Author’s response to reviews

Title: Substance use and its predictors among undergraduate medical students of Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for sending us your final comments on our manuscript MS:3308252265355437 [Deressa et al. Substance use and its predictors among undergraduate medical students of Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia].

We hope that the revised manuscript now addresses all of your comments. Please find attached the point-by-point response to these comments as well as the revised manuscript using track changes.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at the contact addresses given below.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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MS:3308252265355437 [Deressa et al. Substance use and its predictors among undergraduate medical students of Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia].

A. Editorial comments:

Your manuscript has now been peer reviewed and in light the Associate Editor wishes to pass on the following comments:

I am happy that the suggested corrections have been attended to but please address the following:

Results' section

1. Paragraph 2, delete 3rd sentence starting with "The mean age for the ...." because the respective result from the table has been removed.
   • Thanks a lot. Now deleted.

2. Paragraph 5, line 7: change "p<0.002" to "p=0.002"
   • Thank you very much. We have modified and changed the end of the statement as follows: (p=0.002 and p=0.014, respectively).

3. Paragraph 6 staring with "Socio-demographic and behavioural correlates...", last sentence: change "(p-value=0.026) and (p-value=0.003)" to "p=0.026 and p=0.003", respectively.
   • Thank you very much, now we have changed it.

4. Table 2: Check the p value for the variable "Currently drinking alcohol". Should it be 0.045?
   • We have recalculated and checked this figure, and found that it is the same as 0.045

5. Table 4: delete "*" on the variable "Currently smoking cigarette".
   • Thank you very much, now we have removed it.

Results

1. Paragraph 5: still p-values are not reported in 3 decimal places.
   • We have changed all the p-values into 3 decimal places

2. Table 1: Remove means (±SD)
   • We have removed it
3. **Table 4: Remove the footnote (Fisher exact test)**

- **We have removed it**

In addition, the revised manuscript adheres to the requirements of the journal and has been uploaded to the BMC Public Health editorial system.

**B. Reviewer’s comments (Reviewer I):**

- **We have addressed all the comments of both reviewers in the previous revised manuscript.**