**Table 1**. Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative studies (COREQ): a 32-item checklist

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| Item | Guide questions/description |  |
| **Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity** |
| **Personal Characteristics** |
| 1. Interviewer/facilitator
 | Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?  | Methods, page 7-2nd paragraph |
| 1. Credentials
 | What were the researcher's credentials? E.g., Ph.D., MD | Methods, page 6- 1st paragraph  |
| 1. Occupation
 | What was their occupation at the time of the study?  | Methods, page 6- 1st paragraph |
| 1. Gender
 | Was the researcher male or female?  | Methods, page 7-2nd paragraph |
| 1. Experience and training
 | What experience or training did the researcher have?  | Discussion, page 29- first paragraph |
| **Relationship with participants** |
| 1. Relationship established
 | Was a relationship established before study commencement?  | Methods, page 6-1st paragraph |
| 1. Participant knowledge of the interviewer
 | What did the participants know about the researcher? e.g., personal goals, reasons for doing the research  | Methods, page 6-1st paragraph |
| 1. Interviewer characteristics
 | What characteristics were reported about the interviewer/facilitator? e.g., Bias, assumptions, reasons, and interests in the research topic  | Methods, page 8- last two lines |
| **Domain 2: study design**  |
| **Framework**  |
| 1. Methodological orientation and theory
 | What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g., grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis  | Methods, page No 5 and page 6 1st paragraph |
| **Participant selection** |
| 1. Sampling
 | How were the participants selected? e.g., purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball  | Methods, page No 6 |
| 1. Method of approach
 | How were participants approached? e.g., face-to-face, telephone, mail, email  | Methods, page No 6 |
| 1. Sample size
 | How many participants were in the study?  | Methods, page No 6 |
| 1. Non-participation
 | How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?  | NA |
| **Setting**  |
| 1. The setting of data collection
 | Where was the data collected? e.g., home, clinic, workplace | Methods, page No 7-1st & 2nd paragraph |
| 1. Presence of non-participants
 | Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?  | Methods, page 5-last paragraph |
| 1. Description of sample
 | What are the essential characteristics of the sample? e.g., demographic data, date  | Methods, page 5-last paragraph |
| **Data collection** |
| 1. Interview guide
 | Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was its pilot-tested?  | Methods, page 7 1st paragraph |
| 1. Repeat interviews
 | Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?  | NA |
| 1. Audio/visual recording
 | Did the research use the audio or visual recording to collect the data?  | Methods, page 7 2nd & last paragraph |
| 1. Fieldnotes
 | Were field notes made during and after the interview or focus group?  | Methods, page 7 last paragraph |
| 1. Duration
 | What was the duration of the interviews or focus groups? | Methods, page 7 2nd paragraph |
| 1. Data saturation
 | Was the data saturation discussed?  | Methods. Page 6 1st paragraph |
| 1. Transcripts returned
 | Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and correction?  | Methods, page 8 last paragraph |
| **Domain 3: analysis and findings** |
| **Data analysis** |
| 1. Number of data coders
 | How many data coders coded the data?  | Methods, page 8 1st paragraph |
| 1. Description of the coding tree
 | Did the authors describe the coding tree? | Methods, page 8 1st paragraph |
| 1. Derivation of themes
 | Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?  | Methods, page 8 1st paragraph |
| 1. Software
 | What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data? | Methods, page 8 1st paragraph |
| 1. Participant checking
 | Did participants provide feedback on the findings?  | Methods, page 8 last paragraph |
| **Reporting**  |
| 1. Quotations presented
 | Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes/findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g., participant number | Results, page 9-23 |
| 1. Data and findings consistent
 | Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?  | Methods, page 8 last paragraph |
| 1. Clarity of major themes
 | Were significant themes presented in the findings?  | Results, page 9 |
| 1. Clarity of minor themes
 | Is there a description of several cases or discussions of minor themes?  | Results, page 9, 9-23 |