
**Abstract**
The sale of solid organs is illegal in many countries, but the reality is that it happens. This study investigated and identified the structure of sacrificing something important among compensated kidney donors in the Philippines by conducting in-depth, face-to-face dialogues from 13 participants in the town of Baseco, Manila, Philippines. The structure of sacrificing something important among compensated kidney donors emerges from the extrinsic intent of adversity and the intrinsic intent of altruism, which is instrumental to the struggle of making a difficult decision, emerging in the act with reciprocation, and although resulting in the consequences of health deterioration and loss, resilience makes bouncing back possible.