



QUALITATIVE CHECKLIST

How do you rate this paper? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1.0 Objectives and hypotheses

1.1 Are the objectives of the study clearly stated?	
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2.0 Design

2.1 Is the study design suitable for the objectives?	
2.2 Did the researcher aim to understand or illuminate the views or experiences of the subjects?	
2.3 Who/what was studied?	
2.4 Was this the right sample to answer the objectives?	
2.5 Did the researcher recruit subjects with appropriate experiences and in appropriate settings to identify key themes to answer the study question?	
2.6 Is the study large enough to achieve its objectives? Have sample size estimates been performed?	
2.7 Were all subjects accounted for?	
2.8 Were all appropriate outcomes considered?	
2.9 Has ethical approval been obtained if appropriate?	

3.0 Measurement and observation

3.1	Is it clear what was measured, how it was measured and what the outcomes were?	
3.2	Was the data recording independently verifiable (audio or videotape)?	
3.3	Are the measurements valid?	
3.4	Are the measurements reliable?	
3.5	Are the measurements reproducible?	

4.0 Presentation of results

4.1	Are the basic data adequately described?	
4.2	Are the results presented clearly, objectively and in sufficient detail to enable readers to make their own judgement?	
4.3	Are illustrative quotes given to support developing themes?	
4.4	Are the results internally consistent, i.e. do the numbers add up properly?	
4.5	Are negative or discrepant results presented?	
4.6	Is the data available for independent scrutiny?	

5.0 Analysis

5.1	Are the data suitable for analysis?	
5.2	Did the researcher use appropriate methods to enable the study to meet its objectives?	
5.3	Did more than one researcher perform the analysis?	
5.4	Is it clear how the researcher analysed the data?	
5.5	Are any statistics correctly performed and interpreted?	

6.0 Discussion

6.1	Are the results discussed in relation to existing knowledge on the subject and study objectives?	
6.2	Are the results plausible and coherent?	
6.3	Are alternative explanations explored and discounted?	
6.4	Is the discussion biased?	
6.5	What was the researchers perspective?	
6.6	Does the researcher critically examine their role, potential bias and influence?	
6.7	How was the research explained to the participants?	

7.0 Interpretation

7.1	Are the authors' conclusions justified by the data?	
7.2	What level of evidence has this paper presented? (using CEBM levels)	
7.3	Does this paper help me answer my problem?	

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

8.0 Implementation

8.1	Can any necessary change be implemented in practice?	
8.2	What aids to implementation exist?	
8.3	What barriers to implementation exist?	
8.4	Were the subjects in the study similar in important aspects to your patient or problem?	