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Title: Domestic Violence in South Africa

## 1. Quality of Summary

Some important points are covered. Some information is inaccurate. The level of detail is useful. Would benefit from some information on where to get help and what someone can do if they are experiencing DV or if they no someone who needs help.

Definition too legalistic and not explanatory.

## 2. Structure and style of the article

Structure is good. The flow is not always good. Argument not from general to specific. Could be made more accessible for young people. Specific comments in the body (reported in the table here below).

Paragraph	Sentence	Comment
Summary	In the 2012 financial year, just over one third of the crimes against women that had been reported were prosecuted in court	Move at the end of the summary
Domestic violence		Good to have the definition of the act. But good to have an explanation of the complexities of defining domestic violence
Background	The <a href="#">United Nations</a> found that violence against women was a universal problem	start with this sentence
Background	Considering how recently domestic violence has come to light, it is still considered an early movement	end with this sentence
Prevalence	In a study done by the World Health Organization, it was found that 60,000 women and children are victims of domestic violence in South Africa	these stats need to be verified. The best stats for SA is from the 3 provinces study
Prevalence	On average, in a cross sectional study conducted in 2002, the women who were abused came from a lower secondary education and were unemployed	can't use stats from one source than comment on socio-demographics from another source. this gives the wrong picture
Prevalence	in some areas	which areas specifically?
Prevalence	do witness and feel the violence	this is unclear... witness what? feel what? won't anyone who experiences violence feel it?
Prevalence	women who do witness and feel the violence come from a rural childhood compared to those raised in an urban area	not sure this study says this. Please verify
Prevalence	R. Jewkes et al. over 97% of the black African women who were interviewed had experienced physical violence	why only report on African women and not others?

	at some point	
Legal action.		this section is incorrectly labelled
Legal action. 4.1 Domestic Violence Act	The Order allows the courts to stop an abuser from continuing abuse	not accurate
Legal action. 4.1 Domestic Violence Act	The collaboration process between representatives of the Department of Justice, Safety and Security, Health Education, Welfare, Correctional Services and the National Directorate for Public Prosecution was a delaying factor that slowed down the process of changing the policies.	not sure what author is trying to say

### 3. Content

Content is weak and too general. Specific comments were provided in the body of the text via notes. The article could do with some guidance for readers on how to react if they know someone experiencing DV and what they can do if they are in the situation. It can cover the impact on DV – at personal, socio-cultural and psychological level. Missing information of the impact of DV on children.

Role of police and other prof- health care social workers in dealing with DV.

### 4. International and local dimension.

Not much of an international aspect. But focus is SA so not sure if this is necessary. Yes article is neutral except for section where only DV in African black community is mentioned not other communities. No coverage of DV against heterosexuals.

### 5. References

There has been a lot written by experts in the area such as:

Vetton

Rasool

Abrahams

Matthews

Etc that have not been covered.