Author's response to reviews

Title: Domestic Violence against Women in Eastern Sudan.

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Major Compulsory:
1- We formulated the aim of the study to reflect the cross sectional design of the study and we replaced the word affected (which implies the causality) by “associated with” as recommended.
2- We mentioned the added information in the questionnaire where the domestic violence items originated and who structure the questionnaire, please see the methodology.
3- We discussed how the security of the participants was considered during the face-to face interview, please see the method section.
4- We re-wrote the sentence which included the re-call bias to be clearer.
5- The conclusion stated in the abstract was written to be in consistent with that stated in the end of the article.
6- We reformulated the sentence which recommended more research with men to avoid the confusion.
7- We omitted the statements referring to univariable analysis as suggested by the reviewer.
8- As suggested instead of mentioning a limitation of a cross-sectional study design in the conclusion we added a sentence on policy recommendation, and alternatively, we mentioned which associated factors were associated with domestic violence before qualifying with the limitation.

Minor essential
1- We corrected the sexual coercive to sexual coercion the manuscript.
2- We corrected the word eligible.
3- The term believes privacy was omitted.
4- We clarified the sentence which included “fear of the mother from divorce”.

Minor issue
1- Yes furthermore is one word and it was corrected.
2- We began with new paragraph concerning with the policymakers.
3- We corrected the verb recommended in the conclusion to the present tense.

All these changes have been highlighted to be traced easily
This work may still need some editorial touches; these are welcomed and will be highly appreciated.

Best Regards
Dr. Ali