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## Aims and Objectives

My aim was to identify and address barriers preventing authors from adhering to reporting guidelines. I wanted to explore the entire reporting guideline system, and I wanted to be thorough: I wanted to identify as many barriers as possible, and as many solutions as possible, before deciding which to implement.

My objectives were:

* To identify factors that may limit reporting guideline impact by synthesising existing research and by evaluating the EQUATOR Network website (addressed in chapters 3)
* To work with key stakeholders to identify intervention changes to address these limiting factors (addressed in chapters 6)
* To implement these changes (described in 10)
* To refine the new intervention in response to feedback from authors (addressed in chapter 11)

My thesis bares many of the hallmarks of pragmatism. I used both qualitative and quantitative methods. Constraints (like time and access to participants) influenced my decisions. I balanced participants’ views with my own; I sought to remove my views as much as possible in all chapters except for the workshops I conducted with EQUATOR (chapter 7) and when designing the intervention (chapter 10). I balanced inductive and deductive reasoning; my early chapters were exploratory and inductive, and my later chapters became increasingly deductive as my focus narrowed and I relied more heavily on a framework.