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Title: Household Exposure to Violence and Human Rights Violations in western Bangladesh (I): Prevalence, Risk Factors and Consequences

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The Editor
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Submission of two papers for publication in your journal

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to submit, on behalf of all authors, two papers for publication in your journal: “Household Exposure to Violence and Human Rights Violations in western Bangladesh (I): Prevalence, Risk Factors and Consequences” and “Household Exposure to Violence and Human rights Violations in western Bangladesh (II): Torture History and Functional Assessment of Victims”. These papers are among a series of reporting the first multi-site assessment for violence and human rights violations in western Bangladesh. While the first manuscript presents an overall epidemiological character, risk factors and consequences at household level, the second one presents the results for physical and functional assessment of victims identified in the household survey. The second paper will be submitted in the following week. These papers present a feasible and cost-effective rapid assessment procedure for studying conflict epidemiology in the complex setting, and report a number of new results that should be useful for designing better community interventions and peace-building in the developing countries.

All authors have participated in the design of the study, the implementation of the field work, the analysis and interpretation of data, we all worked on draft and revisions of
these manuscripts, and we accept responsibility for their content. These papers have not and will not be submitted to any other journal until we hear from you. We would therefore be very grateful if our papers received a kind and favourable consideration from the BMC Public Health.

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