 | How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball | P.3 Purposive |
| Sampling | 11 | How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email | P. 3 face to fack |
| Method of approach | 12 | How many participants were in the study? | P. 3, 14 part |
| Sample size | 13 | How many participants refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons? | P. 3, none |
| Non-participation | | | |
| Setting | 14 | Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace | P4 in the ward |
| Setting of data collection | | | |
| | 15 | Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers? | NA |
| Presence of non-participants | | | |
| | 16 | What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date | Spread over age |
| Description of sample | | | |
| Data collection | 17 | Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested? | Yes. The interv |
| Interview guide | | | |
| | 18 | Were repeat inter views carried out? If yes, how many? | No |
| Repeat interviews | | | |
| | 19 | Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data? | P.4 The interv |
| Audio/visual recording | | | |
| | 20 | Were field notes made during and/or after the inter view or focus group? | NA |
| Field notes | | | |
| | 21 | What was the duration of the inter views or focus group? | NA |
| Duration | | | |
| | 22 | Was data saturation discussed? | NA |
| Data saturation | | | |
| | 23 | Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or | NA |
| Transcripts returned | | | |
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| Domain 3: analysis and findings   |          |                                                                                             |                      |
| Data analysis                     |          |                                                                                             |                      |
| Number of data coders             | 24       | How many data coders coded the data?                                                         | P. 4, all authors    |
| Description of the coding tree    | 25       | Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?                                       | NA                   |
| Derivation of themes              | 26       | Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?                                 | P. 4 Themes          |
| Software                          | 27       | What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?                                  | Nvivo P 4            |
| Participant checking              | 28       | Did participants provide feedback on the findings?                                           | NA                   |
| Reporting                         |          |                                                                                             |                      |
| Quotations presented              | 29       | Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings?                    | P.5-9Yes, pseudo     |
|                                  |          | Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number                                        |                      |
| Data and findings consistent      | 30       | Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?                         | Yes P. 5-9           |
| Clarity of major themes           | 31       | Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?                                         | Yes P. 5-9           |
| Clarity of minor themes           | 32       | Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?                      | Yes                  |

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