

Denscombe (2010) Grounded Theory Checklist

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When undertaking grounded theory research you should feel confident about answering 'yes' to the following questions:

- 1 Is the aim of the research to generate concepts and theory geared to 'localized' explanations (substantive theory)?
- 2 Have empirical data been used as the foundation for generating the concepts and theories?
- 3 Have measures been taken to adopt an open-minded approach to the meaning of the data?
- 4 Have the data been analysed through a systematic process of coding and categorization (open coding, etc.)?
- 5 Were the codes, categories and concepts developed with constant reference to the fieldwork data (constant comparative method)?
- 6 Is there an explicit justification for the choice of the initial site for fieldwork in terms of its relevance to the area of research?
- 7 Have subsequent sites been selected on the basis of theoretical sampling?
- 8 Did the research continue until it reached a point of theoretical saturation?
- 9 Has the research focused on issues of practical significance to participants in the setting?
- 10 Has the research produced explanations that are recognizable to the subjects of research?

Reference

- Denscombe, M. (2010). *The Good Research Guide: For small-scale social research projects* (4th ed.). Open University Press.