

Challenges and Opportunities in Cross-Cultural Family Research: A Critical Reflection

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The manuscript clearly outlines its objective, providing valuable insights into the complexities of cross-cultural research. A stronger emphasis on its unique contribution to existing literature could enhance its impact, especially in highlighting novel insights or proposing specific frameworks for future research.

The manuscript addresses communication barriers effectively. Including case studies or examples where innovative communication strategies have been employed successfully could provide practical guidance for researchers.

The discussion on opportunities is optimistic and forward-looking. Highlighting specific technological tools or platforms that have shown promise in overcoming traditional barriers in cross-cultural family research could be a significant addition.

The conclusion effectively synthesizes the review's key points. A more pronounced call to action, encouraging specific steps or initiatives to address the challenges and seize the opportunities identified, could make the closing more impactful.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

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While the literature review is extensive, the scope could be expanded to include more recent studies that leverage digital technologies in cross-cultural research. This would not only update the review but also enrich the discussion on methodological innovations.

The discussion on methodological complexity is insightful. Further elaboration on specific strategies to navigate these complexities, such as mixed methods approaches or culturally adapted research instruments, would be beneficial.

Ethical challenges are well-identified. A deeper exploration of how these ethical considerations can influence research outcomes and how they can be effectively managed or mitigated in future studies would add value.

The call for interdisciplinary collaborations is compelling. Discussing potential challenges and best practices in fostering these collaborations, based on experiences from existing research, could offer valuable insights.

The manuscript could further discuss how the findings and reflections presented might translate into practical applications, particularly in healthcare, social services, and policy formulation to support families across cultures.

A more explicit discussion on the limitations of the current review, such as potential biases in the selection of literature and areas not covered, would enhance the manuscript's credibility. Additionally, outlining clear future research directions based on identified gaps would be beneficial.

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Editor's decision: Accepted.

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