Reviewer's report

Title: A cross sectional study: Latrine coverage and associated factors among rural communities in Bahir Dar Zuria, Ethiopia.

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Reviewer: Laura Sima

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We thank the authors for making significant improvements in the writing and layout of the article but still find fault with the English grammar of the text. We recommend that the authors hire a native English speaker to edit this document prior to submission. We have outlined some edits below but many more should be made; we would have to reword significant sections to make all such corrections and recommend that the author do this on their own...

The following sentence in the abstract is unclear and should be revised (too repetitive use of sampling and not clear):

Households were selected using a systematic sampling method using list of households as a sampling frame.

Recommend changing the sentence:

Of the households, 355 (58.4%) had pit latrines; only 220 (62.0%) latrines were functional (latrine which were providing services during data collection).

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In page four rephrase the sentence:

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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