Reviewer's report

Title: Gender differences in risk for intimate partner violence in south korea

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This study has a potential to make significant contribution to the literature on IPV in South Korea. I suggest "major compulsory revisions". Here are my suggestions.

In the first paragraph on page 1, the authors use IPV and Domestic violence interchangeably. Please use one consistently.

On page 3-4, they report on factors associated with IPV for men and women. Is this perpetration or victimization?

In the title, it says "gender" difference. In the text, they say "sex-specific". Please use one or the other consistently.

What is 'catty' refer to?

What is the frequency (or percentage) of the missing values and how were they handled?

The authors also failed to mention in the introduction or literature review the rationale for selecting the variables. For instance, how would employment status, childhood poverty, alcoholism, etc. be associated with IPV?


The authors might also look at works by Mieko Yoshihama.

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

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

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests below.