

Identifying the Impact of Digital Media Habits on Family Cohesion

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The statement “Families who are uprooted due to conflict, environmental disasters, or economic instability face compounded stressors...” could be strengthened with more recent empirical evidence or prevalence statistics (e.g., global or regional data on internal displacement in East Asia) to contextualize Taiwan’s situation.

In Paragraph 7, the manuscript notes that “Displacement experiences are interpreted through collective narratives of suffering, endurance, and hope.” This could be deepened by connecting to Taiwanese cultural concepts such as guanxi or filial piety, which may shape intergenerational resilience.

The paragraph beginning “The intersection between displacement, law, and family protection...” is insightful but would benefit from more context regarding Taiwan’s domestic policy framework or comparison with neighboring countries to demonstrate local policy implications.

Although the introduction is rich in literature, the explicit research gap is somewhat diluted. Consider summarizing in one strong sentence near the end: “Despite extensive global research on refugee resilience, limited empirical attention has been devoted to internal displacement within Taiwan’s socio-cultural context.”

The manuscript states: “Digital and tele-psychology interventions have expanded access...” but does not analyze whether such methods are culturally feasible in Taiwan’s displaced communities. Consider discussing language barriers, digital literacy, or access disparities.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The phrase “The psychological consequences of displacement are often rooted in disrupted attachment bonds” asserts causality. Consider softening to “are frequently associated with” unless longitudinal data are cited to support causation.

The introduction comprehensively reviews prior research but lacks explicit integration of attachment theory and family resilience theory frameworks. Consider inserting a conceptual paragraph explicitly linking Bowlby’s attachment model and Walsh’s family resilience framework to position the study theoretically.

The three themes are clearly delineated, yet transitions between them could better emphasize their interconnections. A brief synthesizing paragraph showing how reconstructing attachments facilitates collective coping and leads to intergenerational transmission would enrich the narrative flow.

In the Discussion paragraph beginning “The first major finding—reconstructing secure attachments after displacement—demonstrates...”, include more critical engagement with potential counter-findings or limitations in prior literature (e.g., contexts where attachment repair failed to produce resilience).

While quotations vividly illustrate points, the discussion occasionally reads as descriptive rather than analytical (e.g., “feeling safe again when we sit together”). Strengthen this section by connecting quotations explicitly to theoretical constructs like secure base or attachment repair.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief’s decision: Accepted.