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This cross sectional survey research aimed to study the proportion, the patterns of wives violence and the factors associated with wives violence in Muang district, Srakaao province. The population of this study was wives who lived together with their husbands at least one year and stayed in Muang district, Srakaao province. A total of 337 samples were selected by simple random sampling from four Tambons. Data was collected by interviewing and questionnaires from 16th March to 16th May 1999. The analytical statistics used were percentage , median, means , standard deviation , median , quartile deviation, chi-square test , Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient , and discriminant analysis.

The results showed that the proportion of wives violence was 87.5 percent. The majority of patterns of violence were mental violence (85.5 percent) followed by economic violence (48.4 percent) , physical violence (39.2 percent) and sexual violence (35.9 percent) . In this context , a wife could receive more than one pattern of violence.

Factors significantly associated with wives violence were educational levels of husbands and wives, marital relationships, communication between husbands and wives , alcohol intake of husbands and wives , gambling of husbands and wives , wives' social support , wives' coping behavior and husbands' coping behavior (P-value 0.05). Factors significantly discriminate to wives in violence and nonviolence were communication between husbands and wives, alcohol intake of husbands, gambling of husbands (P-value < 0.001). The prediction effectiveness of these discriminate factors was 66.2 percentage.

Suggestions for preventing and decreasing the severity of wives violence are : developing communication skills among husbands and wives, discouraging drinking and gambling , promoting marital relationships, developing appropriate coping behaviors of husbands and wives, and creating social support networks in communities to support and counsel disturbed couples.