



Exploring the Psychological Well-being of Stay-at-Home Fathers

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

"The study identified three main themes: Identity and Role Perception, Challenges and Coping Mechanisms, and Social Support and Relationships." Consider revising this sentence to clearly list and explain these themes in a bulleted or more structured format for better readability.

The section describing semi-structured interviews would benefit from additional details about the interview process. Specify how interview guides were developed and validated.

In the "Ethical Considerations" section, explicitly mention how participant confidentiality was maintained and describe any consent forms used.

In the "Data analysis" section, the process of generating initial codes needs more explanation. Provide examples of initial codes and explain how they were systematically developed using NVivo software.

In the paragraph starting with "The study included 24 stay-at-home fathers," include a table summarizing demographic information such as age, socioeconomic status, education level, and duration of being a stay-at-home father for better clarity.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In the paragraph beginning "The psychological well-being of fathers during the transition to parenthood has been increasingly studied," ensure all cited studies, such as Baldwin et al. (2018), are sufficiently detailed in their relevance to your research. Explain how each study specifically contributes to your study's foundation.

Clearly articulate the research gap in the paragraph that starts with "Despite the growing body of research on fatherhood and mental health, there is a paucity of studies focusing specifically on the psychological well-being of SAHFs." Expand on why existing studies are insufficient and how this study addresses these gaps.

In the paragraph "Participants were selected through purposive sampling," provide more detail on the inclusion criteria and justify the sample size. Explain why 24 participants were sufficient for achieving theoretical saturation.

Provide more illustrative quotes from participants in the "Identity and Role Perception" section to substantiate the themes identified. For instance, expand on "I've had to redefine what success means to me."

In the paragraph starting "The study found that SAHFs undergo a substantial transformation in their self-identity," compare your findings with existing literature more critically. Discuss any discrepancies or unique insights your study offers.

The paragraph "The importance of spousal support, peer support, and community involvement" should elaborate on the practical implications of these findings. Suggest specific interventions or programs that could support SAHFs based on your results.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.