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Title: Altered social trajectories and risks of violence among young Syrian women seeking refuge in Turkey: A qualitative study

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This paper uses data that was collected in Turkey through focus group discussions with Syrian adolescents and young people and two mixed gender focus group discussions with Syrian adults using the tableau approach. Results showed that there is an increased sense of vulnerability to violence among this group occasioned by their displacement to a new environment due to conflict with resultant increased gender-based violence. As a coping strategy, these girls are encouraged into marriage to help circumvent social inequalities/challenges to these families encumbered by displacement from their country. Restrictive gender norms were employed by these families there by predisposing to child abuse. The authors discussed the implication of the results and offer intervention to address it. This article addresses an important question using appropriate data and analytic approaches.

I have few comments

* More detail is needed in the sampling procedure.
* The sample is a purposive sample which is a non-probability sample method. Why this method?
* What was the sample frame, and how were study participant selected?
* What was the rate of acceptance for participation in the study?
* How were they allotted in each focus group?
* "Parental consent was not obtained due to the high rate of child marriage under age 18 years old, and acknowledging that many families had been separated during displacement". How many of the study population fell into this group that parental consent was not sorted for? How many are married?
* Table 1 shows Age and sex composition of focus group discussions and I think it will be of value if the socio-demographic characteristics of the participant are also added or shown in another table. overwrite this text when adding your comments to the authors.
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