Reviewer's report

Title: What factors are associated with recent intimate partner violence? Findings from the WHO multi-country study on women’s health and domestic violence

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1. The research question of identifying the risk factors associated with current IPV is well defined by the authors.
2. The methods utilized are appropriate and well described. The outcome variable of current IPV is clearly stated, so is definition of an intimate partner. The anticipated risk factors based on the relationship approach model are indicated in the data analysis section.
3. The data are sound and well analyzed in line with the objective of the study
4. The discussion and conclusion are concise and based on the documented results.
5. The limitations of the study are clearly stated.
6. The authors acknowledged the use of the work of authors such as Jewkes and Heise in the development of the” relationship” approach to assessing IPV risk.
7. The title and abstract accurately convey the findings of the survey.
8. The manuscript is well written.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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