Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Association of socioeconomic and behavioral factors with adult mortality: Analysis of data from verbal autopsy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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**Reviewer:** Georgie MacArthur

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Most of the comments have been addressed, but I recommend that a few additional changes are made.

In future, it would also be extremely helpful if the authors would highlight in the text of the manuscript (e.g. in yellow block) exactly where the changes have been made in response to reviewers’ comments.

Major compulsory revisions

**Introduction:**

The introduction has been amended to account for reviewers’ comments. However, overall, I think that some re-structuring is needed. It is not clear why the authors include content regarding diet/energy intake and the impact of trade and marketing on energy intake when these are not addressed in the paper. The last few sentences of paragraph 2 do not relate to the start of the paragraph which talks about more distal factors such as education and occupation.

Paragraph 4 also overlaps somewhat with the first paragraph and I think that the 1st and 4th paragraph could be merged to include only the most relevant information.

Paragraph 5 regarding Khat use: the first sentence does not make sense and should be amended.

Paragraph 6: The findings reported here i.e. that one study reported an association between khat chewing and risk of AMI [ref 13] should be incorporated to paragraph 5 as there is some repetition in the content provided in this paragraph and the final sentence regarding ref [14] does not relate to the impact of khat use.

Minor essential revisions

**Results**

**Discussion**
The last paragraph of the discussion needs further adjustment to the language such that it mentions ‘those educated to secondary school level and above were…however, were more likely…’ The second and third sentences do not make sense at present and should be amended.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests