**Author’s response to reviews**

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Dear Editor in Chief: BMC- Public Health

We were requested to do revisions on the manuscript submitted to BMC- Public Health. All the concerns raised by one of the reviewer and the associate editor are important and revisions are made accordingly. Please find the one by one response to comments here under. We have also uploaded a document containing the track changes including the grammatical corrections made after revision.

With Regards,

Zelalem Birhanu

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| 1. | The Hypothesis needs revision  
They can use words like factors affecting skilled attendants utilization is the same in Dabat and elsewhere in Ethiopia or any of their choice but if authors edit the way they write the hypothesis I will be happy | Comment considered and revision is made.  
- Factors affecting utilization of skilled attendants are the same in Dabat and elsewhere in Ethiopia. These are parity, having ANC, women’s and their husbands educational status, occupational status, having TV and Radio, urban residence, history of family planning use, younger age, economic status, knowledge about danger signs of pregnancy, availability and attitude towards health professionals, husband’s approval and involvement. |
| 2  | Manuscript still needs Some grammatical and formatting revisions                  | Comment accepted.  
- Manuscript copy edited by language expert for grammatical errors.  
- Check the track change attachment for the changes                                                                                           |

**To the Associate editor.**

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| 1. | In the Introduction section, the last paragraph requires revision for clarity. The two sentences should be re-phrased. | Comment considered.  
- Last paragraph deleted because we found it less relevant for the |
|   | Authors should clearly describe the objective of the study | manuscript and creates confusion to the readers.  
|   | The objective of this study is clearly stated in the abstract and background sections of the manuscript.  
|   | Check the highlighted section. |
| 2. | In the first paragraph of the Discussion, Authors should review the phrase (it raised from 5% to 10%). | Comment considered and revision is made.  
|   | However, the proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel did not increase substantially from 2000 to 2011 in Ethiopia i.e. it increased from 5% to 10%. |
| 3. | The whole manuscript will benefit from language revision. | Comment accepted.  
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