

# Guidelines and Protocols for a Research Study

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## Intention of the study:

Before the study commences, the intention must be set out linking clearly to the philosophy and principles of what IQC embraces. All studies should be able to state where they contribute to the evolution of humanity.

## Description of Methodology:

Methodology undertaken should be clearly articulated, including but not limited to:

- Data gathering techniques
- The environment in which the data gathering occurred
- The way in which that data was gathered
- The country and language in which the data was gathered.

## Author's credibility:

The person authoring the study, should be experienced and trained in the field of expertise that underpins the study itself. Background in research or other studies are preferable, though not required.

## Contributors:

All contributing facilitators should be offered the opportunity to be listed in the study, including the roles they played in that contribution.

## Sample size:

Discussion should be made as the size of the sample and why it is seen as statistically significant. The study should also point out the diversity of the sample and be able to describe the value of that diversity.

## Assumptions behind the data:

The study should list the assumptions behind the data collection and any limiting factors that need to be understood.

## Findings and conclusions drawn:

The resulting findings should be put forward in a way that offer insight, understanding and education but always in a way that impresses on the reader that they are not definitive. The reason for this is that research is ongoing and we find new themes all the time .

## Sharing of information:

Studies should be shared in presentations through different media and listed on the IQC Website.