

# 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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- The study addresses the significant rates of intimate partner violence (IPV) during pregnancy and indicates that in Cyprus, existing guidelines are not implemented in clinical practice. This leaves the midwives to manage the IPV incidents to varying standards.
- Although the researcher acknowledges the limitation of using a small sample, which limits generalizability, more participants like midwives in other regions could have strengthened the study. (pg. 12)
- The inclusion of more information on the recruitment process and demographic characteristics of the participants would improve the replicability of the study (pg 1-2).
- Although the study acknowledges the lack of a standardized method of managing IPV, including a discussion on the development and implementation of the guidelines can enrich the study. Also, improvement in the reported quantitative data to include the prevalence in this context, and outcomes of the management could strengthen the study findings (pg. 7-8).
- The researcher may want to be more specific on the midwives' training required as a recommendation to manage IPV and compare with evidence-based models that have worked (pg. 9-10)
- The researcher may recommend collaboration through joint training for health professionals, e.g., psychologists, social workers, and midwives, to reduce the fragmentation of care (pg. 8-9)
- Additional discussion on how midwives can be supported for their mental health due to the impact of managing IPV cases
- For future studies, the researcher can recommend a follow-up on the IPV cases, which can lead to an intervention.