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Major compulsory revisions

the 3th research question ‘Could any of these potential differences be related to help-seeking?’ is not answered

p4 non-help seeking group: comment on potential selection bias: Could there be a difference between the women who responded and the ones who did not?

p5 the calculation is not clear: 376-72-6-107 does not equal 212

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Minor essential revisions

p2 who did not sought help -> who did not seek help

p4 NGO:s - NGO’S

p13 In accordance to previous research which points out that many women are confronted to a range of challenges upon leaving the violent relationship, making them more vulnerable to poorer psychological health -> incomplete sentence

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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