Reviewer's report

Title: Institutional delivery service utilization in Munisa Woreda, South East Ethiopia: a community based cross-sectional study

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I think the changes the authors have made have added clarify to the manuscript in areas where it previously lacked. The conclusions are now clearer.

Major:
Table 1: the second version and the first version have different categories for family size; original <4 or >4, second version <5 or >5, why has this changed yet the figures given remain the same.

methods, end paragraph: the authors have given a nice explanation to the reviews response (point 6) on bias, although this is now mentioned briefly within the manuscript a more detailed description is given in point 6 by the author, perhaps this could be included to ensure the reader that all mechanisms were put into place to reduce bias.

Minor:
Background: paragraph 3, line 4: the statistic you give from the MDG report, do you mean in many SSA countries show less than 1% or the whole of SSA, as progress in SSA has been 1.7%

Methods: paragraph 2, line 3, there is an omission of the word 'given' between 'have' and 'birth'

paragraph 4, i think it may be helpful to have the relevant variables in brackets after it is mentioned on line 9 to clarify this to the reader, as illumination is not provided on these until later in the text

Table 1,2,3 and references made to this in the text: point 3e regarding categorical variables, i think it would be helpful to the reader for them to know that they are valid categories used within the context, perhaps the authors could mention in the manuscript that they are known classification used within the DHS

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.
Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'