Reviewer’s report

Title: Sexual violence against female university students in Ethiopia

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The authors aim is to assess the prevalence and factors associated with sexual violence among female students in Wolaitha Sodo University, South Ethiopia. They found out that in 45.4% of cases sexual violence was present in life time which was positively associated with witnessing parental violence as a child, rural childhood residence, being sexually active at the time of survey, alcohol consumption and having drunken friends, while it was negatively associated with sexual issues with parents.

They conclude that this issue needs due attention and remedial action from policy makers, University officials, NGOs, parents and students.

The included variables such as being sexually active at the time of survey implicit a negative influence of sexual self estimation of the female students. Unclear is also why the authors include alcohol consumption per se as a risk factor facing sexual violence.

The conclusions are inadequate to the finding of this survey, i.e. the role of NGOs on this behalf? The role of policy makers? Should they prohibit sexual activity of the students? or prevent them from alcohol consumption?

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