Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ):
32-item checklist

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| No. | Item                                           | Guide questions/description                                      | Section |
|-----|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
|     | **Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity**    |                                                                |         |
|     | **Personal Characteristics**                   |                                                                |         |
| 1.  | Interviewer/facilitator                       | Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?          | Methods |
| 2.  | Credentials                                    | What were the researcher’s credentials? E.g. PhD, MD            | Methods |
| 3.  | Occupation                                     | What was their occupation at the time of the study?             | Methods |
| 4.  | Gender                                         | Was the researcher male or female?                              | Methods |
| 5.  | Experience and training                        | What experience or training did the researcher have?            | Methods |
|     | **Relationship with participants**             |                                                                |         |

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|   | Question                                                                                                                             | Domain 2: study design                                                                 |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6. | Relationship established                                                                                                          | Methods                                                                               |
|   | Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?                                                                         |                                                                                       |
| 7. | Participant knowledge of the interviewer                                                                                           | Participant information sheet and Consent Form                                         |
|   | What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research                           |                                                                                       |
| 8. | Interviewer characteristics                                                                                                        | Methods                                                                               |
|   | What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic |                                                                                       |

**Domain 2: study design**

**Theoretical framework**

| 9. | Methodological orientation and Theory                                                                                              | Methods                                                                               |
|    | What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis |                                                                                       |

**Participant selection**

| 10. | Sampling                                                                                                                         | Methods                                                                               |
|    | How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball                                               |                                                                                       |
| 11. | Method of approach                                                                                                               | Methods                                                                               |
|    | How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email                                                     |                                                                                       |
| 12. | Sample size                                                                                                                      | Methods                                                                               |
|    | How many participants were in the study?                                                                                           |                                                                                       |
| 13. | Non-participation                                                                                                                | Methods                                                                               |
|    | How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?                                                                     |                                                                                       |

**Setting**

| 14. | Setting of data collection                                                                                                        | Methods                                                                               |
|    | Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace                                                                       |                                                                                       |
| 15. | Presence of non-participants                                                                                                      | Methods                                                                               |
|    | Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?                                                                  |                                                                                       |
| 16. | Description of sample                                                                                                             | Methods                                                                               |
|    | What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date                                                  |                                                                                       |

**Data collection**

| 17. | Interview guide                                                                                                                  | Methods                                                                               |
|    | Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?                                                    |                                                                                       |
| 18. | Repeat interviews                                                                                                                | Methods                                                                               |
|    | Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?                                                                          |                                                                                       |
| 19. | Audio/visual recording                                                                                                          | Methods                                                                               |
|    | Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?                                                             |                                                                                       |
| 20. | Field notes                                                                                                                      | Methods                                                                               |
|    | Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?                                                         |                                                                                       |
| 21. | Duration                                                                                                                         | Methods                                                                               |
|    | What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?                                                                         |                                                                                       |
| 22. | Data saturation                                                                                                                  | Methods                                                                               |
|    | Was data saturation discussed?                                                                                                    |                                                                                       |
| 23. | Transcripts returned                                                                                                             | Methods                                                                               |
|    | Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or                                                                       |                                                                                       |
| **Domain 3: analysis and findings** |  |
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| **Data analysis** |  |
| 24. Number of data coders | How many data coders coded the data? | Methods |
| 25. Description of the coding tree | Did authors provide a description of the coding tree? | Methods |
| 26. Derivation of themes | Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data? | Methods |
| 27. Software | What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data? | Methods |
| 28. Participant checking | Did participants provide feedback on the findings? | Methods |
| **Reporting** |  |
| 29. Quotations presented | Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number | Results |
| 30. Data and findings consistent | Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings? | Results and Discussion |
| 31. Clarity of major themes | Were major themes clearly presented in the findings? | Results |
| 32. Clarity of minor themes | Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes? | Results |