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Point-by-Point Response

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to thank the reviewers for their constructive comments. We have addressed all of the comments in the Manuscript as outlined in detail below. The responses (in a different font color) follow the comments by the reviewers (in italics).

Thank you;

Birkneh Tilahun, MD (Corresponding Author)
Reviewer: Catherine Mbagaya

1. **There is need to have the article edited for correctness of English grammar used.**
   
   Thank you for your comment. The suggested language corrections by the reviewer were made. The Manuscript was again copyedited by a native English speaking faculty.

2. **The odds ratios should be correctly interpreted eg how many times were male children more likely to delay reporting CSA than females**
   
   Thank you! This correction was made in the Abstract and the Results parts.

3. **Why does the author use both binary and multiple logistic regression? I guess the latter would suffice.**
   
   Generally, we used binary logistic regression for the analysis since our outcome variable/dependent variable (delay in presentation) is a dichotomous variable. First, we checked for presence of any association between the dependent variable (Delay in Presentation) and each independent variable- **bivariate analysis**. Then, variables with a significant association were all entered into a single multivariate logistic regression model to control the effect of confounders- **multivariate logistic regression** analysis.
   
   In the current version of the Manuscript, it was revised to clearly explain the above points.

Reviewer: Clemente Vásquez

1. **The authors have answered my points sufficiently well to allow their manuscript to be published.**
   
   Thank you for taking your time to improve our Manuscript.

2. **Include the year of publication of reference 18**
   
   Thank you! This correction has been made!

Best Regards;

Authors;