

Writing up qualitative research

Process of writing

- Qualitative study

Study protocol (background to research topic, review of literature, research question, study design setting...)





Topic

Literature
search

Fieldwork

Analysis

Writing

Title

Abstract

Background / Introduction

Aims

Materials / Methods

Ethical considerations

Results

Discussion

Conclusions

References

Appendices

Theoretical framework

”For whom am I writing?”

Which questions should be addressed?

Introduction	Why did we do this study? What is know about the problem? What more do we need to know? Which were the specific aims?
Method	How was the study done?
Results	Which were the findings?
Discussion	What do the findings tell us? What new knowledge was found? (compare with other studies, assess and analyse, discuss limitations and weaknesses including your own)
Conclusion	What are the implications?

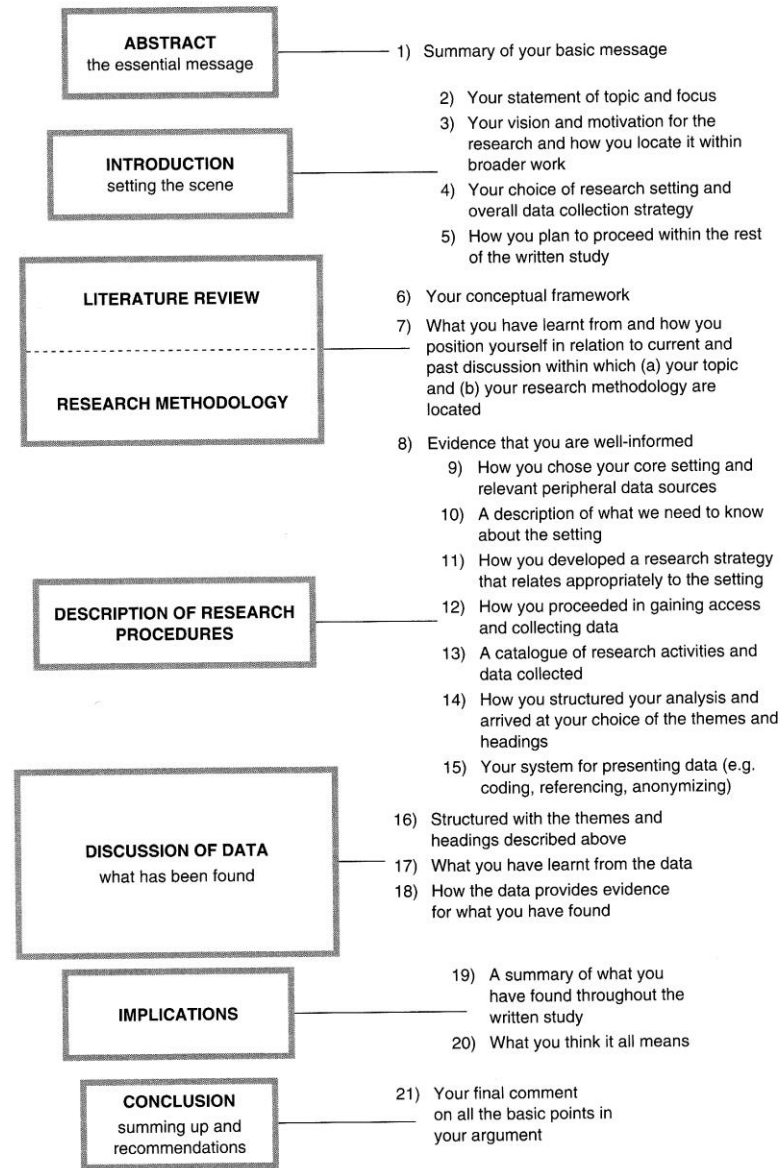


Figure 3.1 Written study, structure and functions



Structured abstract

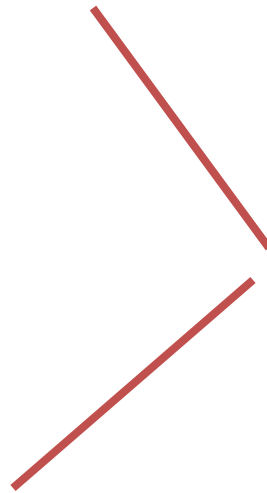
- Journal provides the preferred format





The parts of a manuscript

- Introduction
- **M**ethod
- **R**esult
- and
- **D**iscussion



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Guidelines for writing qualitative research papers

- Use the following publications (see dropbox):
- Tong A, Sainsbury P, Craig J. Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative research (COREQ): a 32-item checklist for interviews and focus groups. *Int J Qual Health Care*. 2007 Dec;19(6):349-57
- Malterud K. Qualitative research: standards, challenges, and guidelines. *Lancet*. 2001 Aug 11;358(9280):483-8.