Reviewer's report

Title: Depression among women with Obstetric fistula, and Pelvic Organ Prolapse in northwest Ethiopia

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I. Minor essential revisions
General: It needs careful editing for errors. There are a lot of grammatical errors that should be corrected.

Abstract:
# A cross sectional study was conducted on….please replace 'on' by among. The sentence should be short and precise.
# Depression measure…..should be revised. 'Beck’s Depression Inventory was used to measure depression through face to face interview by trained midewife.

Introduction:
# Please put reference ‘1’ at the end of the first sentence.
# Please revise the first two sentences. ‘Female population', these three disorders? are not interesting and clear
# Many women do not seek medical advice [3, 5, 6]? Which women? All? With pelvic disorder? Or women with fistula? Please make it clear
# ….profound effect of psychiatric health….shall be changed with mental health

Methods:
# For the below sentence, what are the three pelvic floor disorder? You only mentioned two? ‘Women examined and diagnosed by general practitioners as‘cases’ of any of the three pelvic floor disorders i.e. obstetric fistula, or pelvic organ prolapsed at the routine gynaecologic clinic’
# -----experts independently after which it approved by….revise it for grammar
# When was the study period? At when was the recruitment of patients done?

Results: …Amhara Ethinics…, currently unmarried status…..please revise

Discussion:
# Please revise this sentence for clarity.'….which actually reported a five times higher prevalence of depression compared to women without prolapse [14].
# What does this sentence mean? ‘combined analysis of Ethiopian and Bangladeshi fistula patients (97%)’

II. Major compulsory
Abstract:
# Please include background (few lines) and merge the objective with the background. E.g The prevalence of depression is not well studied among women with pelvic disorder. The objective of this study is to determine the prevalence of depression and its determinants
# Your recommendation of social and family support is not supported by your study. Please improve your recommendation.

Methods:
# Was the Beck’s depression scale validated by you or others in Ethiopia?, how was the cutoff point determined? Please discuss this issue in detail
# Please clearly describe the staging of pelvic disorder? E.g What do you mean by stage 3
# What was done for patients who have depression? Please explain
# How was the multivariate analysis done? Which variables were considered for the multivariate analysis? Please explain

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests