Reviewer’s report

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

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The paper presents an interesting survey on an important topic.

Although the language is more often correct than not, more work must be done to make the text more succinct and precise. For example, in the abstract the first two sentences in the Methods section could be combined into a single, relatively short sentence. And line 28 of the abstract is not quite right - because confounders are only adjusted for in multivariable models, not also binary, as the sentence suggests.

All paragraph should be separated by an empty line (press return twice).

Capitalization is a bit erratic. Husband doesn't need to be capitalized.

Page 5, line 21: reported or found, not noted

Page 5, line 24-30: remove all the institutions in the sentence and cite the study instead

Page 6, line 11: 'Half of Turkish women...' would be shorter

Page 6, line 21-30: Where? in which population? And same again for lines 33-39

Page 7: it seems weird to have so many sub-headings. If these aren't specified by the journal, remove most of them.

Page 7, line 41: is C.E. meant? Don't need it anyway.

Page 7, line 52: when was the data collection period? How many days over how long a period? Was data collected for a whole day at a time, or only certain hours? Also, what was the response rate?

Page 7, line 57: I don't really understand what 'systematic sampling' means in this case - all women present at the time of data collection were asked to participate, right?

Page 8, line 8: sounds like face-to-face interview. Please state interview type.

Page 8, line 29: what is index pregnancy? is it the current pregnancy?
Page 9, line 26: E.g. 'two-thirds of women were Protestants'

Page 9, line 54: 'most common', not commonest

Page 10: The factors associated with domestic violence section is interesting and presented well, although attention is also needed here on the language e.g. page 10, line 55-57 is confusing and seems to express a slightly different idea than is defined in Table 3 (women family history of violence)

Page 13, line 8: Do you really mean that educated woman can control their own behaviour better and therefore don't get beaten? If so, I think this needs explaining better.

Discussion section has no limitation section. A limitation as I see it would be the use of face-to-face interview (if I understood correctly). There must be literature on the effect of interview method on the accuracy of violence victimisation reporting. This should be cited and discussed.

Table 1: The age categories are strange. Why were they used?

Table 2: Sometimes italics, sometimes not.

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