

TABLE 3. Adjusted odds ratios (and 95% confidence intervals) from multivariable logistic regression assessing the likelihood among married women aged 35 or older of having more than their ideal number of children, by empowerment, husband's influence, and selected social and demographic characteristics, according to country

Measure	Guinea (N=724)	Mali (N=805)	Namibia (N=303)	Zambia (N=945)
Women's empowerment				
Has any say in all four household decisions†	1.33 (0.84–2.10)	1.28 (0.62–2.68)	2.32 (1.01–5.34)*	0.85 (0.58–1.25)
None of five reasons for wife beating are justified‡	1.03 (0.53–1.99)	0.41 (0.21–0.82)*	1.08 (0.46–2.51)	1.14 (0.81–1.60)
All three reasons for refusing sex are justified§	1.30 (0.84–2.02)	1.27 (0.58–2.76)	1.34 (0.66–2.72)	1.43 (1.01–2.02)*
Husband's influence				
Husband's ideal no. of children				
Agrees with wife††	(ref)	(ref)	(ref)	(ref)
Higher than wife's	2.94 (1.19–7.28)*	11.88 (2.20–64.09)**	2.98 (1.20–7.40)*	2.22 (1.28–3.87)**
Lower than wife's	1.06 (0.32–3.53)	2.07 (0.28–15.14)	0.40 (0.13–1.21)	0.60 (0.33–1.10)
Gave nonnumeric response, but wife did not	3.17 (1.10–9.14)*	9.07 (1.57–52.49)*	2.24 (0.30–16.66)	1.44 (0.54–3.84)
Social and demographic				
Current age	1.09 (1.04–1.14)***	0.98 (0.93–1.03)	1.00 (0.91–1.09)	1.06 (1.02–1.10)**
Residence				
Urban	1.56 (0.62–3.96)	1.34 (0.60–3.00)	0.64 (0.29–1.41)	1.07 (0.64–1.78)
Rural	(ref)	(ref)	(ref)	(ref)
Household wealth index				
Poorest	(ref)	(ref)	(ref)	(ref)
Poor	0.63 (0.31–1.25)	1.05 (0.53–2.09)	2.96 (0.89–9.84)	0.97 (0.56–1.67)
Middle	0.86 (0.47–1.59)	0.80 (0.36–1.78)	2.31 (0.83–6.44)	1.17 (0.70–1.95)
Rich	0.61 (0.30–1.23)	0.88 (0.38–2.04)	1.24 (0.41–3.79)	0.83 (0.44–1.56)
Richest	0.59 (0.19–1.87)	0.51 (0.15–1.68)	1.76 (0.43–7.21)	1.40 (0.63–3.13)
Education				
None (ref)	(ref)	(ref)	(ref)	(ref)
Primary	1.05 (0.36–3.08)	1.50 (0.62–3.60)	0.71 (0.25–2.00)	1.19 (0.73–1.94)
≥secondary	1.05 (0.44–2.48)	2.87 (1.01–8.13)*	0.64 (0.22–1.82)	0.95 (0.49–1.85)
Polygamous union	0.62 (0.38–1.01)	1.31 (0.76–2.24)	0.98 (0.38–2.56)	0.89 (0.59–1.35)

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †Final say alone or jointly with husband in regard to one's own health care, making major household purchases, making household purchases for daily needs and visiting family or relatives. ‡Whether a husband is justified in beating his wife if she goes out without telling him, neglects the children, argues with him, refuses to have sex with him or burns the food. §Whether a woman is justified in refusing sexual intercourse with her husband if he has a STI, he has sex with other women, or she is tired or not in the mood. ††Includes couples in which both gave a nonnumeric response. Note: ref=reference group.