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1. Open Access

Global Qualitative Nursing Research (GQNR) is an open access, international, peer reviewed journal focusing on qualitative research in field relevant to nursing. *GQNR* will publish qualitative methods research, qualitatively-driven mixed-method designs, as well as meta-syntheses and articles focused on methodological developments. Each article accepted by peer review is made freely available online immediately upon publication, is published under a Creative Commons license and will be hosted online in perpetuity. Publication costs of the journal are covered by the collection of article

processing charges which are paid by the funder, institution or author of each manuscript upon acceptance. There is no charge for submitting a paper to the journal.

For general information on open access at SAGE please visit the [Open Access page](#) or view our [Open Access FAQs](#).

2. Article processing charge (APC)

If, after peer review, your manuscript is accepted for publication, a one-time article processing charge (APC) is payable. This APC covers the cost of publication and ensures that your article will be freely available online in perpetuity under a Creative Commons license.

The article processing charge (APC) for this journal is currently \$1000 USD.

Students are entitled to a 75% discount off the current APC as long as they are the first and corresponding author. Validation is required after submission.

Members of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology are entitled to a 25% discount on the APC.

Please note that all communication concerning the APC should be conducted with SAGE Publications rather than with GQNR.

3. What do we publish?

Global Qualitative Nursing Research welcomes submissions focusing on qualitative research in fields relevant to nursing and are aligned with the aims and scope of the journal outlined here: <https://journals.sagepub.com/aims-scope/GQN>.

GQNR is a nursing focused journal and regardless of the topic, if intended for nurses, it should reflect a nursing perspective and/or the contribution that nurses bring to interprofessional ways of delivering care. In addition, we encourage authors to use the language of nursing and nurses versus healthcare professionals, providers, and clinicians when referring to nurses.

GQNR is an international journal so the relevance of manuscripts to the subject field internationally and also its transferability into other care settings, cultures or nursing specialties should be considered.

3.1 Aims & scope

Before submitting your manuscript to *Global Qualitative Nursing Research*, please ensure you have read the Aims & Scope.

3.2 Article types

Global Qualitative Nursing Research publishes the following types of articles:

- Single-method qualitative research
- Qualitatively-driven mixed-method research
- Qualitative studies that are part of multiple method projects
- Metasynthesis studies that advance theory
- Qualitative methodological development
- Qualitative study protocols

Guidelines for each article type are included below:

Single method qualitative research: GQNR publishes high quality, methodologically rigorous qualitative research that contributes original findings to areas of international relevance for nursing, midwifery or related fields. The journal welcomes qualitative research papers that are based on various qualitative approaches and forms of data. A full description of the qualitative approach is required including the epistemological underpinnings/methodology and methods, and the analytical lens and strategies used in data analysis, and strategies to support rigor.

Qualitative driven mixed method research: GQNR invites articles about studies in which the main study was qualitative, and the supplementary data collection was either qualitative or quantitative (QUAL qant or QUAL qual designs) (for more information see Morse, [2003](#), [2010](#), [2016](#)). Mixed-method studies are studies in which the data collected for a main study is supplemented with data that were collected using a data collection strategy that is not normally used in the main study. For example, a study using a grounded theory design in which laboratory results are added to qualitative data collected would be called a mixed-method study, but the addition of the same kind of quantitative data in an ethnographic study would not be called a mixed-method study, as ethnographies typically include both qualitative and quantitative data. Articles reporting studies designed using a mixed-method approach must include the data from both the main study and the supplemental component. Articles that describe supplemental data only will not be accepted, as the supplemental data cannot stand on its own; it is only interpretable in the context of the main study. Within the description of the design, the authors must include a statement about why a mixed-method approach was used. In the data collection section of the article, the authors must include an

explanation about when and how the data from the main study and the supplemental component were integrated (e.g., [Taylor, 2020](#)).

Qualitative studies within multiple method research projects: GQNR is interested in receiving articles about qualitative studies that are part of multiple method projects, provided they meet the usual criteria for qualitative studies. Multiple method (multimethod) projects are comprised of a group of complete studies that are linked by one overarching aim. These studies may be qualitative or quantitative, are complete and can each stand alone, with separate but complementary research questions that link the study to the overall aim of the project. We also invite articles reporting the results of all the studies within a multiple method project (that include at least one qualitative study) and a description of how the results of each study contribute to the overarching aim of the project (e.g., [Porr et al., 2010](#)).

