Reviewer's report

Title: Behind the Silence of Harmony: Risk Factor for Physical and Sexual Violence among Women in Rural Indonesia

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The authors carefully considered comments and suggestions and the manuscript has improved. Here are some minor points for further adjustments:

Minor Essential REvisions

- in Abstract, Results: third sentence “(...) among a small group of husbands (...)” is not sufficiently clear, at least here in the abstract
- related to Table 1, authors' comment is satisfying, although it would be still nice to read in the text why age intervals are just in two groups
- pg. 10, the first paragraph (four lines above the subtitle “Limitations the Study). It seems that something is missing in the sentence: "This phenomena reflects how women in the state of “learned helplessness” due to the cycle of violence [22]". Also, in the next sentence please consider replacing “by” with “to”: “(...) exposed by their husband’s abuse (...)” to “(...) exposed to their husband’s abuse (...)”
- paper would still benefit from careful spelling and grammar check (for example, the subtitle “Limitations the Study” might be revised itself, as well)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.