Reviewer's report

Title: Violence against women by male partners and against children within the family: prevalence, associated factors, and intergenerational transmission in Romania

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A big improvement of the manuscript language and format compared with the previous submissions.

However:

1. Not being able to define quantitative the questions' response options of "Often" and "Occasionally", as perception varies from person to person, is making the whole data analysis superficial, even if the author mention it as a limitation. It is not a limitation. It is a hole in the study's infrastructure.

2. The study is done in Romania and is meant to submit to the world's attention the deplorable situation of domestic violence that is going on unnoticed in Romania for a long time. I find no explanation why the author will compare in the "discussion" section the Romanian study findings with the ones of studies done in Norway, the US and Mexico which have different protocols and criteria. (e.g. the Norway study is a prospective study enrolling only pregnant women; the US study finds maybe that the boys are at higher risk of violence than girls but the criteria include wide range of exposure to violence besides family, such as schools, neighborhoods and the study measured the violence exposure of the past-year and lifelong term.

3. The study is of high public health interest for the Romanian society and government and can have a big impact on Romanian public health policies, but for the international public health world is not bringing anything new to the table.

4. I recommend the study to be published in as many as possible medical and public health Romanian Journals, first.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.