Metasynthesis studies that advance theory: Articles are invited that synthesize and interpret data across qualitative studies using relevant and rigorous approaches and make distinctive contributions to the body of evidence for practice. Articles should include inclusion/exclusion processes congruent with aims of the review; data display approaches that support analysis; evidence of critical reflection on the role played by method, theoretical framework, disciplinary orientation, and local conditions in shaping included studies; interpretations that reflect advances in the field over time; and a conceptually, well-integrated set of new findings that make a substantive contribution to the field that extends beyond individual qualitative studies. Systematic or scoping reviews of qualitative studies that simply summarize commonalities among a collection of qualitative studies will not be considered.

Methodological development: Articles are invited that focus on qualitative methods that provide insights, advances or innovations that are likely to be of interest to qualitative researchers in fields relevant to nursing world-wide. What the paper adds to existing methodological knowledge must be clearly explained.

Qualitative study protocols: To further the development of qualitative methods, GQNR accepts nationally funded study protocols for qualitative or qualitatively-driven mixed method studies that illustrate novel methodological ideas and/or practices. Student proposals / non-funded / locally-funded studies will not be considered. We encourage the submission of protocol manuscripts at an early stage of the study and prior to completion of data collection. Manuscripts that report work already carried out will not be considered as protocols. The dates of the study must be included in the manuscript and cover letter. Articles describing study protocols should include: background/study justification, explanation and justification of method, sampling/recruitment, data management/analysis plan, ethical considerations, and

approach to supporting qualitative rigor. A dissemination plan (publications, data deposition and curation) should be included, as well as a discussion about how the methods will meet study aims. Proof of both ethics approval and funding will be required on submission as supplementary files. The inclusion of copies of interview guides and/or field work plans as supplementary files are encouraged. Reviewers will be instructed to review for clarity and sufficient detail. The intention of peer review is not to alter the study design. Reviewers will be asked to check that the study is scientifically credible (i.e., congruence between methodology and methods, strategies to establish rigor, etc.) and ethically sound in its scope and methods, and that there is sufficient detail to instill confidence that the study will be conducted successfully.

3.3 Writing your paper

The SAGE Author Gateway has some general advice and on [how to get published](#), plus links to further resources.

3.3.1 Making your article discoverable

The title, keywords and abstract are key to ensuring readers find your article through search engines such as Google. For information and guidance on how to make your article more discoverable, visit our Gateway page on [How to Help Readers Find Your Article Online](#).

4. Editorial policies

4.1 Peer review policy

SAGE does not permit the use of author-suggested (recommended) reviewers at any stage of the submission process, be that through the web-based submission system or other communication.

Reviewers should be experts in their fields and should be able to provide an objective assessment of the manuscript. Our policy is that reviewers should not be assigned to a paper if:

- The reviewer is based at the same institution as any of the co-authors.
- The reviewer is based at the funding body of the paper.
- The author has recommended the reviewer.
- The reviewer has provided a personal (e.g. Gmail/Yahoo/Hotmail) email account and an institutional email account cannot be found after performing a basic Google search (name, department and institution).

Following a preliminary triage to eliminate submissions unsuitable for *Global Qualitative Nursing Research* all papers are sent out for peer review. The cover letter is important.

To help the Editor in this preliminary evaluation, please indicate in your letter to the editor why you think the paper is suitable for publication and relevant to the subject field internationally.

The journal's policy is to have manuscripts reviewed by three expert reviewers. *Global Qualitative Nursing Research* utilizes a double-anonymized peer review process in which the reviewer and authors' names and information are withheld from the other. All manuscripts are reviewed as rapidly as possible, while maintaining rigor. Reviewers make comments to the author and recommendations to the Editor-in-Chief who then makes the final decision.

GQNR maintains a transparent review system: once all reviews are received, they are forwarded to the author(s) as well as to ALL reviewers.

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The Editor or members of the Editorial Board may occasionally submit their own manuscripts for possible publication in the journal. In these cases, the peer review process will be managed by alternative members of the Board and the submitting Editor/Board member will have no involvement in the decision-making process.

4.2 Authorship

Papers should only be submitted for consideration once consent is given by all contributing authors. Those submitting papers should carefully check that all those whose work contributed to the paper are acknowledged as contributing authors.

