Reviewer’s report

Title: Intimate partner sexual violence and risk for femicide, suicidality and substance use among women in antenatal care and general out-patients in Thailand

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*There are a number of grammatical errors throughout the manuscript, particularly in the introduction and discussion. The authors should consider enlisting the services of a copy editor or academic writer to review the manuscript for grammar and scientific writing style.

*While this manuscript addresses an important topic, the IPV prevalence rate reported by the authors in this study is substantially lower than prevalence rates reported in other similar studies cited by the authors. The authors have not provided sufficient explanations or hypotheses for this discrepancy. The discrepancy in findings without sufficient explanation challenges the validity of the study results.

*In the previous version of this manuscript (revision 1), the authors stated, "The very low reported prevalence of intimate partner violence in this study may possibly be attributed to a lack of privacy when the screening interview was conducted since not always a private room was available in some of the study hospitals”. This sentence was removed from the current version, however, no explanation was provided in the reviewer comments so it is unclear whether or not participants were screened in private. This is an important methodological issue as well as potentially an ethical issue. The authors should be clear as to whether screening was always conducted in private and clarify this change in the manuscript.

*Table 3 should include p-vales (similar to how results are presented in Table 4).

*Not all of the previous peer reviewer comments have been addressed. For example, there continues to be inconsistencies in language use around intimate partner sexual violence. Using consistent language would increase clarity and readability of the manuscripts.

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