

NUMBER	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MANUSCRIPT	LOCATION
<b>Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity</b>				
Personal Characteristics				
1	Interviewer/facilitator	Which author/s conducted the interview or focus group?	Drew Burchell	Page 4&5
2	Credentials	What were the researcher's credentials? <i>E.g. PhD, MD</i>	BSc MA	Page 1
3	Occupation	What was their occupation at the time of the study?	Research Assistant	Page 4
4	Gender	Was the researcher male or female?	Nonbinary, agender	Page 4
5	Experience and training	What experience or training did the researcher have?	Previous years experience with qualitative research and interviewing LGBTQ+ populations	Cover letter, page 4
Relationship with participants				
6	Relationship established	Was a relationship established prior to study commencement?	Nothing beyond being in contact during eligibility screening.	Pages 4&5
7	Participant knowledge of the interviewer	What did the participants know about the researcher? <i>e.g. personal goals, reasons for doing the research</i>	The interviewer was transparent with participants regarding their gender identity and personal experiences accessing gender affirming care, as well as their keen interest in trans health.	Page 5
8	Interviewer characteristics	What characteristics were reported about the	Gender identity	Pages 4 & 5, cover letter

		interviewer/facilitator? e.g. <i>Bias, assumptions, reasons and interests in the research topic</i>		
<b>Domain 2: study design</b>				
Theoretical framework				
9	Methodological orientation and Theory	What methodological orientation was stated to underpin the study? e.g. <i>grounded theory, discourse analysis, ethnography, phenomenology, content analysis</i>	Qualitative description influenced by phenomenology	Page 4
Participant selection				
10	Sampling	How were participants selected? e.g. <i>purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball</i>	Purposive and snowball sampling	Page 4
11	Method of approach	How were participants approached? e.g. <i>face-to-face, telephone, mail, email</i>	Participants self-selected by emailing in response to recruitment materials posted online	Page 4
12	Sample size	How many participants were in the study?	21	Page 6
13	Non-participation	How many people refused to participate or dropped out? Reasons?	2 people completed one interview and withdrew before completing a second, citing personal reasons. Consented to keep their first interviews in the dataset.	Page 6
Setting				
14	Setting of data collection	Where was the data collected? e.g. <i>home, clinic, workplace</i>	Interviews conducted via Zoom with audio recording. The	Page 5

			interviewer was in a private setting (home office) and the participants were in a private setting of their own choosing.	
15	Presence of non-participants	Was anyone else present besides the participants and researchers?	No, participants were allowed to have a support person present but none chose to do so	Page 6
16	Description of sample	What are the important characteristics of the sample? <i>e.g. demographic data, date</i>	See table 1.	Table 1
<b>Data collection</b>				
17	Interview guide	Were questions, prompts, guides provided by the authors? Was it pilot tested?	See Appendix A. An informal pilot test was carried out between L.T.J. and D.B.	Page 5, Appendix A
18	Repeat interviews	Were repeat interviews carried out? If yes, how many?	Eighteen participants completed two interviews. One participant completed 3 interviews due to technical difficulties. Two participants dropped out after one interview.	Pages 5&6
19	Audio/visual recording	Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data?	Audio recording was done with the Olympus digital voice recorder, WS-852	Page 5

20	Field notes	Were field notes made during and/or after the interview or focus group?	Yes, sparse field notes were made during the interview but ultimately did not contribute to the data.	N/A
21	Duration	What was the duration of the interviews or focus group?	Interview durations ranged from 18-91 minutes, with a median duration of 49 minutes.	Page 7
22	Saturation	Was data saturation discussed?	Yes, periodic meetings amongst the two coders (H.M., L.T.J.) and the interviewer (D.B.) were held after reviewing transcripts. Recruitment was stopped when no new themes were being identified in the data.	Pages 5-6
23	Transcripts returned	Were transcripts returned to participants for comment and/or correction?	Yes.	Page 5
<b>Domain 3: analysis and findings</b>				
Data analysis				
24	Number of data coders	How many data coders coded the data?	Two – H.M. and L.T.J.	Page 5
25	Description of the coding tree	Did authors provide a description of the coding tree?	Yes.	Appendix B
26	Derivation of themes	Were themes identified in advance or derived from the data?	Themes were derived from the data.	Pages 5-6
27	Software	What software, if applicable, was used to manage the data?	NVivo qualitative data analysis software; QSR International Pty Ltd,	Page 5

			version 14, released 2023	
28	Participant checking	Did participants provide feedback on the findings?	No.	N/A
Reporting				
29	Quotations presented	Were participant quotations presented to illustrate the themes / findings? Was each quotation identified? e.g. <i>participant number</i>	Yes and yes.	Pages 7-9; Table 2
30	Data and findings consistent	Was there consistency between the data presented and the findings?	Yes	Pages 7-12
31	Clarity of major themes	Were major themes clearly presented in the findings?	Yes	Pages 7-9
32	Clarity of minor themes	Is there a description of diverse cases or discussion of minor themes?	No, insufficient space within limits of maximum word count.	N/A