Reviewer’s report

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

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Major compulsory revisions

1. In "Methods" section under the subheading 'Measurement of caregiver’s feeding styles', the authors mentioned that they created the three feeding groups in a different procedure than the standard one. The procedure (whether it is based on a score or responses to which questions) need to be elaborated in detail. This is also important to be cross-checked with an expert for agreement.

2. In 'Result' section under subheading 'Breast feeding and complementary feeding practices of caregivers, most of 1st paragraph and beginning of 2nd paragraph are reporting about same variable and same subgroup of population. Therefore it might be good to merge them or re-write the both paragraphs.

3. In 'Result' section under subheading 'Predictors of caregiver feeding styles', this section need to be re-written more clearly. Currently it has all the numbers and information, however, in such a way that it's quite difficult to read and understand the meanings. One way could be to report the findings of two code of the dependent variable (controlled feeding and laissez-faire)in separate paragraphs.

4. In 'Introduction', the focus of first paragraph is totally different than the rest of the article. The paragraph could focus more on the status of child nutrition and how much the child nutrition contributes to higher child mortality.

Minor essential revisions:

1. References used in the text, especially in 'Introduction' section are not consistent.

2. Please mention the justification for selecting one urban and seven rural Kebeles in 'Methods' section.

3. In Table 2, the frequency is mentioned as decimal point numbers which is redundant as the sample unit is human.

4. Some 'Formatting' issues throughout the article, such as, unnecessary double spaces after some words or some lines.

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Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.