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Title: Behind Closed Doors: An Analysis of Factors Contributing to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is.....**YES**.....
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	√			
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity		√		
Significance			√	

Reviewer's Name: Shafiya Akhter

Reviewer's Decision about Paper: **Recommended for Publication.**

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

Reviewer's Comment / Report

Abstract Review: The abstract provides a concise and clear overview of the study, outlining its primary objectives, methodology, and key findings. The focus on gender dynamics, drug use, and prior abuse as contributing factors to IPV is well articulated. The inclusion of data from 16 counties adds credibility to the study. The abstract effectively establishes the significance of IPV as a pressing social issue and underscores the need for gender-sensitive interventions.

Introduction Review: The introduction is engaging and relevant, incorporating a contemporary example to illustrate the prevalence and complexity of IPV. The discussion of the Johnny Depp and Amber Heard case is an effective way to contextualize the issue for a broader audience. The introduction provides a comprehensive background on IPV, touching upon traditional gendered perspectives and the need for a more nuanced understanding of victimization. The reference to substance abuse and prior victimization as compounding factors further strengthens the foundation for the study. The research justification is well presented, highlighting the necessity of addressing IPV through multidisciplinary approaches.

Literature Review Review: The literature review demonstrates a thorough engagement with existing scholarship on IPV. It effectively synthesizes findings from key studies and presents a well-structured discussion of gender dynamics in IPV. The inclusion of seminal works such as those by Dobash and Dobash (1979), Johnson (1995), and Capaldi and Kim (2007) reflects a solid understanding of the

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historical and contemporary perspectives on IPV. The discussion of gender-sensitive approaches is particularly relevant, emphasizing the importance of considering both male and female experiences of IPV. The literature review is well-organized, with clear thematic divisions that enhance readability and comprehension.

Overall Evaluation: The study is well-conceived, with a strong theoretical foundation and a clear focus on critical factors influencing IPV. The writing is coherent, well-structured, and supported by relevant academic sources. The integration of contemporary examples, statistical data, and theoretical perspectives enhances the credibility and relevance of the study. The discussion is balanced, acknowledging traditional perspectives while advocating for a more inclusive and nuanced understanding of IPV.

The report effectively meets its objectives, providing valuable insights into the complexities of IPV and offering a basis for further research and policy development. The study's emphasis on gender dynamics, substance abuse, and prior victimization aligns with contemporary discourse on IPV, making it a meaningful contribution to the field.