Reviewer's report

Title: Association of various reproductive rights, domestic violence and marital rape with depression among Pakistani women.

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Major Compulsory Revisions
- I suggest none. I think that the paper is quite good and ready to be published if the authors will make some suggested typographical corrections as described below.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Page 3, para 3; Page 3, last para; Page 11, para 2; and Page 11, last para:
   In all these paragraphs, there is a grammatical error in which the author writes: "Although... but...".
   This should be corrected to "Although..., ..." by replacing the "but" with a comma.
2. Page 4, last para
   In one sentence, there is a typographical error in which "his" should be replaced with "this".
3. Page 6, 3rd para
   In one sentence, there is a typographical error in which "fuether" should be replaced with "further".
4. Page 6, last para
   The word "data" is plural. So "Data was..." should be "Data were..."
5. Page 10, 2nd para
   A word is missing in the sentence that currently reads "...low sub urban...".
   This phrase should be corrected to "...low-income suburban..."
6. Page 10, last para, 2nd sentence
   Shouldn't the list of possible 'in-laws' include 'brother-in-law' as well?
   Currently only mother, father, and sister-in-law is included.

Discretionary Revisions:
Page 3, 3rd paragraph: Currently, this paragraph does not read well in English, and brings down the standard of the rest of this good paper. This paragraph
might read more clearly, with better use of English language if it were written something like this:

"Although Pakistan is a diverse society, women are under-privileged in meeting their sexual needs and in freedom of choice of partner, which has implications for women's reproductive behavior and human rights. This gender inequality decreases women's ability to have a healthy sex life, and increases their risk of violence and mental disorders."

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.