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Title: Pattern of childhood Ocular Morbidity in Rural Eye Hospital, Central Ethiopia

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Major revisions:

Page 15. The reported prevalence of trachoma among clinic patients is an underestimate, since this figure includes only those who had main diagnosis of trachoma, not those who had trachoma in addition to a different main diagnosis. Thus the authors should be cautious in using these data as evidence of efficacy of an intervention program.

Table 4: What if someone had both myopia and astigmatism? Clarify in the methods the classification of refractive error when it met criteria for more than one category of refractive error.

Page 7 Refractive criteria for bilateral refractive amblyopia are still not given. If this is because there were no a priori criteria, it would at least be helpful to give the range of refractive error observed in children who were given that diagnosis.

Minor revisions:

Page 6: clarify whether amblyopia is defined as 2 lines difference in best corrected vision.

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Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.