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Dear editor-in-chief,

Thank you for showing interest on our manuscript entitled “Appropriate health-seeking behavior and associated factors among people who had cough for at least two weeks in northwest Ethiopia: A population-based cross-sectional study”. We also appreciate the reviewers for their critical evaluation and comments. We have responded to those comments point-by-point (attached). We did also extensive revision and editing in order to fulfill the critical questions raised. Hope the response we have provided and the changes we have made would satisfy the reviewer and the Editor.

Thank you so much for your attention.

Kind regards:

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Comments of Reviewer # 1 (Tigistu Adamu Ashengo) and Authors’ response

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| The limited availability of studies assessing the same issue in other parts of the country (at least to my knowledge), poses a challenge to compare the high level health seeking behavior in this community with other comparable communities that have the same/similar governmental and non-governmental support.  
  • But will strengthen the discussion if there is any data from other parts of the country assessing the same OR  
  • The authors can clarify if the southwest Ethiopia mentioned as a reference for comparison in the first paragraph of the discussion section does indeed have a different governmental and non-governmental support? | Sorry, we could not find any other related data describing appropriate health-seeking behavior during the event of chronic cough to strengthen our discussion (paragraph 1) from other parts of Ethiopia.  
  • The southwest Ethiopia mentioned as a reference for comparison in the first paragraph of the discussion section does not have a different governmental and non-governmental support; at least to our knowledge. However, the two communities (northwest Ethiopia and southwest Ethiopia) may have different cultural attributes and traditional beliefs which can influence their health-seeking behavior differently during the event of chronic cough. Besides this, the present study was carried out from July to October, 2012 while the study conducted in southwest Ethiopia was from February to March 2009 implying that the observed difference may be due to difference in study time. We have removed the term “by governmental and non-governmental” from the paragraph to reduce confusion.  
Kindly refer “paragraph 1 of the discussion section”. |
| Thank you so much! | |
