

Reviewer #1: This is a very important and timely review on the single man who seek adoption. The review is extremely well written and all the relevant literature is reviewed.

I am very grateful to the reviewer for this positive evaluation.

Reviewer #2: The author wrote the current situation of fostering, and suggested that the need and value of male adoption is underestimated. The author attempted to prove that single men are successful to be a foster parent as well as women. This manuscript seems not to have major flaw in its concept and logic.

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The author wrote that childcare agencies are not actively recruiting men. But is there any evidence to confirm it? Or, is it an estimation of the author?

This is an estimation based on the reviewed literature. It most likely varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

If the latter, rather social hesitation, or discrimination, is rather responsible for sluggish spread of male adoption, in my sense.

Yes, I agree. In some jurisdictions, it is very likely due to cases of child reports of inappropriate behaviour on the part of the foster or adoptive father.

Are there any data about the acceptance rate of male candidate for foster father?

Not specifically. It very likely depends on the jurisdiction and appears to be changing over time.

According to the questions and recommendations listed above, I have made my revisions in **Bold** in the manuscript.