To analyze how older adults conceptualize these intergenerational relationships.

Methods

In this qualitative study, in-depth interviews were carried out with 316 older adults, aged 65-102, from three different nationalities who lived at home. Verbatim transcripts were examined.

Conclusions

The empirical findings from this research indicate how ambivalence in intergenerational relationships is experienced by older adults and stress the contradictory expectations of older adults with grandchildren.

Keywords: Ambivalence; conflict; intergenerational relationships; older adults; support.