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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank reviewers for the constructive comments. In this document, we have described all changes made in accordance with reviewers` comments. Our responses are written in blue font colour.

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Editorial request(s):

1) Requesting consent statement:

Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

A: All participants were 35 years or older. Informed verbal consent was obtained (see methods section)

2) Copyediting: After reading through your manuscript, we feel that the quality of written English needs to be improved before the manuscript can be considered further.

A: This version is copy edited by language expert.

**Reviewer - 1: Patience Akinwusi**

Minor Essential Revisions

(1) Please state out the limitations of this study.

A: The comment is well taken. Hence, the limitation of the study is incorporated in the last paragraph of the discussion section (page -9)

(2) Corrections of some subtle omissions and minor grammatical errors

A: This comment is accepted and this version is copy edited by language expert.

Discretionary Revisions

(1) The term old age > or = 55 years may not conform with what obtains in other parts of the world.

A: We accepted the comment and corrected it by saying simply “age > or = 55 years”

(2) Adult age group - 18 years and above would have made comparison of prevalence obtained here with those of some previous studies better.

A: Comment well taken. However, this cannot be changed at this stage. We acknowledged this limitation
**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

A: This version is copy edited by language expert.

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Reviewer-2:** Rufus Adedoyin

**Reviewer's report:**

**Title:**

1. The title does not reflect the content of the manuscript.

A: Comment well taken and the title is rephrased as “Prevalence and Associated Factors of Hypertension among Adults in Gondar, North-West Ethiopia: a Community Based Cross-sectional Study”

2. There are some risk factors studied that should be integrated into the title.
   
   A: Corrected accordingly (see title)

**Methodology**

1. How many kelebes were chosen for the study?

   A: This was a multistage sampling technique. In the first stage, three out of 12 kebeles (25% of the total area) were selected by simple random technique. Then households were selected (see methods and materials section - page 5)

2. How many adults where involved per household?

   A: Only one adult was involved per household. Occasionally, 2 or more adults were found in some households and we employed lottery method to include either of them. The comment is well taken and incorporated accordingly (page 5)

3. Was the questionnaire self administered?

   A: No. It was a face to face interviewed technique (see page 6).

4. Were all the participants literate to be able to fill the questionnaire?

   A: No some of them were illiterate and actually we employed face to face interview, not self administered!

5. Author should elaborate more on the content of the questionnaire. E.g how was the physical activity assessed?

   A: This comment is well accepted and corrections have been made accordingly (page 5, paragraph 3)