Reviewer's report

Title: Metabolic Syndrome among hypertensive patients at University of Gondar Hospital, North West Ethiopia: a cross sectional study

Version: 2 Date: 26 August 2014

Reviewer: Johannes van Rooyen

Reviewer's report:

Major Compulsory Revisions:
There are no major compulsory revisions encountered but on line 61, the Methods section, the symbols of the formula can be explained.

Minor Essential Revisions:
The manuscript needs language editing and I will try to show some encountered:
1) Line 2, in Abstract section, replace "There is little insight about" by "Data is sparse concerning" the magnitude.....
2) Line 8, replace life style by lifestyle.
3) Line 11, Start sentence with a capital letter A.
4) Line 12, replace follow up by follow-up also elsewhere in the text.
5) Line 12, add at the end of the sentence: after diagnosed as hypertensive.
6) Line 22, be consistent with the spelling of HDL-c.
7) Line 44, Background section, add "done" after studies and line 45, replace scarse by sparse.
8) Line 48, omit rates.
9) Line 65 and 66, rephrase sentence.
10) Line 71, replace was by were.
11) Line 76 and 77, rephrase sentence and replace standiometer by stadiometer.
12) Line 84, add a space between 5 and mmHg, also throughout the manuscript.
13) Line 110, replace following by above mentioned criteria and.....
14) Line 116, replace was by were.
15) Line 127, add a fullstop.
16) Line 139, Result section, replace males and females by male and female.
17) Line 143 and 144, rephrase the sentence.
18) Line 149, replace drugs by drug therapy.
19) Line 153, replace counter parts by coenterparts.
20) Line 168, replace similar in IDF criteria by similar applying IDF criteria.
21) Line 169, add the prevalence after which.
22) Line 170, replace than by compared to.
23) Line 185 and 188, replace above by higher.
24) Line 189, add "to" after compared.
25) Line 200, add to be after found.
26) Line 210, replace undermine with underscore and add "of the" after magnitude.
27) Line 211, replace life style by lifestyle, see also line 218.
28) Line 214, omit And and start sentence with These.
29) Line 260, Conclusion section, add for after risk.
30) Line 261, add "of Ethiopia" after system.
31) In Table 2, correct Body Mass Index (kg/m2).
32) In Table 2, exchange Diastolic and Systolic blood pressure.
33) In Table 5, mention the variables the ODDS ratios were adjusted for.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No conflict of interest.