Reviewer's report

Title: Time to Presentation, Pattern and Immediate Health Effects of Alleged Child Sexual Abuse at Two Tertiary Hospitals in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. References used in the third and fourth paragraphs of the Introduction are older than 7 to 19 years, inadequate to support a public health study. Such information should be updated.

2. Because multiple comparisons are made, it would be advisable to conduct a multivariate analysis, logistic regression could be, to find possible interactions of variables and improve control of confounding variables.

3. Table I could be improved after applying logistic regression, as it would show the potential interaction between the different variables.

4. The references 12 to 14, used to support the statement at the end of the second paragraph of the Discussion having 6 to 19 years old, should be updated.

5. References 15 and 16 also are too old, should be updated.

6. Discussion do not includes the results obtained on the immediate effects on health, a key part of the objectives.

Minor Essential Revisions
7. In the third paragraph of the methodology (Data / Measures) is important to clarify what is the "relevant literature".

8. Figure 1 could be omitted, since with a description in the text would be sufficient.

9. Figure 2 has to be corrected, it is not justified include variation bars, as it is mentioning frequencies of an event clearly defined.

10. In the phrase "There are multiple possible reasons for the delay" in the fourth paragraph of the Discussion, it would have included examples of these reasons.

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Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

I declare that I have no competing interests