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violence against women is a global public health problem thataffects approximately one third of women globally. By compiling and analysing a