

### Review Form 3

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#### PART 1: Review Comments

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	I appreciate this manuscript for its thorough examination of the interplay between media and societal issues. The use of both qualitative and quantitative methodologies strengthens its findings, providing a comprehensive view of the challenges faced by journalists. However, I find the manuscript could benefit from a more extensive discussion on potential solutions beyond just recommendations for media houses, such as involving governmental or non-governmental organizations in training and supporting journalists. Overall, this work is a vital addition to the discourse on gender-based violence and media responsibility.	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	The title is suitable as it clearly conveys the focus of the research	
<b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b>	The abstract is comprehensive as it outlines the study's objectives, methodology, key findings, and conclusions. However, I suggest a few enhancements for clarity and impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify Implications: The abstract could benefit from a clearer statement about the implications of these challenges for GBV reporting and societal change. This would emphasize why addressing these challenges is crucial for effective media engagement in GBV issues.</li> <li>Streamline Language: Some sentences could be more concise to improve readability. For instance, simplifying phrases like "the media faces various challenges that render it ineffective" to "the media faces challenges that hinder its effectiveness" would enhance clarity.</li> </ul>	
<b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b>		
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	The manuscript is grounded in a solid theoretical framework that contextualizes the role of media in addressing gender-based violence. The authors effectively link their findings to broader societal implications, emphasizing how these challenges affect the media's ability to combat GBV effectively. The use of specific data points and respondent quotes adds depth to the analysis, reinforcing the credibility of the conclusions drawn.	
<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b>	While the manuscript includes some recent references, it may benefit from a more extensive review of the latest literature on media reporting and gender-based violence to ensure that it reflects the most current research trends and discussions in this area.	
Minor REVISION comments		
<b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	The language of the manuscript is generally suitable for scholarly communication, but there are areas that could be improved for clarity and professionalism. For example, phrases like "the media faces various challenges that render it ineffective in playing its role" could be streamlined for better clarity. Additionally, some sentences are overly complex or lengthy, which can obscure the main points being made.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	The manuscript effectively identifies key challenges faced by newspapers, which is critical for informing future practices and policies. However, there is a need for clearer language and structure to enhance readability, as well as a more extensive review of recent literature to strengthen the theoretical framework. Additionally, addressing grammatical issues and streamlining complex sentences would improve the overall quality of the writing	

#### PART 2:

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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