

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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Thank you very much for allowing me to review this very important subject in research.

Abstract - OK

Background - Last line of the antenatal paragraph: " They report victims based on their gender? What does this mean? Male or female?

Methods - a) There are some spelling typos in Table 1; kindly revise it.

b) Authors wrote that one of the eligibility criteria was having participated in the education program STOP IPV. Didn't this create bias in the results? That only those with significant experience were involved in the study?

c) Were the participants compensated for their time during data collection?

Data collection - OK

Analysis - Was any back translation done? Was the analysis done in teams? If so, how was the process done in reaching harmonized results?

Demographics - Seems there was only 1 male participant. Does it mean midwifery is a female-dominated profession in Cyprus? If not, why were the men not involved? Their perspectives would have been of great value.

Results

Sub-theme (fear of disclosure) - Was fear of disclosure reported by the victims or the participants (midwives)? The text written about this is a bit confusing. Kindly consider rewording the statements.

Suggesting a new title for the sub-theme: "Admission to the antenatal clinic and midwifery management"

A quote under the sub-theme (presence of the partner) - I think there is a typing error as the quote describes a "he" as a victim of violence.

Discussion - The discussion section seems to be insufficient because there is a lack of extensive comparison between studies conducted in the past and the present study. I recommend an extensive literature search to be able to discuss more, since the current study has very important findings. The area of focus has been extensively researched worldwide.

Limitations - What is your recommendation on how you would have mitigated the results being influenced by the work environment, since you have reported that one of the FGDs was conducted in the hospital?

The manuscript has only two authors, but it seems there is more than two people who have done a lot of work in accomplishing this research. Was this an agreement of the authors?