**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** The prevalence and predictors of domestic violence among pregnant women in southeast Oromia, Ethiopia

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**Reviewer:** Ansha Patel

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My general impression of the paper is that it is very well written and there are no major concerns that are present in the paper. The subject matter is also important. I have some points on which the quality can further be improvised. I hope the authors would consider looking into the following aspects:-

1. In the methods part: The use of substance has been mentioned and later on a significant risk is also found for it. For this, it would be better if a clear mention is made about 'the pattern of use " i.e., abuse, dependence, binge. Pls do mention the manner in which this is assessed as well. If not, kindly add this as a limitation of the study.

2. Also I assume that 'exclusion of major psychiatric morbidities in men and women ' is not carried out. Pls look into this aspect. If any data is available on comorbid psychiatric problems or psychological problems in women and men, pls do include it in your analysis. In case it was left out, it may have served as a confounding factor between the Odds ratio established for domestic violence and other variables.

3. If possible pls clarify 'facing maltreatment as a child'. Do these people qualify for being 'children of alcoholic families ' or facing 'child maltreatment/abuse/neglect' or any other developmental issues in the past?

4. In the table 1, I find certain characteristics missing; however these have been incorporated later on (e.g. education of husband, occupation of husband). Pls add this data in table 1 as well.

5. Additionally, pls add the limitations, strengths, implications (clinical and research) of the study in the discussion and conclusion.

6. Pls add any qualitative information in the discussion segment, if you have gathered it while collecting information from the participants.

7. Additionally in the result tables, kindly remove the ‘ *=p<0.05, **=p<0.01'. This is an old way of writing. As per the current style you may only mention the confidence intervals and remove the p values. A general statement of ’p=0.05 being considered for the study as statistically significant', can be written in the data analysis part.
Lastly pls recheck you spellings and punctuation. In some places errors related to same are present.

Thanks and best wishes

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