

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 research topic is interesting and very important for the midwifery profession and for quality and appropriate care for women.

Because the article is intended for an international population and not everyone is familiar with the profession in Cyprus, it will be useful to add a description of the midwife's work and responsibilities (Does she perform antenatal care or only childbirth care in the delivery room?), are there any differences in the training of midwives and their work (in private versus public institutions), how teamwork in the clinics is conducted, and how teamwork in the delivery rooms is conducted?. Also, it would be useful to add information regarding the maternity population in Cyprus and its characteristics (are there many immigrants? from which countries? are they the main victims compared to women born in Cyprus?), is a woman who experiences IPV only treated if she complains personally to the police, or can someone report it, and the police will handle the matter?

There is one man in the sample of midwives (Table 2); did he address the issue differently?

Minor corrections that I think should be done:

1. In the method summary - it is advisable to write that the research was (not is) qualitative.
 2. In the demographics chapter, the age range in line 2 should be corrected to 30-55.
 3. The quote written under the title "The denial of the victim...caused frustration...and doubts the professional skills of the midwife" is not an example of doubting the professional abilities of the midwife. I suggest looking for another quote.
- The conclusions are good and important, and I hope you will be able to create clinical guidelines and a clear and efficient protocol for the optimal treatment of women victims of violence.

Good luck!