## QUALITATIVE CHECKLIST

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### 1.0 Objectives and hypotheses

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<th>1.1</th>
<th>Are the objectives of the study clearly stated?</th>
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### 2.0 Design

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<th>Is the study design suitable for the objectives?</th>
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<td>Did the researcher aim to understand or illuminate the views or experiences of the subjects?</td>
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<td>Who/what was studied?</td>
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<td>Was this the right sample to answer the objectives?</td>
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<td>Did the researcher recruit subjects with appropriate experiences and in appropriate settings to identify key themes to answer the study question?</td>
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<td>Is the study large enough to achieve its objectives? Have sample size estimates been performed?</td>
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<td>Were all subjects accounted for?</td>
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### 3.0 Measurement and observation

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<td>Is it clear what was measured, how it was measured and what the outcomes were?</td>
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<td>Was the data recording independently verifiable (audio or videotape)?</td>
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### 4.0 Presentation of results

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<td>Are the results presented clearly, objectively and in sufficient detail to enable readers to make their own judgement?</td>
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<td>Are illustrative quotes given to support developing themes?</td>
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<td>Are the results internally consistent, i.e. do the numbers add up properly?</td>
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<td>Is the data available for independent scrutiny?</td>
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## 5.0 Analysis

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<td>5.1</td>
<td>Are the data suitable for analysis?</td>
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<td>Did the researcher use appropriate methods to enable the study to meet its objectives?</td>
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<td>Did more than one researcher perform the analysis?</td>
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<td>Are any statistics correctly performed and interpreted?</td>
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## 6.0 Discussion

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<td>Is the discussion biased?</td>
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<td>What was the researchers perspective?</td>
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<td>Does the researcher critically examine their role, potential bias and influence?</td>
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<td>How was the research explained to the participants?</td>
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7.0 Interpretation

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In addition, answer the following questions with regards to local practice.

8.0 Implementation

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