Reviewer's report

Title: Determinants of skilled birth attendance for delivery in Northwest Ethiopia- A community based nested case control study.

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1. Major Compulsory Revisions

In the abstract (result section), few but relevant descriptive statistics are needed to be reported

As this is an analytic design, did you have a specific hypothesis that you wanted to test? If yes, it is good to mention it in the methods section.

How did you reach to your sample size any assumptions? I hope there are?

What proportion of cases a to controls was taken?

Can you show us/state a phrase to show that the case and the controls came from the same Universe (similar study population). TYhis is just for a comparison reason

Do you have any reason to report the socio-demographic characteristics of both cases and controls together?

There are variables that are tabulated but not described here? like owning a radio and TV, religion etc. I believe that tables and description should be read independently

2. Minor Essential Revisions

Check grammatical errors and the ways results were expressed (see my comments in track changes in the document)

Avoid words like majority, most few etc in the result section

Use correct formatting of reportin AOR Ex [AOR (95%CI)= 8.8 (5.32,14.46)]

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.