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The authors have addressed the comments provided for the last version. The only comment I have for the current version is for the Results on page 8. The authors give comparative results for several variables but don’t explicitly state “compared to xxx”. For example, the sentence “More women in monogamous relationships (n = 2056; 71%) reported being subjected to physical violence (p< 0.023), and 290 (44%) reported experiencing sexual violence (p< 0.000).” It is not clear more than whom? This could be rephrased such as: “Compared to polygamous women, more women in monogamous relationships...”.

The other minor essential revision is on editing for language. For example, on page 5 in para 2, the Conflict Tactic Scale appears two times in same sentence. On page 9, line 12 the "05% CI" should be changed to "95% CI".

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.