Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of domestic violence during pregnancy and related risk factors: a cross-sectional study in southern Sweden

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I found this to be an interesting and quite clearly written article. The overarching research question is needed for a further understanding of domestic violence and women’s health during pregnancy. The purpose and methods are well defined and clearly presented. In addition, the use of the different tools and their reliability/validity was nicely discussed so that others completing a similar study would know what to use and why. The data appear to be sound and the authors explain clearly how the data were collected and then managed before analysis. The analysis component was well done, and I think well presented. Otherwise, this is a timely, and well-researched and clearly presented work that should be published. It provides a good discussion about the prevalence of DV and the social/policy context of this issue during pregnancy.

Items to Consider

It would have been nice to have a discussion earlier on about the difference between DV, IPV, etc. so that the reader understands where the authors are taking this discussion.

I did not see an abstract for this article. Was there one?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests. I review articles on DV for other journals; however, this is not my research focus and do not believe I have competing interests here.