

Review of: "Impact of Men's Labour Migration on Non-migrating Spouses' Health: A Systematic Review"

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Title:

Interesting and socially relevant in present scenario of large scale migration. Such a review can able to provide more insight into this field.

Introduction:

Well explained. However, I suggest to include specific figure indicating the percentage of men migrated for better living from LMICs while leaving behind their spouses in the country of their origin.

Method:

1. What was the logic behind selecting the time frame between 2005 and 2022?
2. In **Figure 1**, it is better to rephrase the titles as 'title screening-342' instead of 'after duplicate removal', similarly 'abstract screening-218' instead of 'after title screening', total no. of articles finally included-33' for 'after quality appraisal-33' and so on. It will better explain the actions taken at each step and on among how many articles; rather than just subtracting numbers.
3. Add a opposite direction arrow to indicate '1 hand-searched article included'.
4. I like to suggest the main title of the Figure 1 as 'systematic literature screening process'.
5. section **2.3 quality assessment**: It will be helpful for the readers if you would elaborate the parameters based on which the quality checking was done in these tools.

Findings:

1. section **3 findings**: '**13** looked at sexual and reproductive health' - write 13 in words or rewrite other digits in numerical, to maintain the consistency in writing pattern.
2. section **3.1 mental health**: (a) Nine studies have argued left-behind women were at higher risk of mental illness - How many of these were from Asia? Is it include the study from Africa and Caribbean also?; (b) Specifically in which regions the prevalence of depressive reported to be higher in this case?.
3. section **3.4.1. Family planning**: "In their cross-sectional study, Shattuck et al. found that **migrant** wives in Nepal more frequently reported the intention to become pregnant in the next year, had lower knowledge on male and female fertility, and were less likely to access reproductive health services compared to women who lived with their husbands

(Shattuck et al., 2019).” - check if it would be non-migrant wives, not migrant wives.

Discussion:

A good amount of information is provided in discussion section. However, I suggest providing more region/country specific explanations to reflect your study findings. This will help readers better understand the concerns and specific needs of different countries in this regard.

The limitations and future research directions sections include almost all relevant aspects to provide new directions for researchers in such an important issues.