The list of authors should include all those who can legitimately claim authorship. This is all those who:

- (i) Made a substantial contribution to the concept or design of the work; or acquisition, analysis or interpretation of data,
- (ii) Drafted the article or revised it critically for important intellectual content,
- (iii) Approved the version to be published,
- (iv) Each author should have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for appropriate portions of the content.

Authors should meet the conditions of all of the points above. Each author should have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for appropriate portions of the content.

When a large, multicenter group has conducted the work, the group should identify the individuals who accept direct responsibility for the manuscript. These individuals should fully meet the criteria for authorship.

Authors should determine the order of authorship among themselves and should settle any disagreements before submitting their manuscript. Changes in authorship (i.e., order, addition, and deletion of authors) should be discussed and approved by all authors. Any requests for such changes in authorship after initial manuscript submission and before publication should be explained in writing to the editor in a letter or email from all authors.

Acquisition of funding, collection of data, or general supervision of the research group alone does not constitute authorship, although all contributors who do not meet the criteria for authorship should be listed in the Acknowledgments section. Please refer to the [International Committee of Medical Journal Editors \(ICMJE\) authorship guidelines](#) for more information on authorship.

4.3 Acknowledgements

All contributors who do not meet the criteria for authorship should be listed in an Acknowledgements section. Examples of those who might be acknowledged include a person who provided purely technical help, or a department chair who provided only general support.

4.4 Writing assistance

Individuals who provided writing assistance, e.g. from a specialist communications company, do not qualify as authors and so should be included in the Acknowledgements section. Authors must disclose any writing assistance – including the individual's name, company and level of input – and identify the entity that paid for this assistance. It is not necessary to disclose use of language polishing services.

For manuscripts translated into English from another language, the name and affiliation of the translator may also be included. ***Except on a separate title page, the names of authors, and/or translators should not appear in manuscripts submitted for review; they are to be added only after the article is accepted for publication.***

Please supply any personal acknowledgements separately to the main text to facilitate anonymous peer review.

4.5 Funding

To comply with the guidance for research funders, authors, and publishers issued by the Research Information Network (RIN), *Global Qualitative Nursing Research* requires all authors to acknowledge their funding in a consistent fashion under a heading “Funding.” Please visit the [Funding Acknowledgements](#) page on the SAGE Journal Author Gateway to confirm the format of the acknowledgment text in the event of funding, or state that: This research received no specific grant from any funding agency in the public, commercial, or not-for-profit sectors.

4.6 Declaration of conflicting interests

It is the policy of *Global Qualitative Nursing Research* to require a declaration of conflicting interests from all authors enabling a statement to be carried within the paginated pages of all published articles.

Please include your declaration at the end of your manuscript after any acknowledgments and prior to the references, under a heading “Declaration of Conflicting Interests.” If no conflict exists, please state that ‘The Author(s) declare(s) that there is no conflict of interest’. For guidance on conflict of interest statements, please see the ICMJE recommendations [here](#).

When making a declaration the disclosure information must be specific and include any financial relationship that any author of the article has with any sponsoring organization and the for profit interests the organization represents, and with any for-profit product discussed or implied in the text of the article.

Any commercial or financial involvements that might represent an appearance of a conflict of interest need to be additionally disclosed in the covering letter accompanying your article, to assist the Editor in evaluating whether sufficient disclosure has been made within the Declaration of Conflicting Interests provided in the article.

4.6 Research ethics and patient consent

Medical research involving human subjects must be conducted according to the [World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki](#).

Submitted manuscripts should conform to the [ICMJE Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals](#).

- All papers reporting animal and/or human studies must state in the methods section that the relevant Ethics Committee or Institutional Review Board provided (or waived) approval. Please ensure that you anonymized the name and institution of the review committee until such time as your article has been

accepted. The Editor will request authors to replace the name and add the approval number once the article review has been completed.

- For research articles, authors are also required to state in the methods section whether participants provided informed consent and whether the consent was written or verbal.

Global Qualitative Nursing Research is committed to protecting the identity and confidentiality of research study participants. With the exception of participatory action research (PAR), no information that could potentially allow identification of a participant—or even a specific study site—should be included in a submitted manuscript or, subsequently, in a published article. Study sites, such as hospitals, clinics, or other organizations, should not be named, but instead should be described; for example: “Study participants were recruited from the coronary care unit of a large metropolitan hospital on the eastern seaboard of the United States.”

