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Journal Name:	Journal of Advances in Medicine and Medical Research
Manuscript Number:	Ms_JAMMR_119301
Title of the Manuscript:	South Asian Bangladeshi Women and Girls Faced Gender-Based Violence During the COVID-19 Lockdown in Toronto, Leading to Mental Health Concerns: Stories from the Community
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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>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The manuscript explores a critical and under-researched area: the intersection of intimate partner violence (IPV) and women's labor market participation in Cameroon. This research is vital as it highlights the socio-economic challenges faced by women in the context of IPV, providing insights that can inform policies aimed at empowering women and reducing gender-based violence. By focusing on Cameroon, the paper adds valuable data to the global discourse on IPV and economic participation, especially in the context of developing countries. 2. The title is somewhat lengthy but accurately reflects the content and focus of the paper. However, a more concise alternative could be: "Gender-Based Violence Among South Asian Bangladeshi Women in Toronto During COVID-19: Mental Health Impacts and Community Stories." This version captures the essence of the study while being more succinct. 3. The abstract is comprehensive and effectively summarizes the study's aims, methodology, key findings, and conclusions. It clearly outlines the types of violence explored, the context of the study, and the implications for policy and community action. However, minor edits could improve clarity, such as explicitly stating the study period at the beginning and summarizing the key types of violence in a more structured manner. 4. The manuscript is well-structured with clear subsections, including Introduction, Methodology, Results, and Conclusions. Each section is logically organized, facilitating a coherent flow of information. The detailed breakdown of the types of violence and their causes, as well as the thorough discussion of methodological approaches, enhances the manuscript's clarity and readability. 5. The manuscript is scientifically sound, utilizing a robust qualitative methodology to explore the experiences of gender-based violence among Bangladeshi women and girls during the lockdown. The thematic analysis is appropriately applied, and the results are presented in a detailed and nuanced manner. The discussion effectively links the findings to existing literature and highlights the unique challenges faced by this community during the pandemic. 6. The references are sufficient and draw from a range of recent and relevant sources. The inclusion of global perspectives and local Canadian statistics provides a comprehensive background. However, integrating more recent studies on the impact of COVID-19 on domestic violence in immigrant communities could strengthen the manuscript. Suggested additional references include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradbury-Jones, C., & Isham, L. (2020). The pandemic paradox: The consequences of COVID-19 on domestic violence. <i>Journal of Clinical Nursing</i>, 29(13-14), 2047-2049. • Piquero, A. R., Jennings, W. G., Jemison, E., Kaukinen, C., & Knaul, F. M. (2021). Domestic violence during COVID-19: Evidence from a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Journal of Criminal Justice</i>, 74, 101806. 	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>Language and English Quality The language and English quality of the manuscript are generally suitable for scholarly communication. However, minor grammatical corrections and stylistic improvements could enhance clarity and readability. For instance, simplifying complex sentences and ensuring consistent use of past tense when discussing the study's methodology and findings would be beneficial.</p>	

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Optional/General comments	<input type="checkbox"/> It may be helpful to include a brief section on the limitations of the study, such as the challenges of conducting online discussions and the potential bias due to the sample size and selection. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider adding a few participant quotes in the results section to provide more vivid illustrations of the themes identified. <input type="checkbox"/> Expanding the conclusion to discuss the implications for future research and community-based interventions could provide additional value.	
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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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