

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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This manuscript addresses an important and timely issue with significant findings that contribute valuable insights to the field. Overall, the article is thorough, insightful, and well-articulated, offering valuable contributions to the understanding and management of intimate partner violence during pregnancy in the healthcare setting. The topic is well-chosen, and while the results are compelling, the paper would benefit from minor revisions before being considered for publication.

My comments on each section are provided below.

Abstract:

Consider condensing the content to focus on the most critical aspects, including the research question, methodology, key findings, and implications. This will make the abstract more concise and impactful.

Introduction:

Narrow the literature review to focus on the most directly relevant studies.

Explicitly state the research objectives or questions.

Improve the flow by ensuring that each section of the introduction naturally leads to the next.

Expand on the significance of the research gap to emphasize the importance of the study.

Method

Qualitative Method: I believe it would be beneficial to first address the details of the qualitative method and the reasons for its selection in the Methods section.

Recruitment and Sample: Provide additional context for the selection of hospitals and discuss the rationale behind using specific eligibility criteria.

Data Collection: Offer a rationale for choosing focus groups and semi-structured interviews, and explain how focus group dynamics were managed.

Analysis: Expand on the analytical process, including how themes were developed and validated. Mention any translation processes and their handling.

Demographics: Discuss the influence of participant demographics on the findings and the representativeness of the sample.

Ethics: This section is great.

Results:

The results section is well-organized, with clear identification of main themes and subthemes. This helps in understanding the different aspects of the midwives' experiences and the challenges they face when dealing with intimate partner violence (IPV) during pregnancy.

Discussion

The discussion section partially links the study's findings to existing literature. It seems this section could be improved by critically analyzing the gaps in current practices.