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*Supporting Survivors of Domestic and Family Violence:
Challenges and Recommendations for Justice Responses
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*Muslim women's experiences with the
CJS in Australia: Reporting IPV*

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Presentation Covers:

- Acknowledgements
- Why?
- How?
- Police?
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- Implications

Why?

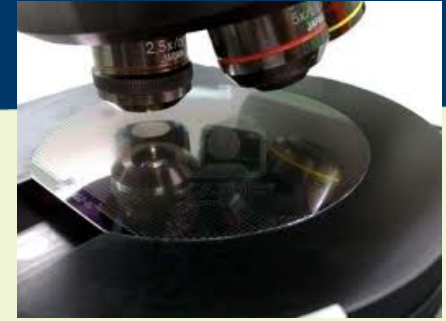
- Absence of IPV research with Australian-Muslims victims experiences with CJS
- Absence of research on why Muslim women don't report IPV to CJS
- Current existing policies, programs and practices towards IPV in Australia – not meet minority groups' needs
- Lack of culturally and religiously appropriate services that address needs of Muslims victims with CJS

Why?

RQ1:

- How do Muslim women describe their experiences of the CJS response to IPV in their lives?
- What are the cultural deterrence that prevent Muslim survivors/victims from accessing CJS?

How?



- Interviews
 - Sample size – 11 participants
 - Semi-structured interviews
 - Victims/survivors of IPV
 - Solicited via
 - » IWAQ – settlement program

What?



1. Reporting IPV



2. Not reporting IPV



3. Barriers accessing CJS

Implications for policy/practice

- Police training
- Strategies address Muslim victims CJS needs
- Awareness campaigns
- Workshops
- Culturally sensitive (not insensitive) approaches based on empowerment and not shaming

Thank You!

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