REVIEW

by an official reviewer on the dissertation work of Surayeva Karina Sergeevna on the topic "Criminological problems of domestic violence against women" submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the educational program 8D04203 "Jurisprudence".

№	Criteria	Compliance with criteria (you need to choose one of the answer options).	Justification of the official reviewer's position.
1.	The topic of the dissertation (at the time of its approval) corresponds to the directions of scientific development and/or government programs.	1.1 Compliance with priority areas of scientific development or government programs:	
		1) The dissertation was carried out within the framework of a project or target program financed from the state budget (specify the name and number of the project or program). 2) The dissertation was carried out within the framework of another government program (specify the name of the program). 3) The dissertation corresponds to a priority direction of scientific development approved by the Higher Scientific and Technical Commission under the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan (specify the direction).	The dissertation corresponds to priority directions of scientific development and is carried out within the framework of the Concept of Family and Gender Policy in the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2030 (approved by Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated December 6, 2016, No. 384). In particular, it is based on the basic principles and approaches set out in Section 5 of the Concept, namely: «Prevention of violence in the family and against children… Strengthening the institution of gender equality… Economic and political empowerment of women… Prevention of violence against women… Promoting gender education...» (https://adilet.zan.kz/rus/docs/U1600000384#z6)

2.	Scientific importance	The work makes a significant contribution to science, and its importance is well disclosed.	The dissertation makes a significant contribution to legal science, and its importance is well disclosed through a theoretical reconsideration of the history and current state of domestic violence against women and measures to counteract this phenomenon, as a result of which knowledge in this science field is supplemented.
3.	The principle of independence	Level of independence: 1) High; 2) Medium; 3) Low; 4) No independence.	The high level of independence of the dissertation and the author's contribution to legal science is determined by obtaining new knowledge about domestic violence against women based on the critical study of specialized literature, international law, national legislation, official statistics, 15,000 criminal cases, the survey of 250 victims, and content analysis of publications in the media on the research topic.
4.	Principle of internal unity	4.1 Justification of the relevance of the dissertation: 1) Justified; 2) Partially justified; 3) Not justified.	Based on the research results, the relevance of the dissertation is justified since the author has identified gaps in the mechanism of countering domestic violence against women. Despite the efforts, there are imperfections in the system of recording data on domestic violence, in measures of social and legal support to counteract domestic

			violence against women, etc.
		4.2 The content of the dissertation reflects the topic of the dissertation: 1) Reflects; 2) Partially reflects; 3) Does not reflect.	Based on the theoretical, normative and empirical materials collected by the author, the dissertation content reflects the dissertation topic.
		4.3. The aim and objectives correspond to the topic of the dissertation: 1) Correspond; 2) Partially correspond; 3) Do not correspond.	The purpose and objectives correspond to the topic of the dissertation, are reflected in the structure of the dissertation and are synchronized with the main provisions submitted for defense.
		4.4 All sections and statements of the dissertation are logically interconnected: 1) Fully interconnected; 2) Partially interconnected; 3) Not interconnected.	The dissertation has an internal unity, all sections and provisions of the dissertation are logically interconnected.
		4.5 The author's proposed new solutions (principles, methods) are justified and evaluated in comparison with known solutions: 1. Critical analysis is present; 2. Analysis is partial; 3. Analysis represents not the author's own opinions but quotes from other authors.	The new solutions proposed by the author are founded on the consideration and evaluation of well-known theories and concepts and international and national practices in countering domestic violence against women.
5.	The principle of scientific novelty	5.1 Are the scientific results and positions new? 1. Completely new; 2. Partially new (25-75% are new); 3. Not new (less than 25% are new).	The scientific results and positions are partially new (75%). By the domestic and foreign literature review the author considers the evolution of the institution of counteraction to domestic violence through the prism of modern realities, thereby complementing existing knowledge in this field.

		5.2 Are the conclusions of the dissertation new? 1. Completely new; 2. Partially new (25-75% are new); 3. Not new (less than 25% are new).	The scientific conclusions and results of the dissertation research are partially new (75%) since they are complement already existed knowledge in of counteraction to domestic violence sphere.
		5.3 Are the technical, technological, economic or managerial solutions new and justified? 1) Completely new; 2) Partially new (25-75% are new); 3) Not new (less than 25% are new).	The analysis of the presented dissertation allows concluding that the technical, technological, economic, or managerial solutions are partially new and justified. The proposed solutions in the work are based on the analysis of legislation, international experience in combating domestic violence against women, as well as legal statistics and content analysis data from mass media and 1500 criminal cases.
6.	Justification of the main conclusions	All the main conclusions are based on scientifically significant evidence.	The scientific conclusions, summary, as well as proposals and recommendations made by the author of the dissertation are characterized by a high degree of justification, logic, and reliability. They are also distinguished by their systematic and interconnected nature. All conclusions and recommendations are based on a wide range of normative, theoretical-legal, statistical, and other materials, publications in the field of research, as well as on the methodological support of the dissertation research

