

Investigating the impact of the Corona pandemic on the increase in violence against women


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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The topic is timely and of significant social importance. However, the paper would benefit from a broader analysis that includes varying cultural, economic, and legal contexts across different countries. This expansion would provide a more comprehensive understanding of the pandemic's impact on violence against women globally.

The paper successfully identifies key factors contributing to increased violence against women during the pandemic. For further depth, it could also examine the impact of these factors on different groups of women, considering age, socio-economic status, and geographic location. This would highlight the nuanced ways in which the pandemic affects various populations.

The discussion on legal frameworks and their limitations is crucial. It could be strengthened by including specific examples of legal measures adopted by different countries in response to the pandemic and analyzing their effectiveness in protecting victims of domestic violence.

The paper concludes with general suggestions for addressing the issue. It would be beneficial to provide more concrete, actionable recommendations for policymakers, healthcare providers, and community organizations. These could include strategies for improving legal protection, increasing access to support services, and raising public awareness.

While the paper addresses an important ethical issue, it could further discuss the ethical implications of research on sensitive topics like domestic violence, including considerations for protecting the privacy and safety of affected individuals.

Response: Revised.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

While the review includes relevant articles, it would be enhanced by incorporating a wider range of sources, including non-English literature and reports from international organizations like WHO and UN Women. This would ensure a more diverse and comprehensive understanding of the issue.

The systematic review methodology is appropriate for the research question. However, the paper should clarify the criteria for article selection and provide a more detailed description of the search strategy, including databases used, keywords, and the selection process. This would improve the replicability of the study.

The paper is generally well-written, but there are opportunities to improve clarity and flow. Some sections could be reorganized for coherence, and technical terms and concepts should be defined for readers unfamiliar with the topic. Additionally, ensuring consistency in citation style and formatting would enhance the paper's professionalism.

Response: Revised.

2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.