Author's response to reviews

Title: Intimate partner violence and help-seeking - a cross-sectional study of women in Sweden

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Dear Editor,

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Comments to the reviewers of manuscript (MS:1068489340789092) – “Intimate partner violence and help-seeking – a cross-sectional study of women in Sweden”.

We appreciate the helpful comments and feedback on our manuscript from the reviewers very much. Indeed, the manuscript has improved a lot since the first draft, and this had not been possible without the engagement from reviewers. Because this manuscript is intended to also be a part of a doctoral thesis, we would appreciate a final decision concerning possible publication in BMC Public Health soon. As always, a PhD project has a time limit.

Best regards,
Mariana Dufort

Reviewer 2:
Minor Essential Reviews
1. Please include the number of women included in the models separately by help-seeking and non-help-seeking groups. The total number was added to the results, but the number was not broken out by group.
   1. Response: The final samples included in the multivariate analysis by group have been added in the methods section, see page 14 (4 lines from the bottom).

Reviewer 3:
Minor essential revisions
Abstract
2. Revise language in the result section. The sentence starting with "women in both groups..." is difficult to understand.
   2. Response: The sentence has been rewritten, see page 2 (9 lines from the bottom).

Background
3. I suggest to add a subtitle named "IPV and help-seeking" to help the reader to be introduced to the topic.
   3. Response: A subtitle named "IPV and help-seeking" has now been added in the background section, see page 5 (1st line from the top).

Methods
4. Reference for figure 1 is missing.
   4. Response: References for figure 1 have been added, see pages 8 (8 lines from the top) and 9 (1st line from the top)