Author's response to reviews

Title: Factors Associated with Utilization of Long Acting and Permanent Contraceptive Methods among Married Women of Reproductive Age in Mekelle Town, Tigray Region North Ethiopia

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The Associate Editor Comment:
Minor revisions

1. Perhaps due to technical error, there was no abstract or title page in the document.
Response: Thank you! We put it now

2. Systematize the use of Sub-Saharan (now also sub-Saharan, as e.g. page 1).
Response: Ok, we used to systematize it like Sub-Saharan

3. Remove the space between numbers and percent units (e.g. page 1, 30% instead of 30 %).
Response: We accepted it.

4. Add a space between means and SDs - e.g. 29.4 (SD 6.9), as in page 7.
Response: We corrected it.

5. Use radio instead of Radio (e.g. page 10, Table 1).
Response: We corrected it.

6. The exact numbers e.g. 12,782 maternal deaths (page 2) or the population figures in page 3 could be rounded to nearest hundreds (12,800). Such accurate numbers may give false message of preciseness.
Response: We accepted it and rounded to the nearest number.

7. The sentence 'The mean score of the attitude question was 41.8' remains unclear (page 6). A mean should not be used if the question is categorized.
Response: The number of 41.8 indicates that because we have numbered the categories as coded for the convenience of data entry and analysis. So that, strongly disagree=1, disagree=2, Not sure=3, Agree=4, and strongly agree=5 were coded like this. We use the mean as cut of point to identify negative and positive attitudes.
8. The sentence '...of which 69.8% experienced induced abortion once in their lifetime' could be more informative if changed to '...of which 30.2% experienced more than one induced abortion in their lifetime' (page 8).

Response: We corrected it accordingly.

9. Acknowledgements. Perhaps the last sentence could be changed 'Finally we than Mr Alex Hayward for language editing'.

Response: Thanks we made it now.

10. The references have several typos etc. and should be double-checked, e.g. 4: August instead of august, 9: United States Agency, not State, 17: Perspectivesm,

Response: We have removed and corrected it.

11. The second Table 1 should be re-named as Table 2.

Response: We corrected it.

12. Use one decimal systematically in table 3.

Response: We have done it with one decimal only.

13. Table 4: The use of No for both 'Number' and 'No' may be confusing.

Response: We made it no as number.

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