

Supplementary table 2: Results of critical appraisal using CASP

Study	1. Clear statement of aims	2. Qualitative methodology appropriate	3. Research design appropriate to address aims of the research?	4. Recruitment strategy appropriate to address research aim(s)	5. Data collected in a way that addressed research issue	6. Relationship between researcher and participants adequately considered?	7. Have ethical issues been considered?	8. Data analysis sufficiently rigorous?	9. Clear statement of findings	10 How valuable is the research? Answer (question 10):
Asgari et al ²¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Relatively	Yes	Can't tell	Can't tell	Yes	Yes	Highlights post-traumatic growth following traumatic & sudden loss.
Berman et al ²⁸	Yes	Yes	Relatively	Yes	Yes	No	Can't tell	Yes	Yes	Highlights challenges & support needs at diagnosis.
Cranwell ²²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can't tell	Yes	Highlights importance of open & honest communication.
Harms et al ²³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Identifies the needs of parentally bereaved adolescents & if needs have been met.
Holmgren ³¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can't tell	Yes	Yes	Describes the challenges faced by widowed fathers.
Hsu et al ²⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Relatively	Yes	Can't tell	Can't tell	Yes	Yes	Describes the experience of adolescents when a parent has advanced cancer.
La Freniere et al ²⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can't tell	Yes	Yes	Explores teenagers reasoning following recent parental death to cancer.
Lowe et al ³²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can't tell	Can't tell	Can't tell	Yes	Provides perspectives of widows, & strategies & interventions to work with them.
Lytje et al ²⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can't tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Provides in teenager's words the experience of losing a parent to cancer.

MacPherson et al ²⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can't tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Describes children's needs when a parent has died.
McClatchey ³³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Describes widowed fathers' experiences with their dependent children.
Parsons ²⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can't tell	Yes	Can't tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Provides recommendations for children to develop resilience & coping strategies.
Silverman et al ³⁴	Yes	Yes	Relatively	Yes	Relatively	Can't tell	Can't tell	Can't tell	Relatively	Highlights widows' perspectives on how they and their children cope.
Taylor et al ³⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Relatively	Yes	Can't tell	Can't tell	Yes	Yes	Describes the challenges of young widowhood.
Weber et al ³⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Can't tell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Identifies family's ability to adjust is affected by their ability to communicate.