Reviewer's report

Title: Traumatic physical health consequences of intimate partner violence against women: What is the role of community-level factors?

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The author presents a more compelling manuscript in this revision. With regards to the issue of decision making autonomy, the author refers to four articles in the response to reviewer comments. I would suggest incorporating them in the manuscript.

I like the discussion of education as a protective factor in IPV. As I mentioned in my earlier review, however, quite a few policy level changes and intervention avenues are compressed in two sentences. I again ask the author to elaborate. How does one prevent controlling behaviors, for instance? Would this require a collaborative effort involving several health and mental health professionals? How would this work in Nigeria? I am pushing the author to discuss how this study's findings would translate in action.

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests