Enhancing transparency in reporting the synthesis of qualitative research: the ENTREQ statement

No	Item	Guide and description	Page No.
1	Aim	State the research question the synthesis addresses.	
2	Synthesis methodology	Identify the synthesis methodology or theoretical framework which underpins the synthesis, and describe the rationale for choice of methodology.	
3	Approach to searching	Indicate whether the search was pre-planned or iterative.	
4	Inclusion criteria	Specify the inclusion/exclusion criteria.	
5	Data sources	Describe the information sources used and when the searches were conducted.	
6	Electronic Search strategy	Describe the literature search strategies.	
7	Study screening methods	Describe the process of study screening and sifting.	
8	Study characteristics	Present the characteristics of the included studies.	
9	Study selection results	Identify the number of studies screened and provide reasons for study exclusion.	
10	Rationale for appraisal	Describe the rationale and approach used to appraise the included studies.	
11	Appraisal items	State the tools, frameworks and criteria used to appraise the studies.	
12	Appraisal process	Indicate whether the appraisal was conducted independently by more than one reviewer.	
13	Appraisal results	Present results of the quality assessment and indicate weighted/excluded articles.	
14	Data extraction	Indicate which sections of the primary studies were analysed and how data were extracted.	
15	Software	State the computer software used, if any.	
16	Number of reviewers	Identify who was involved in coding and analysis.	
17	Coding	Describe the process for coding of data.	
18	Study comparison	Describe how comparisons were made within and across studies.	
19	Derivation of themes	Explain whether deriving themes/constructs was inductive or deductive.	
20	Quotations	Provide quotations to illustrate themes/constructs.	
21	Synthesis output	Present rich, compelling and useful results beyond summary.	

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