

Supplementary Table 1. COREQ Checklist

Topic	Item Number	Guide Questions/Description	Reported on Page No.
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			
Personal characteristics			
Interviewer/facilitator	1	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Page 5
Credentials	2	What were the researcher's credentials? E.g. PhD, MD	Page 1
Occupation	3	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Page 5
Gender	4	Was the researcher male or female?	N/A
Experience and training	5	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Page 5
<i>Relationship with participants</i>			
Relationship established	6	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	N/A
Participant knowledge of the interviewer	7	What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research	N/A

Interviewer characteristics	8	What characteristics were reported about the inter viewer/facilitator? e.g. Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic	N/A
Domain 2: Study Design			
<i>Theoretical Framework</i>			
Methodological orientation and theory	9	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis	Mixed method/content analysis
<i>Participant Selection</i>			
Sampling	10	How were participants selected? e.g. purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball	Page 5
Method of approach	11	How were participants approached? e.g. face-to-face, telephone, mail, email	Page 5
Sample Size	12	How many participants were in the study?	Page 5
Non-Participation	13	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	N/A
<i>Setting</i>			
Setting of data collection	14	Where was the data collected? e.g. home, clinic, workplace	Page 5

Presence of non-participants	15	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	Page 5
Description of sample	16	What are the important characteristics of the sample? e.g. demographic data, date	Page 5
<i>Data Collection</i>			
Interview guide	17	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	Page 6
Repeat Interviews	18	Were repeat inter views carried out? If yes, how many?	N/A
Audio/Visual recording	19	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Page 6
Field notes	20	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Page 5/6
Duration	21	What was the duration of the inter views or focus group?	Page 6
Data saturation	22	Was data saturation discussed?	Page 6
Transcriptions returned	23	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	N/A
Domain 3: analysis and findings			
<i>Data Analysis</i>			

Number of data coders	24	How many data coders coded the data?	Page 6
Description of the coding tree	25	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Page 6
Derivation of theme	26	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Page 6
Software	27	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	Page 6
Participant Checking	28	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	N/A
<i>Reporting</i>			
Quotations presented	29	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. participant number	Pages 6-11
Data and finding consistent	30	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Pages 6-11
Clarity of major themes	31	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Pages 6-13
Clarity of minor themes	32	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	Pages 6-13