Summary of comments

I think this proposal could more clearly explain the proposed research, how it will yield the expected insights, and why the applicant is the best person to do it.

This is a summary what I gleaned from reading it:

Data from a previous study (CSDD), namely self-reports and physician-reports on the mental and physical health of G2 males and their female partners, will be coded.

Data analysis will be conducted to identify predictive variables (of what?)

Data will be analysed to assess whether the self-reports of G2 males or those of their female partners are more similar to their respective physician-generated reports.

This comparison of self-reported and physician-reported medical data is expected to reveal patterns of violence among the G2 males and their partners, in terms of being victims of violence and perpetrators of violence. (explain how comparison of data on allergies, etc. will show this. Or, focus the explanation of the data analysis more clearly on issues related to domestic violence).

 This comparison is expected to yield insights into risk factors, especially intimate partner violence and its impact on children.

This data analysis is expected to give insights that can be used in policy development regarding delinquency and violence.

The applicant has worked in the field of delinquency among the Arab population of Israel, among both males and females.

The mentor is a leader in the field of delinquency.

The experience at the University of Cambridge and working with the mentor will help the applicant’s research career.

**The strong points of the proposal, which could be further emphasized:**

1. Timely and important topic of domestic violence and its impact on criminality and on children
2. Applicant’s experience in this field in Israel

**Things requested in the instructions that are not adequately addressed in the proposal:**

***RESEARCH PROPOSAL*** (over word limit by 50 words, after my editing; previously it was 120 words over the limit)

*academic potential of the applicant –* almost nothing is said about this in the first section. The applicant’s experience in the field should be highlighted.

*Research design and methods –* the only research design mentioned is coding previously collected data. Is that enough to convince them to fund this project? I did a quick scholar.google.com search for “Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development” in the title and it gave over 100 results. **What new insights will this proposed study yield and how?**

*collaborations and multi-disciplinary/international links* – nothing is said about this.

***SKILLS DEVELOPMENT/ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT*** (over word limit by 167 words)

*A proposed skills development plan –* no detailed plan is given

***Knowledge Exchange and Impact Realisation Activities*** (slightly over word limit)

It should be explained more clearly how coding medical data from the CSDD constitutes research with a “central focus on factors that modify the effects of risk conditions”.

**OVERALL**

There are some overly general statements – (i.e., “It should also provide insights and data for scholars and practitioners working in the field”; “This funding opportunity is essential for my academic development and will help in my transition to work independently as a researcher”; “Working with her will offer the opportunity of learning from her rich empirical and theoretical knowledge”; “Without the grant, I will be unable to visit University of Cambridge and work on the proposed research. UK living costs are extremely high, so a grant to support my stay abroad would be greatly appreciated.”

Some terms and phrases are confusing, for example: intimate partner violence of female partners. Does that mean violence BY females or AGAINST females?

How does coding health data yield insights on domestic violence? Explain more clearly how this will be ascertained from the data.

These grants are competitive – the proposal needs to convince the reviewers that this research is important and that the applicant is the best person to do it. There are seeds of that in the proposal, but I think there is work to do to make it strong and convincing enough that they would give the grant.