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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Most of the points raised have been addressed. The preventive measures utilizing local folk arts, formulation and implementation of women's safety plans and involvement of religious leaders have been well described. The paper may be considered for publication in its present form.

Just a comment on the FGDs:

The purpose of having a homogenous group is to ensure the quality of FGDs. Since the purpose of qualitative methods is to include information rich sources, homogeneity ensures optimum collection of information. In order to get wide and rich information, one group having different age groups and socio economic strata cannot be constituted. In order to get wide information from different groups, FGDs should be conducted in different groups, each group homogenous in terms of age or SES etc.

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'