

Checklist for appraising qualitative research trials.

Question	Is this done or done well? (yes/no/can't answer)	Example (from paper)
1. Did the paper describe an important clinical problem addressed via a clearly formulated question?		
2. Was a qualitative approach appropriate?		
3. How were the setting and the subjects selected?		
4. What was the researcher's perspective, and has this been taken into account?		
5. What methods did the researcher use for collecting data - and are these described in enough detail?		
6. What methods did the researcher use to analyse the data - and what quality control measures were implemented?		
7. Are the results credible, and if so, are they clinically important?		
8. What conclusions were drawn, and are they justified by the results?		
9. Are the findings of the study transferable to other clinical settings?		

Adapted from Greenhalgh, Trisha, and Rod Taylor. 'How to Read a Paper: Papers That Go beyond Numbers (qualitative Research).' *BMJ* 315, no. 7110 (September 20, 1997): 740–743
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2127518/pdf/9314762.pdf>