The SRQR Writing Guide for drafting manuscripts

SRQR: Standards for Reporting Qualitative Research

The SRQR reporting guideline helps researchers to **write qualitative health research** articles that can be understood and used by researchers across fields, disciplines and countries, as well as editors, reviewers, evidence synthesisers, policy makers, and clinicians ([read more](#_What_can_the)).

# How to use this guide

This guide will help you [outline](#_top) and [draft](#_top) an academic manuscript that adheres to SRQR.

**Before you start**: [Check that SRQR the most appropriate reporting guideline for your research](#_top). You can use this writing guide to write up health research that used qualitative methods. There are other reporting guidelines and writing guides for qualitative research in psychology and other medical research designs.

**Step 1:** [Answer the questions](#_top)in this document using bullet points. Most authors prefer to work through the Methods items first, then Results, then Introduction, Discussion, and finally the Abstract and Title. Questions link to the [full SRQR guidance](#_top) which includes definitions, explanations, examples, and training.

**Step 2:** [Arrange information logically](#_top). Copy your bullet points to a new document and delete the questions and prompts. Create groups of bullet points for each paragraph and arrange these groups in a logical order that flows. Most bullet points will remain in the body of the text, but you can also consider placing information in a table, figure, or supplement.

**Step 4:** Begin drafting. Once your thoughts, data, and references are in a logical order, start turning them into prose. We suggest [structuring paragraphs](#_top), and [writing without editing](#_top).

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# Methods

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## [What is your approach and paradigm?](https://jamesrharwood.github.io/equator-guidelines-website/guidelines/srqr-v2/partials/items/approach.html)

1. What is your qualitative approach? Can you name and describe it in your own words?

2. If you had a guiding theory, can you name and describe it?

3. What is your research paradigm? Can you name and describe it in your own words?

4. What are the key references for your chosen approach, guiding theory, and paradigm?

5. Why did you decide your approach, guiding theory, and paradigm are appropriate for your research question?

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