




Identifying Cultural Pathways of Parent–Child Attachment Development

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

This paragraph effectively introduces migration as a variable, but it lacks theoretical linkage to acculturation models (e.g., Berry's acculturation framework). Adding this connection would increase theoretical coherence.

The sentence implies mediation but does not indicate empirical sources supporting this mechanism. Consider adding a citation or brief discussion of relevant longitudinal or mediation studies.

Clarify the rationale for selecting this specific age range. Explain whether developmental considerations (e.g., early attachment consolidation) guided this choice.

The sampling method is well described, but readers would benefit from knowing whether snowball techniques were used and how researcher positionality or cultural matching affected recruitment.

This raises concerns about linguistic nuances. Please describe how translation accuracy was ensured—e.g., through back-translation, bilingual verification, or linguistic validation procedures.

Excellent choice of framework, but please clarify whether coding was inductive or deductive and how intercoder reliability or consistency was established.

Thematic richness is evident, yet integrating illustrative participant quotes from each cultural group would enhance transparency and authenticity of the interpretation.

The table effectively summarizes themes and subthemes, but several concepts overlap (e.g., “symbolic acts of care” and “emotional communication”). Consider merging or distinguishing these to improve conceptual precision.

Excellent critical stance; however, citing key decolonial or multicultural attachment theorists (e.g., Rothbaum, Keller) would reinforce the theoretical contribution.

This section is strong in describing emotional strain but could discuss adaptive coping mechanisms beyond community reliance—such as bicultural emotion regulation strategies.

This is an important and bold statement. To elevate its impact, integrate a brief discussion of how decolonization could concretely transform assessment tools or intervention designs.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

This is an important and novel angle. However, it would benefit from a stronger conceptual anchor—perhaps referencing digital family communication literature or telepresence attachment studies.

While the aim is clearly stated, the paragraph could better articulate why Canada provides a uniquely suitable multicultural laboratory—addressing demographic and policy contexts.

Good inclusion of qualitative rigor measures. However, consider discussing reflexivity—how researchers’ own cultural backgrounds or assumptions were monitored during interpretation.

While culturally insightful, more contextual examples (e.g., differences between collectivist and Indigenous participants) could enrich the theme’s depth and avoid overgeneralization.

This segment could be expanded with concrete comparative observations—how specific Canadian parenting practices contrasted with participants’ heritage norms in emotional expression.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

2. Revised

Editor’s decision: Accepted.

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