

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Navigating Stress and Growth: The Role of Social Support Among Caregivers of Cancer Patients in Morocco

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity				✓
Significance			✓	

Reviewer Name: Dr. Divyaparvathy J

Reviewer's Comment:

The study addresses an important topic with clear findings, but lacks detail on sampling and data saturation. The thematic analysis would benefit from more transparency about coding and reflexivity. Cultural influences are noted but not deeply explored. Ethical considerations and practical implications need clearer articulation

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

1. The study addresses an important and under-researched population, providing valuable qualitative insights into caregivers' experiences within a Moroccan cultural context.
2. The use of thematic analysis appears appropriate for exploring caregivers' perspectives; however, more detail on the analytic process (e.g., coding procedures, theme development) would enhance transparency.
3. Participant demographics are briefly described, but information on recruitment methods, inclusion/exclusion criteria, and sample size justification is missing. These data should be included for clarity.
4. The presentation of themes is clear and includes relevant participant quotes, effectively illustrating the findings; yet, the paper could improve by including more direct quotes to capture diversity of voices and reduce potential bias.
5. The thematic findings on family support, community networks, and healthcare challenges resonate with existing literature but would benefit from deeper critical engagement, particularly on how cultural norms may influence caregiving roles.
6. The study mentions the role of religious and cultural values but stops short of analyzing their complex impact on caregiving stress and coping; expanding this discussion could provide richer insights.
7. Reflexivity is not addressed; the authors should discuss their positionality and potential biases to strengthen the trustworthiness of the qualitative findings.
8. Ethical considerations (e.g., consent, confidentiality) are not explicitly mentioned and should be reported in detail, given the sensitivity of the topic.

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9. Methodological limitations, such as potential social desirability bias or the limited transferability of findings beyond the specific cultural context, should be more thoroughly acknowledged.

10. The discussion successfully connects findings to broader theoretical frameworks but would benefit from suggesting practical implications or recommendations tailored for healthcare providers and policymakers.

11. The manuscript could improve by clarifying how saturation was determined to justify sample adequacy in qualitative research terms.

12. The language and narrative flow are generally clear but could be polished to avoid occasional redundancy and improve readability.

13. Providing the data collected or the master sheet included for theme generation, as a supplementary file is encouraged.

14. Overall, this qualitative work offers meaningful contributions but would be strengthened by enhanced methodological detail, critical reflection, and clearer links to practical applications.