Reviewer's report

Title: Risk of Violence from the Man Involved in the Pregnancy after Receiving or Being Denied an Abortion: A Longitudinal Study

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This is an excellent paper and I recommend it for publication. I have some recommendations I would like the authors to consider, but their inclusion are up to the discretion of the authors:

* The authors indicated that 72% of baseline participants were retained at the 2.5 year assessment. This is an admirable retention rate, but nonetheless, the loss of 28% may introduce biases in your sample. Did you assess for potential biases in those lost to follow-up that may affect study findings?
* Do you need to consider clinic factors as covariates, such as their size/number of clients served annually, gestational age limit for abortion, legislative restrictions related to abortion in the region they serve? Or is that an issue since you have the random intercepts for facility and individual?
* It was very surprising that there were no differences in past 6 month IPV for groups at baseline! One would think IPV would affect timing for pursuit of abortion. That is a finding in itself. Reported IPV was also lower than I would have expected, but this may be due to limited number of items measuring IPV.
* Could the reduction in IPV for those having an abortion be in part attributable to change in partner? Was this assessed? Could you include this as an exploratory analysis, if it was measured, to help reveal at least part of the mechanism of your observed findings?
* A very small point-Your abstract results may benefit from inclusion of data to describe the sample or highlight findings.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests