Reviewer's report

**Title:** "We no longer live in the old days": A qualitative study on men's view on masculinity and violence within marriage in rural Java, Indonesia.

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**Reviewer:** Ravneet Kaur

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1. **Major Compulsory Revisions**
Describe the characteristics of participants in each FGD. Since the age ranged from 20 to 71 years and participants included both married and unmarried men, was homogeneity of the group ensured? The young men might have held back their views in the presence of elderly men in the group.

The authors have come up with three constructions of masculinity – the traditionalist, the pragmatist and the egalitarian. However, it has not been discussed as to how the characteristic of men e.g. age and education are related to their views on masculinity and domestic violence. Are elderly men more traditional in their approach or the younger one more of pragmatic or egalitarian views? This paper does not give any information in this regard.

In section on conclusions and policy implications, conducting public lectures on domestic violence does not appear to be a relevant strategy for such a population. Also, please elaborate how can socialization of Indonesia DV Act be done? The study population themselves feel that long term preventive efforts and individual interventions are more important. Involving religious leaders is indeed a valuable strategy.

**Minor Essential Revisions**
Avoid duplication of results in discussion.

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

**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'