

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. Touseef malik**

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This manuscript offers a systematic documentary and qualitative examination of domestic violence against men in Ecuador, drawing on legal frameworks, human-rights principles, and interpretive methodological perspectives. The topic is timely, socially significant, and comparatively underexplored, and the paper benefits from incorporating diverse legal, philosophical, and empirical sources. However, the methodological explanation contains inconsistencies, the PRISMA procedures are not reported transparently, and several sections tend to repeat information or remain descriptive rather than analytical. Substantial restructuring is needed to enhance coherence, methodological rigor, and academic clarity.

Recommendation: Accept after minor revision.

Detailed Reviewer's Report

STRENGTHS

1. The manuscript explores an understudied aspect of gender-based violence by highlighting male victimization within Ecuador's socio-legal environment.
2. It draws upon a solid body of legal and human-rights scholarship, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relevant constitutional provisions.
3. The qualitative–hermeneutic orientation is well articulated, demonstrating how interpretive documentary methods help explain violence as a social and cultural construct.
4. The paper provides informative syntheses of previous studies on male victims, stigma, underreporting, and legal protection gaps, thereby enriching regional discourse.

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5. It identifies important policy shortcomings and emphasizes the need for legislative reform, public education, and support services for victims, highlighting its applied significance.

WEAKNESSES

1. The methodological description is inconsistent, presenting the study simultaneously as qualitative, field-based, non-experimental, cross-sectional, and documentary, which diminishes conceptual precision.
2. The systematic-review component lacks critical details, including search strategy, screening stages, databases used, time parameters, and reasons for exclusion.
3. Several sections remain overly descriptive and repetitive, particularly in the treatment of violence definitions, forms, and legal references, without advancing deeper analysis.
4. The discussion section frequently restates background material instead of offering critical interpretation, thematic synthesis, or meaningful comparison with international research.
5. Although extensive, the reference list includes sources that are not essential to the core argument and requires stronger relevance filtering and improved APA formatting.