

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-55054

Title: *Análisis de la Realidad de la Violencia Doméstica hacia el Hombre en el Ecuador*

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

✓Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

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

Reviewer Name: **Dr. Anam Zehra**

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This manuscript presents a systematic documentary and qualitative analysis of domestic violence against men in Ecuador, integrating legal frameworks, human-rights perspectives, and interpretative methodological approaches. The topic is socially relevant and under-addressed, and the paper draws upon a wide range of legal, philosophical, and empirical sources. However, the methodological description is inconsistent, the PRISMA process lacks transparency, and several sections are repetitive and descriptive rather than analytical. Major restructuring is required to strengthen coherence, methodological rigor, and academic clarity.

Recommendation: Accept after minor revision.

Detailed Reviewer's Report

STRENGTHS

1. The manuscript addresses an underexplored dimension of gender-based violence, offering visibility to male victimization within the Ecuadorian socio-legal context.
2. A strong foundation of legal and human-rights literature is incorporated, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and national constitutional principles.
3. The qualitative–hermeneutic discussion is well contextualized, effectively explaining how interpretive documentary analysis supports understanding of violence as a social and cultural phenomenon.

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4. The manuscript offers useful summaries of prior studies addressing male victims, stigma, underreporting, and gaps in legal protections, contributing to regional scholarship.
5. The paper highlights key policy gaps and underscores the need for legal reform, community education, and victim-support mechanisms, reflecting practical relevance.

WEAKNESSES

1. The methodological description is contradictory, simultaneously labelling the study as qualitative, field-based, non-experimental, cross-sectional, and documentary, reducing conceptual clarity.
2. The systematic-review procedure lacks essential details, such as search strategies, screening flow, database parameters, year limits, and justification for exclusions.
3. Several sections are descriptive and repetitive, especially in defining violence, its manifestations, and legal frameworks, without deeper analytical synthesis.
4. The discussion reiterates background information rather than offering critical interpretation, thematic integration, or comparative analysis with international literature.
5. The reference list, while extensive, includes some sources not directly necessary for the core analysis and would benefit from improved relevance selection and APA consistency.