Reviewer's report

**Title:** Prevalence and associated factors of goiter among rural children age 6-12 years old, Northwest Ethiopia, Community Based Cross Sectional Study

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There is no new information in this descriptive study. No new investigation procedures like urine iodine examination or others. Besides data was collected by data collectors as mentioned in the article. Sample size was small at a district level.

However following modifications may be suggested for short article.

**Abstract:** Total sample size is not mentioned. How it was concluded that presence of sever IDD in the study communities?

**Introduction:** Look into the reference sequence.

Proper justification is not coming up. No need for describing etiological factors and pathogenesis since these are not related to this study.

**Methods:** Whether subjects were available during the house visit since they are going to schools. What is the criteria for defining non respondents?

**Results:** Table 1, 2 and 3 may be deleted if for short article. Only salient features may be explained in write up.

**Discussion:** May be reduced in content with important points.

**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.