Do not include participant names in the manuscript. If the use of names is absolutely necessary for reader understanding (this is rarely the case), use pseudonyms. Even when using pseudonyms, it should not be possible for the reader to “track” the comments or behaviors of any participant throughout the manuscript.

Authors who include participant names and/or photos/images in which individuals are identifiable must submit written permission from the participants to do so (**no exceptions**). Permission to use photographs should contain the following verbiage: “Permission is granted to use, reproduce, and distribute the likeness/photograph(s) in all media (print and electronic) throughout the world in all languages.”

Information on informed consent to report individual cases or case series should be included in the manuscript text. A statement is required regarding whether written informed consent for patient information and images to be published was provided by the patient(s) or a legally authorized representative.

Research participants have a right to privacy that should not be infringed upon without informed consent. Identifying information, including participants' names, initials, or other identifying characteristics, should not be published in written descriptions and photographs unless the information is essential for scientific purposes and the participant (or parent or guardian) gives signed and dated written informed consent for publication (submitted as a separate document when submitting the manuscript). Informed consent for this purpose requires that a participant who is identifiable be shown the manuscript to be published prior to giving consent.

Identifying details should be omitted if they are not essential. Faces in photographs should be obscured. If identifying characteristics are altered to protect anonymity, authors should provide assurance that alterations do not distort scientific meaning.

Please also refer to the [ICMJE Recommendations for the Protection of Research Participants](#).

4.7 Clinical trials

Global Qualitative Nursing Research conforms to the [ICMJE requirement](#) that clinical trials are registered in a WHO-approved public trials registry at or before the time of first patient enrolment as a condition of consideration for publication. The trial registry name and URL, and registration number must be included at the end of the abstract.

4.8 Reporting guidelines

The relevant [EQUATOR Network](#) reporting guidelines should be followed depending on the type of study. Metasyntheses should include the completed [PRISMA 2020](#) flow chart as a cited figure and the completed PRISMA checklist should be uploaded with your submission as a supplementary file. The [EQUATOR wizard](#) can help you identify the appropriate guideline. Other resources can be found at [NLM's Research Reporting Guidelines and Initiatives](#).

4.9 Diversity: Naming and exploring implications of systemic biases in research

GQNR encourages authors to acknowledge and advance understanding of diversity and systematic biases that shape experiences of health, illness, disability, nursing and healthcare, and their implications for health equity. Diversity includes all aspects of human differences such as socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, language, nationality, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, geography, ability, age, and culture.

We invite authors to:

- consider diversity in the design, implementation, and evaluation of research
- name and explore implications of systemic biases (e.g., racism, ageism, ableism, and gender bias) as well as the intersection of multiple oppressions and social identities that shape health
- acknowledge the positionality of the researcher(s) in relation to the study context and its influence on the research process
- use non-stigmatizing, respectful person-first language (e.g., person who used opioids vs. opioid user or addict) or identity-first language (e.g., autistic person, deaf person or person with intellectual disability) keeping in mind what is best for representing study participants

Authors have an opportunity to address issues related to diversity in the background section, explain how diversity was accounted for in the study design, and/or how study findings address or do not address issues of diversity or reveal systemic bias and their implications for health equity.

4.10 Sex and gender equity in research

We encourage authors to follow the '[Sex and Gender Equity in Research – SAGER – guidelines](#)' and to include sex and gender considerations where relevant. Authors should use the terms sex (biological attribute) and gender (shaped by social and cultural circumstances) carefully in order to avoid confusing both terms. Article titles and/or abstracts should indicate clearly what sex(es) the study applies to. Authors should also describe in the background, whether sex and/or gender differences may be expected; report how sex and/or gender were accounted for in the design of the study; provide disaggregated data by sex and/or gender, where appropriate; and discuss respective results. If a sex and/or gender analysis was not conducted, the rationale should be given in the Discussion. Resources related to integrating sex and gender in health research have been developed by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. They can be freely accessed here: www.cihir-irsc.gc.ca/e/50833.html

5. Publishing policies

5.1 Publication ethics

SAGE is committed to upholding the integrity of the academic record. We encourage authors to refer to the Committee on Publication Ethics' [International Standards for Authors](#) and view the Publication Ethics page on the [SAGE Author Gateway](#).

