Reviewer’s report

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Minor essential revision

1) The authors need to provide references to the text which they have added on page 5 (following my initial suggestion) on the pathways linking violence, reproductive health and potential confounders e.g. demographics. (see for example Okenwa L, Lawoko S., Jansson B. Contraception, reproductive health and pregnancy outcomes among women exposed to intimate partner violence in Nigeria. Eur J Contracept Reprod Health Care. 2011;16:18-25; and Emenike E, Lawoko S, Dalal K. Intimate Partner Violence and Reproductive health of women in Kenya. International Nursing Review 2008;55:97-102. etc) They could add to the end of that text that "accordingly, we adjusted for potential confounding of such variables in our analysis"

2) Under data analysis (page 5), the authors for some reason choose a rather stringent condition for inclusion of covariates associated with both outcome and risk factors in further analysis when they choose a p-value of p<0.01. It is not clear why. In the explanation they provide in the separate file however, they have indicated p<0.05, so this is possibly an error??. In any case, a p-value of 0.05 is usually the norm. In some cases p<0.1 (not 0.01!) could also be used.

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

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I have no competing interests