Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge and Awareness about STDs of Women in Bangladesh

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Comments

General Comment
The authors have done a very good work by addressing all the comments raised. The article now looks much better and suitable for publication; however, the authors need to attend to some minor essential comments stated below before the article is published.

Minor essential comments
1. Authors: Review punctuation on authors i.e. the commas should come after the numbers indicating authors’ affiliation and details

2. Abstract: Are you not going to comment or recommend something on geographic location under conclusion? This is expected since geographic location has been found to be significantly related to knowledge.

3. Methods: I feel the subheading “Survey objectives and implementing organizations” and its contents should be deleted. The subheading is not talking about the survey objectives but rather the objectives of the secondary data source used, the BDHS. This is confusing as readers expect current survey objectives. The BDHS objectives may be stated when introducing this data source under introduction

Also the subheading talks about “implementing organizations” but they are missing in the section. The subheading is also not clear in itself.

4. Methods: Under sample design, you have introduced words like “zillas”, “upzillas” and “mohallas”, are these English words? If not, do they have any meaning? If they mean something, please describe what they mean.

5. Methods: Under sample design, your sample size looks big and well selected but you have not explained or justified why you chose 30 households and finally 10996 women. Just choosing 30 may not provide statistical reliable estimates. The figure 30 only helps you to comfortably perform some statistical tests. Did you use a formula? If so what parameters were considered?

6. Methods: Under data analysis you stated that you used windows based software together with SPSS. Which windows based software did you use? Mention them.
7. Methods: Under data analysis, the last but one sentence should be written in one continuous line i.e. ... y=1 if ... and y=0, otherwise.

8. Ethics Statement: Does the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have an ethics committee? Readers may be interested to know if the approval came from ethics committee or just from Government department without a special committee.

9. Results: Second paragraph after Table 1, the sentence with number 2.366, 10.088 and 20.241 needs to be revised because these numbers have been repeated without adding any value to the explanation in the preceding sentence.

10. Results: in general, the results section contains some discussions, conclusions and recommendations. These need to go to appropriate sections to reduce repetition of statements.

11. Conclusion: The third sentence and the preceding one, which reads “it is also found that the respondent’s age, education…” Does not fit well as conclusion but rather should be under discussion.

12. Authors details: This section need to be deleted as these have been well stated on the first page after the title.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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