Research Title:
Morphine use for cancer pain: a strong analgesic used only at the end-of-life? A qualitative study on attitudes and perceptions of morphine in patients with advanced cancer and their caregivers

Checklist for “Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Research”

Reference: Tong A, Sainbury P and 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): 349-57.

| No | Topic                                | Questions                                                                 | Reported on Page No |
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| 1  | Interviewer/facilitator              | Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?                     | 8                   |
| 2  | Credentials                          | What were the researcher’s credentials? E.g. PhD, MD                       | 1                   |
| 3  | Occupation                           | What was their occupation at the time of the study?                       | 8,9,10              |
| 4  | Gender                               | Was the researcher male or female?                                        | 1                   |
| 5  | Experience and training              | What experience or training did the researcher have?                      | 1                   |
| 6  | Relationship established             | Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?              | 8                   |
| 7  | Participant knowledge of the interviewer | What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research | 8                   |
| 8  | Interviewer characteristics          | What characteristics were reported about the inter viewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic | 8                   |
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| 9  | Methodological orientation and Theory | What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis                                                  | 7,8,9,10,11         |
| 10 | Participant sampling                 | How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball                                                                                                                      | 7,8                 |
| 11 | Method of approach                   | How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email                                                                                                                             | 8                   |
| 12 | Sample size                          | How many participants were in the study?                                                                                                                                                                   | 8                   |
| 13 | Non-participation                    | How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?                                                                                                                                             | 8                   |
| 14 | Setting of data collection           | Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace                                                                                                                                               | 7                   |
| 15 | Presence of non-participants         | Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?                                                                                                                                          | 9                   |
| 16 | Description of sample                | What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date                                                                                                                        | 7,8,12,13           |
| 17 | Interview guide                      | Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?                                                                                                                            | 8                   |
| 18 | Repeat interviews                    | Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?                                                                                                                                                    | 9                   |
| 19 | Audio/visual recording               | Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?                                                                                                                                       | 9                   |
| 20 | Field notes                          | Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?                                                                                                                                  | 9                   |
| 21 | Duration                             | What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?                                                                                                                                                   | 9                   |
| 22 | Data saturation                      | Was data saturation discussed?                                                                                                                                                                             | 9                   |
| 23 | Transcripts returned                 | Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction                                                                                                                                      | 9,25                |
| 24 | Number of data coders                | How many data coders coded the data?                                                                                                                                                                       | 10                  |
| 25 | Description of the coding tree       | Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?                                                                                                                                                     | 10,11               |
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| 26 | Derivation of themes        | Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?                                          | 10,11               |
| 27 | Software                    | What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?                                           | 10                  |
| 28 | Participant checking        | Did participants provide feedback on the findings?                                                   | 10                  |
| 29 | Quotations presented        | Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g., participant number | 14-20               |
| 30 | Data and findings consistent| Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?                                 | 14-20               |
| 31 | Clarity of major themes     | Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?                                                 | 14-21               |
| 32 | Clarity of minor themes     | Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?                              | 14-21               |