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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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)
<p><b>Compulsory REVISION comments</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This manuscript addresses a significant and pressing issue: the impact of intimate partner violence (IPV) on women's participation in the labor market in Cameroon. This topic is crucial for several reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Empowerment and Gender Equality: The relationship between IPV and economic participation is fundamental to understanding barriers to women's empowerment and achieving gender equality.</li> <li>• Public Health and Policy Implications: IPV is a serious public health issue with broad socio-economic implications. Understanding its impact on labor market participation can inform policy interventions aimed at both reducing violence and improving economic opportunities for women.</li> <li>• Contribution to Existing Literature: The manuscript adds to the existing body of research by using recent data and advanced statistical methods to explore these dynamics in the context of Cameroon, a developing country where such studies are often underrepresented.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. The title, "Violence against Intimate Partners and Women's Participation in the Labour Market in Cameroon", is suitable as it clearly conveys the core focus of the study. However, it could be made more specific by indicating the nature of the study, such as: "The Impact of Intimate Partner Violence on Women's Labor Market Participation in Cameroon: An Analysis of DHS Data"</li> <li>3. The abstract provides a succinct overview of the research, including the data source (2018 Demographic and Health Survey), methodology (instrumental variable approach), and key findings (IPV's positive correlation with women's employment). However, it can be improved for clarity and detail: <p>Clarity on Results: The abstract mentions a positive effect of IPV on women's employment but could clarify this counterintuitive finding and its implications more explicitly.</p> <p>Methodological Details: Briefly elaborating on the instrumental variable method used and why it is appropriate for addressing endogeneity could add value.</p> <p>Contextual Significance: Mentioning the broader socio-economic context of Cameroon and why these findings matter could strengthen the abstract.</p> </li> <li>4. The manuscript is well-structured with clear subsections that cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction: Provides background and sets up the research question.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Materials and Methods: Details data sources and the analytical approach.</li><li>• Results: Presents findings with appropriate statistical analysis.</li><li>• Discussion: Interprets the results in the context of existing literature and policy implications.</li><li>• Conclusion: Summarizes the study and suggests directions for future research.</li><li>• Each section logically follows from the previous one, and the use of tables to present descriptive statistics and regression results is appropriate. However, some suggestions for improvement include:</li><li>• Subsection Clarity: Adding subsections within the Results and Discussion sections could help in breaking down complex analyses and enhancing readability.</li><li>• Theoretical Framework: Including a brief subsection on the theoretical framework that guides the study's hypotheses could provide a stronger conceptual foundation.</li></ul> <p>5. The manuscript appears scientifically rigorous, employing robust statistical methods to tackle the issue of endogeneity between IPV and women's labor market participation. However, to ensure scientific accuracy, consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Validation of Instruments: Further justification and testing of the chosen instruments (intergenerational violence and number of unions) are needed to strengthen the credibility of the IV approach.</li><li>• Sensitivity Analysis: Including a sensitivity analysis to test the robustness of the findings under different assumptions could enhance the study's validity.</li><li>• Clarification of Results: The finding that IPV is positively associated with women's labor market participation is counterintuitive and should be thoroughly discussed. Possible reasons, such as coping strategies or economic necessity, should be explored in depth.</li></ul> <p>6. The manuscript cites relevant studies but could benefit from including more recent and region-specific references. Suggestions for additional references include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gender-Based Violence and Economic Participation: Studies on similar dynamics in other developing countries could provide comparative insights (e.g., Aizer, 2010; Fajardo-Gonzalez, 2021).</li><li>• Public Health Implications of IPV: Recent global reports and regional studies on the health and economic impacts of IPV (e.g., WHO reports, Sardinha et al., 2022).</li></ul> <p><b><u>Additional Comments</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Language and Readability: The manuscript would benefit from a thorough review for grammar and clarity. Some sentences are complex and could be simplified for better understanding.</li><li>• Policy Recommendations: The discussion could be expanded to include specific policy</li></ul>	
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	<p>recommendations based on the findings, particularly those relevant to improving labor market conditions for women affected by IPV.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ethical Considerations: While the data is secondary, discussing the ethical considerations related to studying IPV, such as privacy and data sensitivity, could add depth to the study.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p><b>Minor Revisions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language and English Quality: The language is generally suitable but would benefit from editing to improve clarity and readability. Sentences can be restructured to avoid ambiguity and ensure that complex ideas are easily understood.</li> <li>General Comments: The manuscript is a valuable contribution to the literature on IPV and labor market participation. Addressing the minor revisions and enhancing the depth of analysis will significantly improve its impact and readability.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p><b>Optional/General Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider adding graphical representations (such as charts or models) to visually summarize key findings and theoretical frameworks.</li> <li>Engage with local policy discussions or ongoing initiatives in Cameroon that address IPV and women's economic empowerment to contextualize the study's findings.</li> </ul>	

**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)
<p><b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b></p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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