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1. The research question seem well addressed with exception of some grammatical errors
   # Line 17 better to put “It still remains a serious problem…….”
   # Line 20 since qualitative data didn’t apply to the whole 635 samples it is better to describe quantitative and qualitative sample separately
   # Line 28 better to say to be married rather than to get husband
   # Line no 42 replace the word catting to cutting

2. Methods are appropriate and well described
   Line 161 & 162 strictly followed rather than were strictly follow the

3. Result and discussion well described but lot of grammatical errors so it need to be revised.
   Line 235 omit the word were from the sentence “Many respondents, 231 (37.3%) also identify mothers are the decision makers for a daughter to be circumcised.” and use only the word identified

4. On conclusion part “Efforts to eradicate the practice should incorporate a human rights approach rather than rely solely on the damaging health consequences” doesn’t seem based on this study.

5. Limitation of the study is not well acknowledged

6. Title and abstract are well articulated

7. The manuscript is acceptable but it needs edition