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Reviewer -1: From the abstract, it is not immediately clear what kind of data is involved? Interviews? Observations?	Thank you. We have added the following to the abstract: "The data for this research is drawn from the analysis of critical incidents - narrative accounts provided by practitioners reflecting on significant events."
Introduction - "In responding to this question, Author One presents his critical reflection from a parent's perspective of a persistently conflictual co-parenting relationship and as a student undertaking his Honor's research. Author Two is an educator/supervisor of the Honor's research and an FDR practitioner. Both authors have backgrounds in social work.", this section fits the methodology better because it now distracts from the 'why' we need to investigate this. At the end of the first paragraph, and the end of the third paragraph, you write the same thing twice. This causes confusion because 1) it is already about how the research happens, instead of the introduction to the theme, and because 2) it is described twice in different wording.	Thank you. We have revised the final introductory paragraph to concisely elaborate on our rationale and avoid redundancies, while migrating portions to the methodology section.
- The position of 'critical reflection' is not clear from the introduction. Is it a research method used by the researcher? Or a suggested way in which social workers can guide persistent conflict? Or both?	Thank you. This has now been expanded upon under the newly added "Approach" heading, as below guidance advised to remove repetition.
- I recommend you use a clearer structure in the introduction, and remove all repetition. Suggested structure: persistent interparental conflict, engaging with the family court, critical reflection (as research method), research questions/aims.	Thank you. We have amended the introductory section to reflect this suggestion and migrated portions to a new section.
Page 3, line 24: damaging effects for children? Or co-parents? - Unfortunately, many parental relationships never recover from this experience., reference?	Thank you. We have included this recommendation in our Persistent Interparental Conflict section and added the reference.
2. Methodology - The methodologic section creates more clarity. Still, I would devote another specific section here to the difficulties of examining your own data. I would also divide the section into: approach, critical incident, analysis.	Thank you. We have divided the sections as recommended and added the following to the methodology section: "The primary author employs the critical incident method outlined by Fook (2023), as a

	research method (see Morley, 2008) in his Honor's research to disrupt the persistent conflict he was engaged within and transform his co-parenting relationship. The second author supervised the research, facilitated and prompted reflective questioning, identified emergent themes, and guided discussions on the findings and contributions to social work knowledge and practice, thereby providing "a more comprehensive and holistic analysis given that critical reflection relies to some degree on the generation of multiple perspectives" (Morley, 2008, p.272). This collaborative process ensured that the analysis remained rigorous and critically reflective."
In the limitations, you discuss that you will not be able to generalise data. That seems logical to me and therefore not a goal of your methodological approach? So here I would expect a deeper reflection of the research method (see also previous comment).	Thank you. We have amended the section as follows: "A limitation of employing critical reflection as a methodology is its inherently subjective nature and its reliance on the specific contexts in which it is applied. The findings of this research are deeply rooted in my own experiences as a divorced father navigating post-separation co-parenting challenges. These insights, while valuable, are not universally applicable or easily replicable by other researchers. Therefore, this study does not aim to produce a generalized "how-to" guide for practice within family law contexts."
It also seems to me necessary to highlight your position as a divorced father from the literature (mainly women in research on parenting, but also the position of fathers in co-parenting post-divorce)	Thank you. We have added the following to the introduction: "Amidst these dynamics, and despite evidence that fathers independently contribute to their child(ren)'s wellbeing and development, their roles are often underrepresented in parenting research, as Cabrera et al. (2018) highlight. As those authors note, this underrepresentation is also pronounced in post-separation literature, where a focus on mothers as primary caregivers, and fathers as economic providers sideline their contributions."
Critical incident: I would like to read a bit more when you wrote this? And was this how you felt at the time? Or do you already have the analysis of the moment in your head when you are writing this? I	Thank you. We have added: "At the time of writing, I did not have any pre-formed analysis in mind. The reflective process involved revisiting the experience without

would like to see a bit more transparency in the process of analysis.	preconceived interpretations, allowing the deconstruction phase to shape my understanding. This ensured transparency, as the analysis emerged organically through the deconstruction, rather than being influenced by prior conclusions."
3. Results - Page 6, line 1: how did you discovered the three themes? How were the destruction questions chosen? Can you give the reader some more transparency?	Thank you. This is addressed above.
- Pag 8, line 19: how do you understand gender? - How does your references shape your analysis and vice versa? Is this then a deductive or inductive analyzing process?	Thank you. Critical reflection sits within the critical post-structural realm and the theories we draw on are identified in the methodology. The analysing process is now identified as inductive in "Approach" headed paragraph.
What cultural/systemic changes do we need to make if children's best interests are to be realized - => Does this question insinuate that the best interests of the child can be conceptualised in a single way?	Thank you. We identified some of the issues in the literature review, so we are seeking alternatives to the traditional way that currently exists. It is expected there will be many alternatives to the current single way.
Conclusion - Just because the research design is atypical, a concise conclusion would be good to point out the added value of your research	Thank you. We have added the following: "Ultimately, the value of this research lies in its demonstration of how critical reflection can disrupt persistent interparental conflict by addressing underlying legal, gendered, and discursive influences that exacerbate conflict and disempower parents. It highlights the limitations of traditional conflict resolution approaches and advocates for restorative practices that focus on healing and collaboration, rather than legal entanglement. For conflict to reach its generative potential, it requires us to engage in critical reflection."
Implications for social work research - men's unique needs and experiences. => how do you frame this statement in literature on gender and parenting?	Thank you. We have changed the wording so that this section is easier to understand and relevant to the paper.
Reviewer-2: The author does not have consent from an individual (his former wife) to provide considerable identifying information about her. Some of it is less than positive. I have served on the American Psychological Association	Thank you. We have amended the manuscript by removing references to behaviour and emotive aspects. We hope this will be satisfactory, but we would appreciate any specific guidance if further adjustments are needed.

Ethics committee and publishing any research that does not assure the anonymity of all subjects requires the consent of those subjects to be involved in the study or publication of any information that would identify them. This statement by the author on page 5 “Regardless, privacy considerations have been observed. Author One and his former spouse, who have been apart for approximately ten years, do not share a last name.” is woefully inadequate. To think that not sharing a last name protects the privacy of his former spouse, who he refers to in detail multiple times, is simply false.	