			and the application of modern research methods.
7.	The main provisions presented for defence	The following questions need to be answered for each proposition separately: 7.1 Has the proposition been proven? 1) Proven; 2) Mostly proven; 3) Mostly not proven; 4) Not proven 7.2 Is it trivial? 1) Yes; 2) No 7.3 Is it new? 1) Yes; 2) No 7.4 Level of application: 1) Narrow; 2) Medium; 3) Broad 7.5 Has it been proven in the article? 1) Yes; 2) No	The author has put forward 8 propositions for defence: **1st proposition:** **7.1 Yes, it has been proven.** The concept and understanding of gender-based violence have been examined, which helped to identify the causes, spread, consequences, and prevention of violence against people based on their gender, providing significant insights into the roots of such violence and how to develop effective prevention and intervention strategies. **7.2 It is not trivial** due to its allotted place in the research and the significance of the result obtained. **7.3 Yes, it is new** due to the thorough search and analysis of the researched concept. **7.4 The level of application is quite broad** due to the applied universality of the researched question. **7.5 Yes, it has been proven.** Materials on the research of this issue have been published by the author in a separate article. **2nd proposition:** **7.1 Yes, proven.** The study of legal

			mechanisms for protecting women from domestic violence has shown that there are a variety of measures and tools that can provide protection for women from violence in the home. These include legislative measures, prevention, rehabilitation and social support programs for victims, as well as mechanisms for early warning and response to cases of violence. The research shows that legal mechanisms for protecting women from domestic violence can have a positive impact on reducing the level of violence against women. **7.2 Not trivial.** Despite significant efforts to improve the protection of women from domestic violence, the study showed that the problem remains relevant. **7.3 Yes, it is new** due to the conducted research. **7.4 The level of application is quite narrow** due to the specificity of the research question. **7.5 Yes, proven.** Materials on the research of this question have been published by the author in a separate article. **3rd proposition:** **7.1 Yes, proven.** Research has shown that improving legislation and protective mechanisms, as well as

			increasing public awareness and knowledge about the problem of domestic violence, are key factors in combating this problem. **7.2 It is not trivial** as domestic violence is a serious problem in the world, especially in developing countries. Women become victims of such violence as a result of social, economic, and cultural factors, which may include discrimination, inequality, and insufficient awareness. **7.3 Yes, it is new,** as the research has shown that existing laws and mechanisms for protecting women from domestic violence are not always effective. **7.4 The level of implementation is narrow** because the proposed measures are aimed at ensuring the protection of victims and preventing violence against women at the level of state policy. **7.5 Yes, proven.** Materials on the study of this issue have been published by the author in a separate article. **4th proposition:** **7.1 Yes, it is proven.** A result of the study of the state, structure, and dynamics based on the analysis of statistical data from the Committee

			on Legal Statistics and Special Records of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the years 2000-2022. **7.2 It is not trivial** because the analysis of statistical data showed the relevance of the issue in society and that violent crimes in the family environment against women remain a serious public safety problem that requires attention and solutions. **7.3 Yes, it is new** for the reasons mentioned above. **7.4 The level of application is moderate** since solving the problem can be directed not only to the researched issue but also to improving the mechanisms for collecting and analysing data on domestic violence against women by government and non-governmental organizations that are fighting this problem. **7.5 Yes, it is proven**. Materials on the study of this issue have been published by the author in a separate article. **5th proposition:** **7.1 Yes, it has been proven.** The study showed that solving the problem of domestic violence against women requires the development of comprehensive measures aimed at

			changing cultural, historical, and socio-economic factors that can contribute to the conditions that produce violence in relationships. **7.2 It is not trivial** because studying the causes and conditions that produce domestic violence against women is an important step in combating this problem. **7.3 Yes, it is new.** The novelty lies in proposing a comprehensive approach to combating domestic violence, which includes not only preventing violence but also preventive work to reduce the level of aggression in society, as well as providing psychological assistance and support to women suffering from violence. Such an approach allows for effective action against the problem at different levels and prevents its recurrence in the future. **7.4 The level of implementation** of measures to prevent aggression and violence in society and to provide psychological assistance to women suffering from domestic violence **is indeed broad.** These measures can be applied at the state and regional levels, as well as within social organizations. **7.5 Yes, it has been proven.** Materials on the study of this issue

			have been published by the author in a separate article. **6th proposition:** **7.1 Yes, it has been proven.** Research on the criminological characteristics of individuals who commit domestic violence against women can reveal certain behavioural patterns and personality traits that contribute to such situations. **7.2 It is not trivial.** The non-triviality of this statement lies in the fact that it not only identifies the behavioural patterns and personality traits of perpetrators, but also helps to develop more effective measures to combat domestic violence against women. **7.3 Yes, it is new** due to the conducted criminological research. **7.4 The level of application is broad.** A criminological portrait of aggressor provided by the author allows its exploiting in elaborating preventing measures not only in law enforcement activity and also in psychological and social field. **7.5 Yes, it has been proven.** The materials on the research question have been published by the author in a separate article. **7th proposition:**

