Author's response to reviews

Title: Community-level influences on women's experience of intimate partner violence and terminated pregnancy in Nigeria: A multilevel analysis.

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Author's response to reviews: see over
Response to reviewers’ comments II

Reviewer's report
Title: Community-level influences on women's experience of intimate partner violence and terminated pregnancy in Nigeria: A multilevel analysis.
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Reviewer: Mika Gissler

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Community-level influences on women's experience of intimate partner violence and terminated pregnancy in Nigeria: A multilevel analysis.

Reviewer's report

Thank you for preparing a new version of the article. Since I did not receive a version with track changed, I read the whole article as a new one.

- Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The one sentence in abstract remained unchanged, even though it is unclear and even misleading. I suggest that the authors rephrase the sentence according to following: “Women who had experienced physical IPV, sexual IPV and any IPV had more likely to have terminated a pregnancy compared to women who had not experienced these IPV types.”

Authors’ response
This has been changed, as the reviewer suggested.

2. The flow chart was changed. There is still a problem, since not all 19,226 women were exposed to terminated pregnancy. I assume the writers mean that Excluded, missing are the 979 without information on IPV and 19,226 women are the women with information on IPV.

Authors’ response
This has been corrected, as the reviewer suggested.

3. The tables should be given in the main document, not as additional files.

Authors’ response
This was attempted as the reviewer suggested, but was complicated.
- Minor Essential Revisions

1. Page 7: Suddenly there is a link to feminist theory. It should be explained or removed.

Authors' response
The words “feminist theory” under Exposures in Methods section have been deleted, as the reviewer suggested.


Authors' response
This has been done, as the reviewer suggested.

3. The references should be double checked. I spotted minor problems such as typos and incorrect journal abbreviations at least with numbers 1, 20, 26 and 45.

These have been checked, as the reviewer suggested.

Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.

Reviewer's report

Title: Community-level influences on women’s experience of intimate partner violence and terminated pregnancy in Nigeria: A multilevel analysis.

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Reviewer: Miriam Taegtmeyer

Reviewer's report:
I have read the rebuttal of the comments and refered this back to the editorial board

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.