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Title: Prevalence of intimate partner violence against Women and associated factors in Ethiopia

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Editor Comments:

1. Table (1 & 2)

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Table 1 is cited in “Explanatory Variables” section line 1
Table 2 is cited in “result” section line 3.
Table 3 is cited in “result” section paragraph 3 line1
Table 4 is cited in “Logistic Regression Model Result” section line1
Table 5 is cited in “result” section last paragraph line1.

2. ADM

In the Availability of data and materials section please clarify who should be contacted if someone is to request access to the raw data.

The dataset was demanded and retrieved from CSA website after formal online registration and submission of the project title and detail project description. The data can be accessed through http://www.statsethiopia.gov.et/

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Reviewer 3 (Reviewer 3): PEER REVIEWER ASSESSMENTS:

OBJECTIVE - Full research articles: is there a clear objective that addresses one or several testable research questions? (Brief or other article types: is there a clear objective?)

Yes - there is a clear objective
DESIGN - Is the current approach (including controls and analysis protocols) appropriate for the objective?
Yes - the approach is appropriate

EXECUTION - Are the experiments and analyses performed with sufficient technical rigor to allow confidence in the results?
No - there are minor issues

STATISTICS - Is the use of statistics in the manuscript appropriate?
Not sure - I am not able to assess the statistics in this study

INTERPRETATION - Is the current interpretation/discussion of the results reasonable and not overstated?
Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? If not, can further revisions be made to make the work technically sound?
Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: The authors have engaged on the whole with the reviewers comments. I have not been able to check if the manuscript is written in the author’s own words.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
In some places the use of grammar is not quite right, for example, p.11, line 47, change divorced woman to 'divorced women are...' p.11, lines 52/53..change "consistent result is observed research conducted in"...to " similar results have been found in research conducted in....For example,...
The study also revealed that divorced women are more likely to experience IPV than married women while there is no significant difference between married and widowed women. This high prevalence of IPV is expected to be the reason to be divorced. Similar results have been found in research conducted in Arkansas and New Mexico.

My main concern is that the authors have not really responded to the reviewers' request to think more about the limitations and strengths of the study. This section needs to be longer and currently appears after listing inclusion and exclusion criteria rather than as part of the discussion, which would be normal.
Strength and Limitation
The primary strength of this study is that the analysis is based on the data collected from all regions of the country. Relatively large sample size respondents have been selected randomly and the data was collected by well-trained data collectors with strong supervision to maximize data quality. As limitation, this study used cross-sectional data that has limitation to determine causality. Furthermore, IPV is a sensitive subject that may be associated with negative feelings of guilt and stigma. Consequently, the women may have been reluctant to disclose their experiences of intimate partner violence, which may have affected the reported prevalence in this study. Thus, the findings of this study should be interpreted within this limitation.
ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
Please see my previous comments regarding language and section on limitations.
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