COREQ (32-item checklist)

Health Information Needs and Behaviours Before and After Brain Tumour Surgery: A Qualitative Study

No.	COREQ item	Reported in manuscript / response	Page / section
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			
1	Interviewer/facilitator	All interviews were conducted by the first author (I.M.).	5 (§2.3)
2	Credentials	First author holds a PhD.	Not reported
3	Occupation	University academic in information sciences.	1 (affiliation); 5 (§2.3)
4	Gender	Female	Not reported
5	Experience and training	First author had experience in qualitative research and health information behaviour research.	5 (§2.3)
6	Relationship established	First author had no prior relationship with participants.	5 (§2.3)
7	Participant knowledge of interviewer	Participants were informed about the study purpose and the interviewer's professional role as a university academic and researcher in information sciences.	3–5 (§§2.1, 2.3)
8	Interviewer characteristics	First author was not involved in clinical care; disciplinary perspective and clinical co-authors' recruitment relationships were discussed.	5–6 (§§2.3, 2.5); 15 (§4.6)
Domain 2: Study design			
9	Methodological orientation and theory	Qualitative descriptive design; qualitative content analysis informed by Elo and Kyngäs.	3 (§2.1); 5–6 (§2.5)
10	Sampling	Purposive sampling of preoperative and postoperative patients.	4 (§2.2)
11	Method of approach	Clinical team initially approached eligible patients; postoperative patients were invited by telephone.	4–5 (§§2.2–2.3)
12	Sample size	29 participants: 12 preoperative and 17 postoperative.	4–5 (§2.2; Table 1)
13	Non-participation	The number of refusals or withdrawals and the reasons for non-participation were not systematically recorded.	Not reported
14	Setting of data collection	Primarily hospital neurosurgery/neurology departments; four Zoom interviews; two at faculty.	5 (§2.3)
15	Presence of non-participants	No non-participants were present during the interviews. All interviews were conducted with the interviewer and participant only.	Not reported
16	Description of sample	Participant sex, age and pre-/post-surgery interview group reported; clinical characteristics not systematically collected.	3–5 (§§2.1–2.2; Table 1)
17	Interview guide	A semi-structured interview guide was developed based on the study objectives and relevant literature and is provided as Supplementary Material S1. The guide was not pilot-tested.	5 (§2.3); S1
18	Repeat interviews	Each participant was interviewed once. No repeat interviews were conducted.	Not reported

19	Audio/visual recording	Interviews were audio-recorded with consent and transcribed verbatim.	5 (§2.4)
20	Field notes	No field notes were taken during or after the interviews.	Not reported
21	Duration	Interview duration varied; some lasted less than 20 minutes and the longest approximately 60 minutes.	5 (§2.4)
22	Data saturation	Formal data saturation was not systematically assessed or used to determine sample size.	4 (§2.2); 15 (§4.6)
23	Transcripts returned	Transcripts were not returned to participants for comment or correction.	Not reported
Domain 3: Analysis and findings			
24	Number of data coders	Transcripts were coded and analysed by the first author; no independent coding.	5–6 (§2.5); 15 (§4.6)
25	Description of coding tree	Hierarchy of themes, categories and subcategories/codes is presented in Table 2.	6 (§2.5); 9–11 (Table 2)
26	Derivation of themes	Initial codes were developed inductively; categories refined iteratively with reference to study aims.	5–6 (§2.5)
27	Software	MAXQDA supported coding and data organisation.	5 (§2.5)
28	Participant checking	Member checking was not conducted.	15 (§4.6)
29	Quotations presented	Illustrative participant quotations identified by anonymous IDs and surgical stage are provided in Table 2.	9–11 (Table 2)
30	Data and findings consistent	Findings presented in Sections 3.1–3.4 are supported by the interview data and illustrated by representative participant quotations in Table 2.	6–11 (§3; Table 2)
31	Clarity of major themes	Four main areas—information needs, trust, motivators and information behaviour—are reported in Results.	6–11 (§§3.1–3.4; Table 2)
32	Clarity of minor themes	Less frequently reported subcategories are presented alongside the main findings in Table 2 and Sections 3.1–3.4.	6–11 (§§3.1–3.4; Table 2)

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