




Narratives of Parenthood: Experiences of Adoptive Parents

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the paragraph starting with "The motivations behind the decision to adopt are multifaceted and deeply personal," the connection between personal motivations and existing literature could be more explicit. Clarify how your findings build upon or diverge from previous studies, such as those by Daniluk and Hurtig-Mitchell (2003).

The results section, specifically the paragraph discussing the demographic breakdown, should provide more context regarding how these demographics may have influenced the findings. Discuss any observed patterns or themes that were particularly prevalent among specific demographic groups.

In the sentence, "The study identified four main themes: motivations for adoption, challenges during adoption, integration into the family, and long-term impact of adoption," it would be helpful to briefly summarize the key findings under each theme within this section, rather than referring readers to the table.

The discussion on bureaucratic hurdles in the "Challenges During Adoption" section lacks specific participant quotes or detailed examples. Include direct quotes to illustrate these challenges vividly and provide a more nuanced understanding.

The discussion could better integrate the study's findings with existing literature. In the paragraph beginning with "The motivations for adoption identified in this study align with previous research," ensure that each point of alignment or divergence is supported with specific examples from your data.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In the sentence, “Hanna and Gough (2016) describe the emotive struggles of infertility which can lead individuals to seek alternative paths to parenthood,” further detail how these emotive struggles were represented in your data. Did participants explicitly mention this emotional transition?

The description of the purposive sampling strategy is somewhat vague. Elaborate on the specific criteria used to select participants, ensuring that the sampling strategy's alignment with the study's aims is clear. For instance, explain why a diverse representation in terms of age, gender, socioeconomic status, and ethnic background was crucial.

The paragraph, “Data were collected through semi-structured interviews which allowed for in-depth exploration,” could benefit from more detail about the interview process. Include information on how the interview guide was developed and any pre-testing or piloting done to refine it.

The paragraph starting with “Practitioners working with adoptive families can benefit from the insights gained in this study,” should be expanded to include more detailed recommendations. Specify which types of pre-adoption training and post-adoption support might be most effective based on your findings.

The conclusion restates many points from the discussion without adding new insights. Consider summarizing the most critical findings and explicitly stating the study's contributions to the field of adoptive parenthood research.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.