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Thank you for asking me to review the above named manuscript. The purpose of the study was to determine whether the increase in unemployment among both sexes in different regions in Spain is related to an increase in the rates of IPF during the current financial crisis period. An ecological cohort study was carried out in Spain’s 17 regions. Two study periods were defined: pre-crisis period (2005-2007) and crisis period (2008-2013). IPF rates adjusted by age and unemployment rates for men and women were calculated. The results showed that increase in unemployment in men and women in Spain did not have an effect on IPF.

Title

The title does not reflect the study design and study area.

Background

Authors should provide more justification for studying IPF as the outcome variable, rather than IPV.

Please provide reference for lines 54-61 on page 2.

Methods

Please provide more information on how the activities of the Federation of Separated and Divorced Women, and how the authors confirmed that 100% of the deaths recorded by official government sources in Spain during the study period appear in the database.

Discussion

Authors should recommend further studies on economic crisis and Intimate partner violence particularly the more subtle and chronic forms of IPV.
There are a few typographical errors and there is need for some copy editing of the English.
Thank you
Dr Olufunmilayo I. Fawole

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests