Reviewer’s report

Title: Domestic violence related disclosure among women and girls in Ethiopia: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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Dear BMC Reproductive Health Editor, thank you for the chance given to review a research article titled "Domestic Violence related disclosure among women and girls in Ethiopia: A systematic review and meta-analysis". Effective time management particular for those who are directly involved in the process of care of human being. Hence, this research will discover the colossal time management problem in the health sector. The following are my comments:

On the Abstract Section

Strong, justifiable and witnessing background is needed.

Try to add key words?

On the Introduction

Try to present poor reproductive health outcome of the mother and the newborn separately and exclusively?

You jumped from global to the Ethiopian context and you didn't mention African regional data on domestic violence?

When violence does was incorporated to the laws of Ethiopia?

Try to incorporate the data of EDHS 2018.

Is that on the general population or on the pregnant women or combination of the three; the girls, general population and the pregnant women or mixed?

On the Methods Section

On Eligibility Criteria

If you have no language criteria, literature of how many language were used. Why you lack criteria for it?
Why you don't limit year /time of literatures? Since the issue was under publication after 2000's in Ethiopia?

From where you reviewed gray literatures? How many and who has reviewed? Is that manual or by search of data base? And when?

Why only cross sectional and cohort studies? Have you included qualitative studies?

Mention inclusion of special populations like pregnant women?

Have you estimated pooled estimate by incorporating pregnant women?

On search strategy

Have you scanned for selected bibliographies?

Who developed the search strategy?

Who reviewed the search strategy?

If yes is there modification?

You can list MeSH.

Risk of Bias in individual studies

How risk of bias was was assessed?

Have you calculated X2 to assess heterogeneity?

Methodology criteria and its interpretation were not well presented.

On the result Section

You have excluded studies by reading titles, why not you included reading the abstracts?

Quality of included articles needs to be assesses and presented?

Present prevalence of disclosure before presentation of the factors associated with disclosure?

On the prevalence off Disclosure

In writing the magnitude of the disclosure of the domestic violence state evidence of Q and r2 , even if you didn't select the literatures purposely tell us geographical distribution of pooled estimate, sub group analysis of participants like girls, general population, pregnant women, pregnant Vs non pregnant? Married Vs unmarried? Physical, mental and psychological/emotional violence independently?
How many cohort studies?

On the factors associated with domestic violence?

Are there no contraindications on the factors associated with domestic violence?

On the discussion and conclusion

Present your findings, try to compare with relevant literatures, and justify properly/

Your justification and explanation lacks reference?

What are limitations of your conclusion?

Your conclusions were weak and lacks recommendations drawn from your result?

What are the implications of your findings?

Thank You!

Bedilu Abebe

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