



Identifying the Strategies Used by Grandparents in Child-Rearing Across Different Cultural Contexts

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the first paragraph, where it states, "Grandparents often act as a bridge between traditional and modern parenting methods, ensuring continuity while also adapting to evolving societal expectations", it would be helpful to include a citation or provide empirical evidence supporting this claim.

The paragraph discussing emotional security states, "Grandparents provided emotional security by offering reassurance and fostering resilience." This is an important finding, but including a direct quote from participants would add qualitative richness.

The demographics table provides essential participant characteristics, but it does not indicate socioeconomic status or rural vs. urban residence. Including this would enhance the understanding of contextual influences.

In the sentence "These findings align with existing literature on intergenerational caregiving," it would be helpful to explicitly reference a few key studies to strengthen the literature connection.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The sentence, "Changing social structures, increased mobility, and shifts in household arrangements have led to modifications in grandparental roles," is important but lacks specific examples. Providing instances of such modifications (e.g., impact of urbanization or single-parent households) would strengthen the argument.

The study states that it included "37 grandparents recruited through online platforms," but it does not specify how recruitment was conducted or whether specific platforms were used. Clarifying this will improve reproducibility.

The phrase, "thematic analysis was performed using NVivo software," is vague. Consider detailing the specific steps of thematic analysis (e.g., open coding, axial coding) to ensure transparency in data handling.

In discussing cultural storytelling, the article mentions "language preservation, religious teachings, and reinforcing moral values." It would be useful to elaborate on whether any cultural differences were observed in the types of values transmitted.

The article states, "Some grandparents employed non-punitive methods such as positive reinforcement and mediation, while others adhered to stricter rule-setting." This contrast is important, but it lacks specificity. Were the stricter rule-setting grandparents from particular cultural backgrounds?

The discussion on "incorporating modern parenting techniques" would benefit from clarification. Did grandparents receive guidance from parents, formal education, or self-learning via digital means?

The study generalizes findings across cultural contexts, but it is unclear whether any substantial cultural differences were found in grandparenting practices. Addressing this explicitly would add depth.

The article mentions "digital distractions and globalization influencing cultural value transmission." Providing examples of how grandparents adapt to these challenges (e.g., using social media to connect with grandchildren) would strengthen the argument.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.