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. Throughout the paper, the authors need to use the actual age and not present this within the context of months.
2. Much more details needs to be provided on child abuse within the African context and then the various aspects that are specific to the Ethiopian context. This should be done in the introduction section of the paper.
3. Under the Setting section--it would be most helpful to provide the readers with a clearer description of the hospitals and their structures
4. Under the statistical analysis section, the authors should provide some details about the cleaning process and the coding and recording methods used to analyze the data. This will be very helpful to the reader's understanding of the findings.
5. Expand the results section to clearly create a picture and understanding of the problem.
6. There needs to be more expanded information for the entire article.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Move the information from the Ethical Consideration section to the Methodology section.
2. The authors should consider to add the specific regions where the abuse has been discussed.
3. Change the hours data about time it took to present to the hospital from the actual incident should be reported as days and not hours.

Discretionary Revisions
Check the article to make sure that are acronyms have been clearly defined

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

None