Author's response to reviews

Title: Feeding styles of caregivers of children 6-23 months of age in Derashe special district, Southern Ethiopia

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Re: Submission of a revised version of the manuscript after reviewers’ comments are incorporated for the second time

Dear Sir/Madam,

The authors are again very grateful for the invaluable and constructive comments given by the referees. We accommodated the comments given by the referees on the manuscript entitled “Feeding styles of caregivers of children 6-23 months in Derashe special district, Southern Ethiopia”.

Authors’ responses are attached with this cover letter.

Best regards,

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Authors’ response to referee 1

Reviewer: Amy E Brown

Comment:

“One point I would like to see added in the discussion however is with regard to my point examining potential differences in outcomes for maternal feeding style between developed and developing countries”

“You note that a pressurizing style was common which in this country would be likely to have a positive outcome due to scarcer food supply, higher risk of illness, underweight etc. However in a Western culture it is typically seen to have negative consequences to pressure a child to eat. It would be interesting to see this point raised in the discussion - how this paper adds something new in that a pressurizing style is likely to be positive in this scenario and something to be encouraged rather than what is typically shown in the literature to be a negative behavior”

Authors’ response:

This has been raised in the discussion in more details. The available evidence in developing countries indicate that pressurizing style lead to either refusal or decreased acceptance of food by the child and was not associated with increased food intake and better nutritional outcomes. Hence, none of the studies recommended pressurizing as a positive behavior.

We thank you very much for your invaluable comments and suggestions
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Reviewer: Shamima Akhter

Comment:

“There is no further comments on the materials of the articles. However, I think it would be great if the writing is revised by an English language expert. I appreciate the effort from authors for considering all the comments and their hard work on addressing those properly”

Authors’ responses:

The manuscript has been checked by a language expert once again.

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We thank you very much for your invaluable comments and suggestions.