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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	The authors discuss in their article raises an important issue of socio-cultural issues and public health in different countries of the world. The article as a whole seems me well written. Also some remarks seem useful to improve the manuscript. 1- In the introduction level: * This part seems a little long. * It would be interesting if the authors present some statistics on violence against women requested rates in the countries of Africa which have been chosen for the survey. 2- At the Methodology: * You have to give more information on the criterion of "wealth index" considered in the study to determine the three levels presented in the results. * It should specify the statistical tests used in the	The introduction is one and half page long which is within the at most 2 pages required for most original research. This is well explained in line 129 to 135. In the DHS data which is a secondary data, the data on wealth is collected in 5 categories as poorest, poorer, middle, rich and richest. All the authors did was combine this quintiles and present then into 3 categories as rich, middle and poor class The analysis model was explained under data



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	data analysis. * I think the authors have also used analysis of variance for comparing the means of the variables: 1- Age of mothers 2- Age of child 3 Age of the child's death. If this analysis is made, it must be mentioned in the methodology.	analysis from lines 170-175. This is very correct. But in order to present too many information, as this was not the aim of the study, all authors agreed that such analysis should be left out.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	I THINK THAT IF THE AUTHORS TAKE ACCOUNT OF NOTES MADE ABOVE, ARTICLE MAY BE ACCEPTED FOR A POSSIBLE PUBLICATION.	Thank you!