5.1.1 Plagiarism

Global Qualitative Nursing Research and SAGE take issues of copyright infringement, plagiarism or other breaches of best practice in publication very seriously. We seek to protect the rights of our authors and we always investigate claims of plagiarism or misuse of published articles. Equally, we seek to protect the reputation of the journal against malpractice. Submitted articles may be checked with duplication-checking software. Where an article, for example, is found to have plagiarized other work or included third-party copyright material without permission or with insufficient acknowledgement, or where the authorship of the article is contested, we reserve the right to take action including, but not limited to: publishing an erratum or corrigendum (correction); retracting the article; taking up the matter with the head of department or dean of the author's institution and/or relevant academic bodies or societies; or taking appropriate legal action.

5.1.2 Duplicate and prior publication

Global Qualitative Nursing Research conforms to the [ICMJE recommendations regarding duplicate and prior publications](#). If material has been previously published, it is not generally acceptable for publication in a SAGE journal. However, there are certain circumstances where previously published material can be considered for publication. Please refer to the guidance on the [SAGE Author Gateway](#) or if in doubt, contact the Editor at the address given below.

Duplicate publication is publication of a paper that overlaps substantially with one already published, without clear, visible reference to the previous publication. Prior publication may include release of information in the public domain (e.g., preprints).

When authors submit a manuscript reporting work that has already been reported in large part in a published article or is contained in or closely related to another paper that has been submitted or accepted for publication elsewhere, the letter of submission should clearly say so and the authors should provide copies of the related material to help the editor decide how to handle the submission.

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Alternative license arrangements are available, for example, to meet particular funder mandates, made at the author's request.

6. Preparing your manuscript

The following guidelines are designed to assist authors with the manuscript preparation and submission process. Manuscripts that do not conform to these guidelines will be

returned to the authors without further review. The entire manuscript (including tables, figures, and references) must be prepared according to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA Style Manual 7th edition).

6.1 Article format (see previously published articles in [GQNR](#) for style)

- **Title page:** Please upload the title page separately from the main document. The title page should be labelled as “Title Page” (not supplementary file). The following information must be included on the title page, in this order:
 - Manuscript title (The title should be succinct.)
 - Authors: Include all author names as they should appear, and in the same order in which they should appear, in the published article. Affiliation information for each author, to include only the following: (a) the highest-level institution (e.g., university); (b) the city in which the institution is located; (c) the state or province (if any); and (d) the country [Note: Use “USA” for the United States]
 - Corresponding author: Name and complete mailing address (including country) of the corresponding author. Include preferred email address.
 - Bios: A biographical statement for each author must be added to the title page, in order. Follow the template below in preparing the bios, and be sure to include all required elements (name, credentials, title or role, affiliation, city, state/province/territory [if any], country):
- Joan L. Bottorff, RN, PhD, FCAHS, FAAN is a professor at the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Health and Social Development, School of Nursing in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. **Abstract:** Unstructured, approximately **150 words**. This should be the first page of the main manuscript, and it should be on its own page.
- **Key words:** Immediately following the abstract provide 4-6 keywords to highlight the main concepts and the scope of the manuscript. Please include region/country where the study was conducted as the last key word if appropriate. Include a short title (no more than 50 characters) as a header on all pages, including the title page, for the purposes of double-anonymized peer-review.
- Anonymized review: Do not include any author identifying information in your manuscript, including authors’ own citations. Do not include acknowledgements until the article is accepted.
- Main manuscript text: GQNR does not have a word or page count limit. Manuscripts should be as tight as possible, **preferably less than 30 pages including references**. Longer manuscripts, if exceptional, will be considered.
- Ethics: Include a statement of IRB approval and participant consent. Present demographics as a group, not listed as individuals. Do not link quotations to

particular individuals unless essential (as in case studies) as this threatens anonymity.

- Results: Rich and descriptive; theoretical; linked to nursing practice if possible.
- Discussion: Link your findings with research and theory in literature, including other geographical areas and qualitative research.
- References: Must be formatted using APA 7th Edition. Use pertinent references only. References should be on a separate page.

6.2 Word processing formats

Accepted formats for the text, tables, and figures of submitted manuscripts are MS Word .doc and .docx files. The text must be double-spaced throughout. Set margins at 1 inch on all sides. Text should be in standard font (e.g., Times New Roman) 12-point. Do not add line numbers to the text; these are added automatically in the Manuscript Central system.

6.3 Writing style

Writing should be scholarly, and the style consistent throughout the manuscript. If there are two or more authors, do not use “I” statements. Use the past tense when writing about things that happened, were said, or were written in the past. Avoid anthropomorphic language; long, complex sentences; and unnecessary information. Voice: Both the abstract and the manuscript should be written in the first-person active voice. Avoid passive language.

