Reviewer’s report

Title: Awareness makes a difference: Emergency contraception usage; a cross-sectional study among Ethiopian undergraduate female students.

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General comments: It is very good paper focusing on important public health problem. The authors have described the problem of unintended pregnancy and unsafe abortion both at global and local level. Elaborated on emergency contraception and its use. Self administered questionnaire is appropriate for the population they chose, and it is good that they stratified based on the field of study of the students. The manuscript is well written, the results are discussed and compared with similar studies. The recommendation is based on the available data

Major compulsory revisions: None

Minor Essential Revisions: 2. In the results section, socio-demographic characteristics, the age range described is not shown on the table. the same is true for religion. 3. In the reproductive characteristics section, the reasons for unintended pregnancies don't add to 100%. I think the reasons should be calculated among those who have unintended pregnancy. 4. Knowledge, attitude and practice of EC section; the second statement about effectiveness is not shown on the table, and it is good to describe it in comparison with the actual expected figure. 5. Table 4: testing association between knowledge and sociodemographic characteristics: Knowledge is taken as "ever heard of EC" However on the operational definition section, knowledge is more than that. I recommend to add variables of importance of EC and its effectiveness to define knowledge.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests