




# Exploring the Role of Extended Family in Child Rearing Practices Across Different Cultures

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

"The objective of this study was to explore the role of extended family in child-rearing practices across different cultures." could be more specific by mentioning the exact cultural contexts studied to provide clearer insight into the scope of the research.

The description of the data analysis process in "Data analysis was conducted using NVivo software facilitating systematic coding and thematic analysis to identify key themes and patterns" should include a brief explanation of the coding process and how themes were derived.

The statement "The study protocol adhered to the principles outlined in the Helsinki Declaration" should mention any specific ethical challenges encountered and how they were addressed, particularly regarding cultural sensitivities.

The phrase "household chores" should be expanded to specify what types of chores were commonly shared and how this division of labor impacted family dynamics.

The sentence "They act as role models and offer positive reinforcement" could be enhanced by providing specific examples of how role modeling and positive reinforcement were exhibited in different cultural contexts.

The sentence "Conflicts overwhelming expectations misunderstandings and cultural clashes were cited as negative experiences" should include examples or quotes from participants to illustrate these challenges more vividly.

Authors revised the manuscript.

### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The phrase "The participants ranged in age from 25 to 65 years with the majority (60%) falling between 30 and 50 years old." could be enhanced by providing specific numbers for each age bracket to offer a more detailed demographic breakdown.

The statement "Theoretical saturation was used to determine the sample size" should explain how theoretical saturation was assessed and confirmed during the research process.

The sentence "participants hailed from various regions including North America (8 participants 32%) South Asia (6 participants 24%) East Asia (5 participants 20%) Africa (4 participants 16%) and Latin America (2 participants 8%)" should address whether these participants were first-generation immigrants or long-term residents, as this can influence cultural practices.

The description "Transcripts were imported into NVivo where initial coding was performed" could benefit from a brief mention of the coding framework or whether inductive or deductive coding was used.

The sentence "The involvement of extended family in health and safety includes providing medical care emergency response and safety education" should be expanded to detail specific health practices or safety protocols passed down through generations.

The sentence "Extended family members help preserve traditional recipes meal times and dietary restrictions" could be enriched by including examples of specific traditional dishes and their cultural significance.

The statement "Technology has helped us stay connected with extended family members who live far away enhancing our children's relationships with them" should explore the potential negative aspects of technology in child-rearing practices, such as over-reliance or reduced face-to-face interactions.

The phrase "decisions are made collectively unlike in nuclear setups where parents have the final say" should be supported with examples from the interviews to highlight specific decision-making processes.

Authors revised the manuscript.

## 2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.