Reviewer’s report

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Review of article entitled: “Coverage, compliance and factors affecting utilization of iron supplementation during pregnancy in eight rural districts of Ethiopia: A cross-sectional study”

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This is a very well designed and implemented study. I highly recommend its publication with some grammatical corrections. As per your recommendations, the following points were considered:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
The question is well defined and very important issue in that part of the world.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
The methods are excellent and very well described.

3. Are the data sound?
The data is sound and well collected.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
Further discussion of the limitations of the study, particularly with the sample selection is suggested.

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
   Yes

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
The title only mentions Iron supplementation during pregnancy, I suggest adding also “after delivery” since the study also investigates women who had delivered a year earlier.

9. Is the writing acceptable?
The article is very well written. Only few grammatical errors.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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