

A PORTRAY OF GLOBAL RESEARCH ON INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN COVID-19 PANDEMIC: A BIBLIOMETRIC ANALYSIS BASED ON SCOPUS DATABASE

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ABSTRACT

Background: COVID-19 pandemic had a negative global impact. International organizations have documented increased reports of intimate partner violence (IPV) during COVID-19 pandemic. There is a need to raise awareness of the potential risks that can arise from this situation. Several studies have shown that risk factors related to IPV include the dominance of the perpetrator's control over the victim which arises during social distancing, self-isolation, and lockdown policies that trigger IPV. In addition, the lack of access to health services and NGOs is also a challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic in dealing with IPV cases. This study aimed to analyze global research trends on intimate partner violence during the COVID-19 pandemic using bibliometrics analysis, and summarize research issues in this area.

Subjects and Method: This was a quantitative analysis of academic publications. Relevant publications regarding intimate partner violence during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Scopus database between 1st January 2020 to October 2022 were filtered and analyzed by bibliometric analysis using the VOSviewer visualization software.

Results: Of all 598 (110%) publications screened, 194 (32%) came from the United States (US), 105 (18%) from the United Kingdom (UK), 63 (11%) from Australia. Among all institutions, 16 came from "the University of Toronto" in Canada, 5 from "Piquero, A.R.," tied for first place in publication, and 49 from "Jewkes, Rachel". The keyword analysis indicates that the research trend in this area is primarily "domestic violence" and "intimate partner violence" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Conclusion: There is a need to increase research on intimate partner violence in developed and developing countries by broadening researcher network and deploying research resources from foreign donors.

Keywords: intimate partner violence, violence in pandemic, bibliometric analysis, COVID-19.

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