6.4 Artwork, figures and other graphics

Include figures, charts, and tables created in MS Word in the main text rather than at the end of the document. However, figures, tables, and other files created outside of Word should be submitted separately. In this instance, please indicate where table and figures should be inserted within manuscript (e.g., INSERT TABLE 1 HERE). If using or adapting any copyrighted (previously published) material see APA for requirements.

6.4.1 Tables

Tables organize relevant, essential data that would be too awkward or too lengthy to include in the text, and should be used only to provide data not already included in the text. For example, grouped participant demographics take less space presented in a descriptive paragraph than they do as a table. Table titles should be concise and descriptive. Multiple tables within the same manuscript should be similar in appearance and design.

6.4.2 Figures

Like tables, figures should be used sparingly, and only when it is necessary to clarify complex relationships or concepts. Mention figure placement in the manuscript text, but

submit each figure in a separate document, with the figure number and title on the first page, followed by the figure itself on the second page. Figure titles should be concise and descriptive. Designate placement of each figure within the manuscript by entering (on a separate line between paragraphs) INSERT FIGURE 1 ABOUT HERE. Figure callouts should be placed following the paragraph in which they are first mentioned. Figures supplied in color will appear in color online.

6.4.3 Photographs

Photographs may be included but should have permission to reprint and faces should be concealed using mosaic patches – unless permission has been given by the individual to use their identity. This permission must be forwarded to QHR’s Managing Editor.

- TIFF, JPED, or common picture formats accepted. The preferred format for graphs and line art is EPS.
- Resolution: Rasterized based files (i.e. with .tiff or .jpeg extension) require a resolution of at least 300 dpi (dots per inch). Line art should be supplied with a minimum resolution of 800 dpi.
- Dimension: Check that the artworks supplied match or exceed the dimensions of the journal. Images cannot be scaled up after origination.

6.4.4 Artwork

Participant artwork may be included provided the content is free of any material that could potentially identify the participant who created it (or any persons who might be depicted). Use artwork only with the permission of the participant. All content should be dark enough to facilitate clear visibility online. Artwork supplied in color will appear in color online.

6.5 Reference style

Global Qualitative Nursing Research adheres to the **APA 7th edition** reference style. You may review this [quick reference sheet](#) to ensure your manuscript conforms to this reference style.

To anonymize the manuscript for review, citations for references authored by any author of the submitted manuscript should read only “(Author, year).” References authored by any author of the submitted manuscript should read only “Author. (year).” Do not include the reference title or any other information pertaining to the reference.

6.6 English language editing services

Authors seeking assistance with English language editing, translation, or figure and manuscript formatting to fit the journal’s specifications should consider using SAGE

Language Services. Note: ***Some non-native English authors of accepted articles may be required to have their final manuscript professionally edited by a native-English-speaking editor.*** Visit [SAGE Language Services](#) on our Journal Author Gateway for further information, or contact the journal office at [GQNR- Journal@nurs.utah.edu](mailto:GQNR-Journal@nurs.utah.edu).

6.7 Publishing translated versions of articles

GQNR encourages authors to submit translated versions of your title, abstract and key words to be published alongside the English version. In addition, GQNR allows translated versions of accepted article to be published along with the English version as a supplementary file. Please follow the instructions in the submission site to ensure your translated version is published. Authors may use the proof of their accepted Article as the basis of the Translation and may use similar formatting and typesetting for the Translation as used in the original Article to create a PDF of the Translation. The Editor will arrange for light review of each Translation prior to publication. The review may be completed by a member of the Editorial Board or other trusted academic reviewer who is fluent in the language of the Translation to review the Translation to confirm there are no material errors in the Translation that result in an inconsistency with the original Article.

As part of GQNR's commitment to supporting and disseminating qualitative nursing research internationally, selected articles may be subject to translation by GQNR following acceptance and/or publication. Authors will be notified if their article and/or the article title, abstract is selected for translation.

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6.8 Supplementary material

This journal is able to host additional materials online (e.g. datasets, podcasts, videos, images etc.) alongside the full-text of the article. These will be subjected to peer-review alongside the article. For more information please refer to our guidelines on submitting supplementary files, which can be found within SAGE's [Manuscript Submission Guidelines](#) page.

7. Submitting your manuscript

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