

Review of: ""There Are Challenging Cases for Us": A Qualitative Study of Cypriot Midwives' Experiences Investigating Incidents of Intimate Partner Violence During Pregnancy"

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Dear author,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review your article. I found the article to be very interesting and enjoyed reading it.

Here are some points:

Abstract:

- The full term (intimate partner violence) has been used repeatedly. If the term is used once in the abstract, it should be abbreviated thereafter.
- The conclusions did not really map out all the results. Results of the study did not indicate that midwives lacked significant knowledge, but that other barriers were more significant. You should rewrite the conclusions so that they reflect the findings.

Introduction:

Similar to the abstract: the full term (intimate partner violence) has been used repeatedly. If the term is used once in the abstract, it should be abbreviated thereafter.

Data collection:

You mentioned that the interviews were conducted in Greek, but you did not mention how the transcripts were translated to English.

Data analysis:

Data was generally analysed. Also, there was some confusion related to the quote for the theme "presence of a partner". I thought the pregnant woman was the speaker, but the quote used 'he'. I suggest you have a second look at it and make it clearer to the reader.

Limitations:

The paragraph mentioned some strengths, so I suggest adding (Strengths) as a sub-title.

Also, I think it is important for your study to include (recommendations) for improvement and suggest further research, such as cross-sectional surveys to estimate the prevalence of the issue and interventions based on behaviour change theories.

Good luck, and thank you again.

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