			7.1 Yes, it has been proven, and as a result of the research, the main socio-legal directions for countering domestic violence against women have been identified, the implementation of which can contribute to effective counteraction to domestic violence against women. **7.2 It is not trivial** due to the individual characteristics of the phenomenon under study, such as the latent nature of family domestic violence, the multitude of forms and manifestations of such violence, as well as the various factors producing such violence against women. **7.3 Yes, it is new** because the research allowed for an assessment of the effectiveness of existing mechanisms for countering domestic violence and proposed new approaches to solving this problem at the societal and state levels. **7.4 The level of application is broad**, as it requires a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach. **7.5 Yes, it has been proven**. The materials on the research question have been published by the author in a separate article. **8th proposition:** **7.1 Yes, it has been proven.** As a

			result of the conducted research, victimological measures to counter domestic violence against women were developed, which are reflected in the author's recommended stages of prevention and promotion of zero tolerance for domestic violence. **7.2 It is not trivial** due to the allocated place in the research and the significance of the obtained result. **7.3 Yes, it is new.** The novelty of the studied position of victimological measures to counter domestic violence against women lies in their direction towards supporting victims of violence and improving their position in society. **7.4 It is broad.** The level of application of the results of the research on victimological measures to counter domestic violence against women is wide, as they can be used at different levels: from individual to state and international. **7.5 Yes, it has been proven.** Materials on the research of this issue have been published by the author in a separate article.
8.	The principle of reliability. Reliability of sources and	8.1 Methodology selection - justified or methodology is described in sufficient detail: 1) Yes; 2) No.	The methodological framework is described in sufficient detail in the introduction of the dissertation and represents a combination of general

	provided information.		scientific and specific methods selected with regard to the specificity of the research subject and object.
		8.2 The results of the dissertation work were obtained using modern methods of scientific research and data processing and interpretation techniques with the use of computer technologies: 1) Yes; 2) No.	The results of the dissertation work were obtained using modern methods of scientific research and data processing and interpretation techniques using computer technologies, such as national and international databases, electronic document and regulatory act databases, and other electronic resources.
		8.3 Theoretical conclusions, models, identified interrelationships and regularities are proven and confirmed by experimental research (for training areas in pedagogical sciences, the results are proven based on a pedagogical experiment): 1) Yes; 2) No.	The theoretical conclusions, models, identified relationships, and regularities have been proven and confirmed through analysis and processing of analytical and legal materials from the Committee on Legal Statistics and Special Accounts of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the years 2000-2022, data obtained as a result of studying 1500 criminal cases and decisions on them, the results of a survey of 250 female respondents, 157 of whom were in crisis centres at the time of the survey.

		8.4 Important statements are confirmed by references to relevant and reliable scientific literature.	Important statements are supported by references to relevant and reliable scientific literature. In the conducted research, the author relies on current and reliable sources.
		8.5 The sources of literature used are sufficient for the literature review.	The study utilized 157 sources (both theoretical and practical), which is sufficient for conducting the research.
9.	The principle of practical value	Does the dissertation have theoretical value? 1) Yes; 2) No.	The dissertation has theoretical value, which lies in the fact that it makes a significant contribution to the theory of criminology and criminal law on the problem of scientific development of the mechanism for combating domestic violence against women.
		9.2 The dissertation has practical significance, and there is a high probability of applying the obtained results in practice: 1) Yes; 2) No.	The practical significance of the research lies in the fact that the formulated conclusions and proposals can be in demand in the practice of law enforcement agencies in the process of forming and implementing measures to prevent domestic violence against women.
		9.3 Are the practical recommendations new? 1) Completely new; 2) Partially new (25-75% are new); 3) Not new (less than 25% are new).	The practical recommendations of the research are partially new (75%). Based on the experience of Germany, the Ministry of Internal Affairs has launched a pilot project to combat violence in close social relationships, where work with aggressors is provided.

10.	Quality of writing and formatting	Quality of academic writing: 1) High; 2) Average; 3) Below average; 4) Low.	The quality of academic writing in the dissertation is high, characterized by coherence, a scientific style of presenting the material. The language of presentation is literate, convenient, and clear for perception.

The decision of the official reviewer:

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1) award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or doctor in the field;

2) send the dissertation for revision (except for cases of defending a dissertation in the form of a series of articles);

3) refuse to award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or doctor in the field.

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